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11 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2537.html)

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

The first of the matches which Marylebone plays against the counties began yesterday at Lord's. Sussex was the first to occupy the wickets, sending in Messrs Ellis and Lucas. Woof from the pavilion and Morley from the nursery led the attack.

Nineteen runs were accumulated before Mr Ellis fell to a catch at square leg. Mr Greenfield played steadily for a few overs, but then hit the ball into the hands of mid-on. Neither Mr Lucas (caught mid-off) nor J Phillips (clean bowled) did much, while Charlwood's wicket soon collapsed. Humphreys, who was now in, saw the downfall of his companions and at the close of the innings remained unconquered. Total, 101. Two bowlers were engaged. Morley took six wickets . . .

Mr Hornby and Barnes opened the Marylebone batting at 20 minutes to 4 to the onsets of Mitchell and Skinner. The bowling had to be frequent varied before Mr Hornby gave an opportunity to H Phillips, which the latter was not slow to avail himself of. One for 69. Mr Vernon fell to slip and Mr Rhodes succumbed to a catch at wicket. Mr Lancashire appeared, but was soon deprived of the company of Barnes, who was clean bowled. During the partnership of Messrs Lancashire and Russel, 38 runs were put on when the former also fell a victim to H Phillips's dexterity, while Mr Russel, at 147, returned the ball. Seven for 147. The three remaining wickets were captured for seven runs. Four bowlers were tried . . .

With 53 against them, Sussex started a second venture . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 May, page 12)

Play in the above match at Lord's was continued yesterday. The brothers Phillips were opposed by Barnes and Morley. A catch at short leg disposed of J Phillips. Mr Greenfield proved a most able companion to H Phillips, and during their stay at the wickets the score was conducted to 98, when the latter was bowled, a fate with Mr Greenfield shared at 128. Only two more wickets remained to be captured, and the innings closed for 136. Four bowlers were tried. Morley took six wickets . . .

Marylebone now required 84 to win, a task which they proved equal to, ultimately winning the match by eight wickets.

11 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2537.html)

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

The weather was fine, though somewhat full, when this annual match was commenced yesterday at Cambridge. The home team won the toss and elected to bat, Messrs J E K and G B Studd taking possession of the wickets. Morley and Flowers led off the attack.

A very bad start was made, as three wickets only realized 11 runs. The association of Messrs Maynard and C T Studd, however, produced some free hitting, until the latter was caught at wicket. With the exception of Mr Roe, the others did little, and the innings closed for 130. Four bowlers were tried. Mycroft claimed four wickets . . . Marylebone went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 May, page 12)

Thursday's play in the first of the important trial matches on the University ground resulted in Cambridge securing a first innings of 130, and the M.C.C. losing eight wickets for 78 runs. There are 112 players on each side. Yesterday a very feeble resistance was offered by the remaining M.C.C. batsmen, and on the first innings the University claimed a majority of 46.

In their second attempt the Cambridge men fared so badly that three of the best wickets fell for 12 runs. Mr C T Studd and Mr C W Wright put on 52 runs while they were together, and by their excellent play did a great deal to alter the character of the innings. Of the batsmen who followed them, Messrs Roe and Chapman were the most successful. Both played well. The total was 189.

At the call of time six wickets had fallen in the M.C.C.'s second innings for 26 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 May, page 12)

The Light Blues have opened their season in a most promising manner by an easy victory over "the club and ground." When play ceased on Friday, Marylebone had started a second innings with 236 to win, and had lost six wickets for 26.

Play was continued on Saturday in beautiful weather. Mr E J C Studd, the not-out with seven runs, was accompanied to the wicket by Major Roebuck. The bowling was again entrusted to Messrs Smith and Ramsay. Little could be done with it, as after two runs were added, Major Roebuck obstructed the wicket with his leg, while Mr E J C Studd got out of his ground and had the bails whipped off before he could recover. Messrs Green and Willett now had possession of the wickets, but not for very long, as, although Mr Green had two escapes (one from cover-point and the other from mid-off) he at last fell to the dexterity of the wicket-keeper, Mr Willett having just previously been bowled.

Mr Le Bas then placed the ball into the hands of long-slip, which brought the innings to a close for the small total of 46. The bowling of Messrs

Ramsay and Smith was excellent; the former claimed six wickets . . . in the double innings Mr Ramsay took 13 wickets for 49 runs. From the complete score attached it will be seen that Cambridge won by 189 runs.

Monday 15 May: NOTTS COUNTY CRICKET

On Saturday a meeting of the committee of the Notts County Cricket Club was held at Nottingham, Mr W Wright in the chair. A letter from Alfred Shaw was read, expressing his regret at the circumstances which led to the unfortunate dispute of last year, and his willingness to play again for the county. A similar communication from Shrewsbury was laid before the committee, and, after some discussion, it was decided to ask both men to play again on condition of their being willing to sign the agreement drawn up last year, which precludes their taking part in any match styled "Notts v any other county," unless such match had been arranged by the county committee.

With respect to the scandal attaching to certain members of the team just returned from Australia, the committee, after making inquiries into the matter, were of opinion that there was no foundation for the rumours which have been current, and Selby will again be asked to play for his county. There is, therefore, every probability that Notts will play its full strength against Yorkshire this week, and the match is looked forward to with great interest.

15 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2541.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 May, page 10)

In fine, although somewhat cold, weather the Australians commenced their first match in England on the Christ Church ground, Oxford, yesterday. The opening contest of the Colonials has naturally been looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest by the general public, but the attendance yesterday was, in the circumstances, only moderate. The University team was weakened by the absence of Mr M'Lachlan, while the Australians team had not Messrs Horan and Bonnor in their ranks.

Fortunate in the toss, the colonials selected to take possession of as good a wicket as could well be wished for. Mr Massie and Bannerman were placed in opposition to Messrs Robinson and Harrison. After some slow play, Mr Massie made five by a couple of on-drives and followed this up with a cut off Mr Harrison for three. Having made a drive for a similar number, he gave a chance to cover-point, which was let slip. Taking advantage of this mistake, he drove a ball of Mr Robinson's straight for four, while Bannerman responded with an on-drive from Mr Harrison for four. The score travelled to 36, when Bannerman had the misfortune to be bowled off his pads.

The captain of the team, Mr Murdoch, now arrived, but to the disappointment of the company, who had hoped to see his fine batting powers, he played a ball on to his wicket without having scored. Two for 42. Mr M'Donnell was also speedily dismissed, as a ball from Mr Harrison broke in from leg and upset the stumps. Three for 53. Mr Giffen joined Mr Massie, and a variation in the bowling was soon deemed advisable, Mr Robinson handing the ball to Mr Godfrey. For a few overs this had the effect of causing runs to be obtained at a very tardy pace.

Mr Massie, however, enlivened affairs with a leg hit for four from Mr Harrison, and immediately afterwards made an almost straight drive from the same bowler with a like result. This, at 66, caused Mr Peake to come on for Mr Harrison. In the second over of the change Mr Giffen secured four by a leg hit and a couple from a drive. The run-getting was now accelerated to so great an extent that at 86 Mr Robinson resumed at his old end. The change, however, was not attended with success, Mr Giffen cutting him for four, while Mr Massie did the same to the boundary. Within one of 100, a ball found its way into Mr Giffen's wicket. Four down.

Mr Blackham arrived to the aid of Mr Massie, and shortly afterwards the latter drove a ball of Mr Robinson's to the off for four and sent a delivery of Mr Peake's to the other side with an equally satisfactory result. These feats he supplemented by another four, also for an off-drive, which caused 120 to be signalled. Mr Blackham cut a ball of Mr Shaw's (who had just gone on) for three. Mr Massie continued to hit very hard and obtained a cut for three and a couple of drives for four. Soon afterwards he completed his 100 amid the greatest enthusiasm. The score having reached 143, Mr Godfrey displaced Mr Robinson. Two runs only were added when Mr Blackham was taken at slip. Luncheon now intervened, the total standing at 145, out of which number Mr Massie had contributed 104 by some exceedingly hard hitting.

After the interval Mr Jones appeared, and Messrs Godfrey and Shaw continued the bowling. Mr Massie continued to set at naught the University attacks. He scored with the greatest ease and drew forth frequent and well-deserved cheers. When 259 had been reached he was accredited with no fewer than 200 of them. Half-a-dozen runs only were added, however, when he made a very "tall" hit off Mr Peake to the Pavilion, which was exceedingly well judged by Mr Hamilton at the boundary. Mr Massie was most heartily greeted for his excellent innings, composed of 24 fours, 15 threes, 15 twos and singles. Six for 280.

During the partnership of Messrs Garrett and Jones the run getting fell off considerably, little being done against the bowling of Messrs Peake and Thornton. These variations did not prevent the 300 being hoisted at 4.45. with the addition of 20 runs Mr Jones was well taken at mid-off, Mr Palmer was soon afterwards bowled off his foot, and the innings closed for the handsome total of 334. Six of the University bowlers had been put on . . .

The University went in, but up to the present their batting does not need description . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 May, page 12)

Yesterday the weather at Oxford was far more genial than the opening day of this match, and the attendance also was larger. The wicket again played well. It will be remembered that on the previous day an innings of 206 out of a total of 362 runs on the part of Mr Massie completely dwarfed anything else done, and that Oxford had lost a couple of wickets for only five runs. Messrs Shaw and Kemp (the not-outs with two and a single) were at 12 o'clock confronted by Messrs Palmer and Spofforth.

Nothing of note was done until the total had been steadily raised to 19, when Mr Kemp obtained a straight drive for four from Mr Spofforth, which he followed by a leg hit for a couple. He next turned his attention to Mr Palmer, whom he cut in good style for four, so that at 38 a change in the bowling was thought desirable, Mr Palmer crossing over and Mr Boyle going on. For a time this alteration checked the run-getting, and shortly got rid of Mr Kemp, who was clean bowled. He played well for his 23.

Mr Leslie joined Mr Shaw, and the pair soon began to hit the bowling about, Mr Boyle coming in for a considerable amount of punishment. Mr Leslie cut a ball of his for three, and Mr Shaw in the same over obtained a drive, almost straight, for four; the latter, too, sent him twice to the on for three, and followed this up with a leg hit to the boundary. The bowler, however, was soon after gratified by causing Mr Leslie to cut the ball into the hands of point. Four for 78. Mr Walker having taken possession of the vacant wicket, Mr Garrett was put on to bowl instead of Mr Palmer. Mr Shaw soon cut a ball of the new bowler's past cover point for four. The batsmen were now getting well set and looked like making a long stand, when Mr Walker, who had just cut Mr Boyle very neatly to the ropes, was nicely caught at wicket. Five for 105. At 2 o'clock the game was adjourned, the score being 125 for seven wickets. Mr Shaw up to this time had made 49. It may be noted the during the morning the fielding of the Australians was very smart and a great many runs were saved.

When the game was resumed, Messrs Spofforth and Garrett led the attack, and at 130 the former caused Mr Harrison to be caught at long-off. Eight wickets down. Mr Godfrey was speedily run out. Messrs Robinson and Shaw gave a great deal of trouble, and at 142 Mr Boyle came in lieu of Mr

Garrett. Directly afterwards Mr Robinson drove a ball of Mr Spofforth's to the off for four. Runs were now obtained rapidly, both players batting well, and at 170 another variation was adopted, Mr Boyle crossing over and Mr Palmer taking his place. Still no wicket came, and Mr Boyle handed the ball to Mr Jones. Mr Robinson was bowled, and the innings closed. Mr Shaw made greatly cheered as he made his way into the pavilion; he had played splendid cricket. His principal contributors were six fours, four threes and four twos. Five of the Australians had been put in to bowl . . .

173 runs in arrears, Messrs Peake and Shaw commenced the "follow on" of Oxford to the bowling of Messrs Jones and Palmer. Only 16 had been made when a smart catch at mid-off caused Mr Shaw to make way for Mr Leslie, who, with Mr Peake, raised the total to 42, and brought on Mr Boyle for Mr Jones. This did not answer, and at 73 the former was displaced by Mr Garrett. An addition of 11 runs having been made, Mr Peake, who had played well, was clean bowled, and Mr Walker, having made a single, was served likewise. Mr Whiting showed good cricket and brought on Mr Spofforth for Mr Garrett at 93. The "100" was signalled at a quarter to 6. Eight minutes later Mr Leslie returned the ball. Mr Thornton came in . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 10)

Finer cricket weather than that experienced yesterday at Oxford could hardly be desired, and there were between two and three thousands spectators present on the Christ Church ground. At noon Messrs Whiting and Thornton, the not-outs of Tuesday, took up their positions at the wicket, to withstand the attacks of Messrs Giffen and Palmer.

The hopes of the Dark Blues and their friends that so good a stand might be made as to cause the match to be drawn seemed likely, at one time, to be realized. The not-outs put on 16 runs when Mr Thornton was tempted to hit a ball of Mr Giffen's to long-on, where he was cleverly caught. Mr Kemp's stay was brief and unproductive. Mr Hamilton arrived to the aid of Mr Whiting, and so well did they bat that the University were put out of danger of a single innings defeat. The new comer quickly got to work, scoring two off Mr Giffen to leg and four from Mr Palmer by a similar hit. The total having reached 150, he sent a ball from the first-named bowler's to square leg for another four and drove him to the off with an equally satisfactory result. This freedom naturally caused some anxiety to the attacking side, and at 159 Mr Spofforth relieved Mr Palmer.

The change, however, did little good. Mr Whiting obtained four by a square-leg off Mr Giffen, and at 173 the single innings defeat was averted. The colonists continued to field well and closely; but still runs came, and a complete change of bowling was deemed advisable, Messrs Boyle and Garrett taking the places of Messrs Spofforth and Giffen. When the total had reached 195, it was agreed to adjourn for luncheon half an hour earlier than usual. Mr Whiting, who had contributed 46, and Mr Hamilton 34, were warmly cheered on their return to the pavilion.

After an interval of 50 minutes a fresh start was made, Messrs Boyle and Giffen going on to bowl. Three runs only were made when Mr Hamilton succumbed to an easy catch at mid-off. Seven for 198. Mr Harrison faced Mr Whiting and soon began to score. He made three from Mr Giffen and cut a ball of Mr Boyle's for the same number. These contributions he supplemented with a square-leg hit to the ropes. When 219 had been attained Mr Whiting was clean bowled, his useful score comprising two fours, three threes, eight twos &c. With his departure the innings

speedily closed. Total 234. Six bowlers were engaged. Mr Giffen obtained seven wickets . . .

The Australians, who were set 62 to win, started to get them at half-past 3. Mr Massie and Bannerman were opposed by Messrs Robinson and Harrison. Before a run had been made Bannerman was bowled. One wicket down. Mr Murdoch and Mr Massie scored at a rapid rate, the latter hitting with the greatest freedom and precision. Each batsman made leg hits for four. Mr Massie followed by driving a ball of Mr Robinson's very hard to the off for another four. Soon afterwards he served Mr Peake, who had relieved Mr Harrison, likewise, and cut the same bowler to the boundary.

At 48 Mr Peake crossed over and Mr Godfrey went on. Still all attempts to separate the bowlers were in vain, and at 20 minutes past 4 o'clock the Australians had won their first match by nine wickets.

15 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2540.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 May, page 10)

A slight delay in the above match at Lord's yesterday was caused owing to rain. Marylebone were placed on their defence, Barnes and Mr Booth being their first representatives, while the bowling was intrusted to Watson and Crossland.

Eleven runs only were secured when Mr Booth failed to stop a ball of Watson's. Mr Pearson arrived, and some vigorous batting ensued, so that at 26 Crossland gave way to Nash. For a few overs the batsmen defied their assailants; but at last Mr Pearson drove the ball and Mr Hornby secured it behind the bowler. Neither Mr Trevor (clean bowled) nor Midwinter (caught at wicket) augmented the score to any great extent. Flowers joined Barnes, and the latter continued to bat in a most vigorous manner. When luncheon was announced the total had travelled to 94 without a separation, although the bowling had again been changed, Crossland resuming in the room of Nash, which was productive of a cut for five by Flowers.

The interval over, Barnes continued to bat with great freedom, until at length a ball found its way into his companion's wicket. Five for 124. Major Roebuck did not do a great deal, but when Mr Russel arrived to the assistance of Barnes the batting was again in the ascendant. The professional, however, gave a chance to slip, and in the opinion of many should have been run out. Various changes in the attack were tried; but it was not until 212 had been obtained that Mr Russel was taken at mid-on. Seven wickets down.

Wild joined Barnes, and the latter, who had, in spite of a chance or two, played a magnificent innings, received a tempting ball from Nash, which he placed into the hands of square leg. His performance comprised two fives, five fours, 11 threes, 11 twos and singles. With the departure of Barnes, the interest in the innings closed, and the last wicket fell for 231. Half-a-dozen bowlers were engaged. Watson claimed six wickets . . .

Lancashire started their batting, and when stumps were drawn for the day the score stood as follows: [Lancashire 44/1].

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 May, page 12)

Play in the above match was continued yesterday at Lord's, in the presence of a rather large muster of spectators. From the subjoined score it will be seen that Marylebone won by eight wickets.

15 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v AN ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2539.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 May, page 10)

There was an interesting day's cricket at Cambridge yesterday, when Mr C I Thornton took down an England Eleven to play the University, in accordance with his annual custom. The weather was dull and cold. Play began with the University going in to bat against the bowling of Messrs Rotherham and Steel.

Mr G B Studd was bowled when only 11 runs had been made. Mr J E K Studd and Maynard, however, made a long stand, at 70 runs were added before Mr Studd was dismissed for a finely-played 48; Mr Maynard was out soon afterwards. After lunch the only very noticeable feature was the batting of Mr F M Lucas. The innings closed for 165. Three bowlers were engaged. Mr Rotherham captured seven wickets . . .

For the England Eleven Mr Webbe batted with great freedom, while Mr Lucas played admirable cricket for 56. As will be seen from the score, the visitors were only 30 runs behind the number obtained by their rivals and still had six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 May, page 12)

The great feature in this match, resumed yesterday at Cambridge, was the splendid batting of Mr A P Lucas. The "old blue" played a magnificent innings of 145 without giving the slightest chance, It included eight fours, ten threes and sixteen twos. His efforts were ably seconded by Mr Vernon, who hit freely, but somewhat luckily, for 70, and by Mr Schultz, who remained unconquered. The innings closed for 384. No fewer than eight bowlers were tried . . .

In the minority to the serious extent of 219 runs, Cambridge started their second venture. Both Messrs J E K Studd and Maynard did well . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 10)

Play in the above match was concluded at Cambridge yesterday. When stumps were drawn on the previous evening the University had started a second venture, with 219 runs to get in order to avert a single innings defeat, and of this number 66 were obtained at the cost of a wicket. Messrs J E K Studd and Maynard (not out with 36 and 25 respectively) resumed their batting in the presence of a large number of spectators.

An addition of 16 runs was made, when the latter failed to stop a ball of Mr Rotherham's. Two for 72. Mr Roe batted very ably for some time, and, in conjunction with Mr J E K Studd, advanced the total to 113 before Mr Studd fell to a catch at cover point. He had batted very finely for 60, composed of three fours, three threes, ten twos and singles. Three down. The remainder of the innings needs little description, as seven batsmen made only 14 runs between them, Mr A P Lucas's bowling towards the finish being simply irresistible. Total 127. Four bowlers had been engaged. Mr A P Lucas claimed six wickets . . . From the score attached it will be

seen that England won by an innings and 92 runs, a result mainly attributable to the excellent all-round play of Mr A P Lucas.

17 May: SUSSEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2542.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 May, page 8)

The Australians commenced the second match of the tour yesterday, meeting the county of Sussex on the Hove Ground, Brighton. The weather was lovely and there was a very large attendance to witness the cricket. The home team was weakened by the absence of Mr M P Lucas and H Phillips.

Having won the toss, Sussex sent in Mr Ellis and the Rev F Greenfield. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth bowled throughout the innings. At 30 Mr Ellis got out of his ground – a liberty that the colonial wicket-keeper was not slow to avail himself of. Mr Greenfield succumbed to a catch at forward square leg. Mr Palmer subsequently caused great excitement by obtaining three wickets with consecutive balls, clean bowling Mr Whitfeld, Mr Blackman and Mr C J Lucas. In fact, his bowling was simply superb, and all the county team were dismissed for 95 runs. Duration of innings, 2 hours, 5 minutes. Mr Palmer . . . eight wickets . . .

Mr Massie and Bannerman were first put on their defence for the colonists, Lillywhite and Blackman leading the attack. Runs came at a great pace and the score rapidly travelled to 96, in spite of many alterations in the bowling before Mr Massie, who had among other hits secured eight fours, was caught at mid-off. Mr Murdoch arrived to the aid of Bannerman; with an addition of 35 runs the latter fell to a magnificent catch at mid-on, his principal items being 11 fours. Mr Murdoch, in conjunction with Mr Horan, completely mastered the Sussex bowling, which underwent almost every conceivable change, the Australian captain quite compensating for the disappointment felt in the Oxford match. Both these batsmen remained unconquered at the end of the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 May, page 12)

Whatever chances our weaker counties may have thought they possessed against the Australians must certainly have evaporated in view of the magnificent total made by the latter during the past two days at Brighton. When play ceased on Thursday Sussex had finished an innings for 95, and their rivals had, at the cost of two wickets only, accumulated 274.

Soon after mid-day Messrs Murdoch and Horan (the not-outs with 109 and 41) were opposed by Lillywhite and Mr Blackman. Only 17 runs were put on, and then Mr Horan was taken in the slips. Mr M'Donnell was clean bowled and Mr Blackman obstructed his wicket. After luncheon the Sussex bowling was completely mastered. Despite all the shifts which the county were put to, runs would come. When Mr Giffen returned the ball, as many as 507 runs had been registered for six wickets. The retiring batsman's hits included ten fours, one three and seven twos.

In comparison with the magnificent batting of Mr Murdoch, that of his companions sinks into insignificance. Going in first wicket down, he carried his bat for 286, in which there was a five, 39 fours, eight threes and 16 twos. The last Australian batsman, Mr Spofforth, was caught at point. Total 643. Eight of the home party tried their hands at the bowling – Mr Blackman took four wickets . . .

With the depressing deficit of 548 runs Sussex commenced their second innings . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 May, page 12)

As was almost certain to be the case, given fine weather, after the Australians' batting at Brighton on Thursday and Friday, they beat Sussex with consummate ease in a single innings with no fewer than 355 runs to spare. The Sussex batting and bowling had been so feeble on the first and second days of the match that there was only a small amount of interest manifested in Saturday's play.

Nevertheless, the cricket shown by the county was much better, and though, of course, there was no hope whatever of approaching the Australians' score, there was some excellent batting by Messrs Whitfeld and Ellis, who put on 77 runs while they were together. The latter's well-hit 52 included four fours, four threes and four twos, while Mr Whitfeld went in when one wicket was down for 44 and carried out his bat, 149 runs being put on while he was in. Of this number he scored 54, by five fours, two threes, five twos and 18 singles.

The Australians, perhaps, took things a little easily, but Mr Palmer's bowling was capital and Mr Spofforth, though not very successful, bowled better than at Oxford. Mr Bonnor fielded as a substitute for Bannerman, who was not well. Mr Palmer at one time took three wickets in 10 overs for one run. The weather was windy but fine, and there was a moderate company present to witness the finish of this singularly one-sided match. Mr Palmer secured six wickets . . .

18 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2543.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 May, page 8)

This match was commenced at Cambridge yesterday. It is the first time the northern county has entered the lists against the Light Blues. As will be gathered from the subjoined score, it was "anybody's match" when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 May, page 12)

When stumps were drawn in this match on Thursday night the Light Blues had completed their first venture for 165, against which Lancashire had lost nine wickets for 130. The innings closed yesterday for an addition of 13 runs. In their second innings the University scored 130 runs.

With 153 runs to win Lancashire went in a second time, and at the close of the day the game still remained in an interesting state.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 May, page 12)

The most ardent partisans of Cambridge could hardly have expected that they would be able to place this match to their credit. When play ceased on Friday the county required 42 runs to win and had five wickets left to get them with. The Rev V F Royle and Briggs (the not-outs with 29 and 18) resumed batting to the attacks of Messrs C T Studd and Ramsay.

So well did the University bowlers acquit themselves that only Mr Royle could make any headway against them, and he added but 18 to his overnight total. His hits included four fours and four threes. The sixth wicket went for 131, and the last four only added seven runs . . . The annexed score will show that the University, after an interesting finish, gained the victory by 14 runs.

18 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2545.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 May, page 8)

It was gratifying to find at the opening of the season on the Trent-bridge Ground that from whatever causes the disputes may have arisen in the famous cricketing county last year, many well-known names were to be found in the 11 which yesterday did battle against Yorkshire. The home team, successful in the toss, took possession of the wickets, Oscroft and Butler being opposed by Peate and Hill.

The former hit freely until dismissed by a catch in the slips. Of the others, Barnes, Scotton and Flowers alone attained double figures, and the innings terminated for 104. Four bowlers were put on, and of these Peate obtained the lion's share of the wickets, being credited with six . . .

The batting of the Yorkshire men was vigorous, Ulyett, Bates and Lockwood doing very well. As will be seen from the annexed score, they had overtopped their rivals' total at the cost of four wickets when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Saturday 20 May, page 12)

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 May, page 12)

The first county match of the present season came to a somewhat unexpected conclusion on Saturday at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, the home team, after playing a most determined uphill game, winning by 90 runs. The victory was gained by first-rate all-round play, but Morley's very effective bowling had most to do in determining the result. Nottingham's second innings, in which seven wickets had fallen on Friday evening for 212 runs, was finished for 241. Wright and Shaw put on 25 while in together . . .

Yorkshire had 155 to get to win, but so effectual was the bowling of Morley and Shaw and so ineffectual the batting that a score of 64 was all the visiting team made. The match was practically lost at the luncheon interval, when four wickets (Brackin, Bates, Ulyett and Grimshaw) had fallen for 20 runs, but when E Lockwood left at 42 no hope remained. The last few batsmen soon fell . . . Morley . . . six wickets.

18 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2544.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 May, page 8)

In fine weather the above match opened yesterday at Lord's. The county, composed, with two exceptions, of professionals, went in first, Mr Barrington and Rigley being opposed by Fothergill and Midwinter. The innings close for 56. Fothergill and Midwinter bowled well throughout; the former claimed five wickets . . .

Messrs Tylecote and Booth first appeared on behalf of Marylebone, opposed by Mycroft and Hay . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 May, page 12)

This match was concluded at Lord's yesterday. The adjoined score will show that Marylebone won by an innings and 358 runs.

22 May: ORLEANS CLUB v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2547.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 May, page 12)

Serious misgivings were felt yesterday morning that the first day's play of the Australian cricketers on a ground near the metropolis would be interfered with by wet weather. Fortunately, however, the heavy clouds cleared away and as fine a day as could be desired was experienced. The ground of the Orleans Club at Twickenham is as charming a spot as one could well imagine; its only drawback, from a cricketing point of view, is the long shadow thrown by the trees towards sunset. Yesterday there were several thousands on it to witness the match.

The Orleans team was strong, especially in batting. They were successful in the toss and did not hesitate to take possession of a good wicket. Drs W G and E M Grace were the batsmen; Messrs Palmer and Garrett were entrusted with the attack. The disposition of the Australians in the field was as follows: - Mr Palmer, bowler and cover-point; Mr Garrett, extra mid-off and bowler; Mr Murdoch, wicket-keeper; Mr Bonnor, long-on and slip; Mr M'Donnell, slip and long-on; Mr Spofforth, point; Mr Boyle, mid-on; Mr Massie, mid-off; Mr Giffen, long-off and third man; Mr Horan, short-leg and long-off; and Mr Jones, third man and deep mid-off.

A most disheartening start was made, as after Mr Palmer had opened with a maiden, the second ball sent down by Mr Garrett was lifted by Dr E M Grace into the hands of long-field-on. First wicket for 0. Mr Lucas came, and Dr W G Grace led off the scoring with a single, and in the same bowler's second over secured an on-drive for four; these items were followed by an off-drive and leg-hit, both for four. Four byes caused 20 to be hoisted.

Eight overs now produced a single only; but matters were enlivened by Dr W G Grace with straight and off drives for four each on one over of Mr Palmer's. Thirty runs were the result of as many minutes' play. Dr Grace again drove a ball of Mr Garrett's to the off for another four, and then Mr Lucas, who had been batting very carefully, sent a ball of Mr Palmer's to leg, also for four. Dr W G Grace, who looked like making a large innings, then cut the same bowler for four; but Mr Palmer was soon avenged for this free treatment, as in the subsequent over he clean bowled the Gloucestershire captain, the ball breaking from the off. Two for 49.

Barlow, who gave a very difficult chance to forward short-leg, drove a ball of Mr Garrett's for four, and Mr Lucas made a late cut with an equally satisfactory result. Five runs were the product of 14 consecutive overs. A leg hit for four from Palmer by Mr Lucas caused 70 to be signalled, but he immediately afterwards lost the company of Barlow, who played a ball of Mr Garrett's into the hands of slip. Three for 71. Mr A G Steel's stay was brief and uneventful, as from the first ball of Mr Garrett's next over he was well taken with the left hand low down at slip. Mr Webbe arrived and made six in one over of Mr Garrett's by cuts for four and two. The total having travelled to 96, Mr Palmer handed the ball to Mr Spofforth; but, after a single only, luncheon was announced. An interval of 40 minutes ensued.

Then play was resumed, and when four overs had been delivered three figures were signalled. Mr Webbe evoked considerable enthusiasm by scoring seven in one over of Mr Garrett's by an off-drive for four, a cut for two and a

single. Mr Lucas then drove a ball and there certainly seemed time for a run; Mr Webbe nearly got to the other wicket before he retraced his steps. Had the ball been thrown in at the right end, however, he must have been run out. At 116 a two-fold variation in the attack was tried, Mr Spofforth crossing over and Mr Palmer resuming at his old end. Each batsman then scored by leg-hits, Mr Lucas getting three off Mr Spofforth and Mr Webbe four from the other bowler. The latter contribution sent the total up to 130. Mr Lucas made ten in one over of Mr Palmer's - two square-leg hits for four and a leg-hit for a couple, which caused that bowler, at 148, to make room for Mr Boyle, whose first ball Mr Webbe returned to him. Half the wickets were now lost for an average of nearly 30 runs each.

Mr Schultz joined Mr Lucas and both batsmen soon grew busy; the former made a couple of very clean square-leg hits and the latter an off-drive - all for fours, off Mr Boyle. This was speedily followed by Mr Schultz scoring eight (by an off-drive and square-leg hit) from successive balls of Mr Spofforth's, who, at 191, was displaced by Mr Giffen. The batsmen were, however, by no means disconcerted. Mr Schultz drove the new bowler to the off for four, and a cut for two by Mr Lucas completed the second hundred at 4.20. Four runs later Mr Palmer resumed in place of Mr Boyle. The total having travelled to 218, Mr Schultz had the misfortune to play on; he had batted in good style. Six down.

Mr Vernon drove the first ball he received to the off for three, but the third completely beat him. Mr Thornton made three drives and a leg-hit for four each in three overs of Mr Palmer; but soon fell to a fine catch (sideways) made by Mr Horan, who ran from deep mid-off to cover-point. Eight for 249. Mr Rotherham made a very nice off-drive right along the ground for four off Mr Garrett, who a little time previously had relieved Mr Giffen; but the new comer did not remain long - he was bowled. Pilling was easily caught at mid on. Total 271. Mr Lucas, who went in first wicket down, carried his bat for a chanceless 87, composed of eight fours, a three, 11 twos and 30 singles. Duration of innings, four hours and a quarter. Five bowlers had been tried. Mr Palmer was credited with six wickets . . .

The colonials commenced their batting at 20 minutes to 6, being first represented by Messrs Murdoch and Massie. The attack was conducted by Messrs Steel and Rotherham. The opening ball Mr Murdoch sent to leg for four, and drove the last ball of the over for a similar result. This brilliant state of affairs did not last long - Mr Rotherham with a "yorker" disposed of Mr Massie, and in Mr Steel's second over Mr Horan obstructed the wicket. Two for nine. Mr M'Donnell came, but had the misfortune to be cut over, and was obliged to retire.

Mr Giffen joined Mr Murdoch, who, just prior to the injury to his companion, had scored a four off each bowler by a square-leg hit and off-drive. Mr Giffen also made an off-drive for four, almost immediately after which Mr Murdoch fell to a magnificent catch at point. Three for 26. Mr Jones arrived to the aid of Mr Giffen. With the total at 40 Mr Rotherham gave way to Dr W G Grace, who, with his third ball, clean bowled Mr Jones. Four for 41. Mr Garrett aided Mr Giffen, and when stumps were drawn the score stood as given below. Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 May, page 10)

Yesterday's weather contrasted most unfavourably with that of Monday. Instead of the genial sunshine, the wind was cold and accompanied by

somewhat frequent showers of rain. The attendance at the Orleans Club, however, was nearly, if not quite, as large as on the opening day, when it may be remembered Orleans had accumulated 271 runs for an innings, and four of the colonials were disposed of for 53. They batted all yesterday, and, it must be confessed, had the worst of the wicket, although it played much better than might have been expected.

Mr Murdoch, with the exception of a chance of being run out, played another innings which showed that he has capital defence and is capable of hitting when opportunity offers. Altogether to colonials are to be congratulated on the excellent uphill game they played in their second innings, and by which they deprived their rivals of a victory which at one time seemed almost within their grasp.

The game was resumed at noon. Mr Giffen and Mr Garrett (not-outs, with 23 and 4) were again placed in opposition to Mr Steel and Dr W G Grace. The first over was a maiden, and with the opening ball of the second Mr Garrett intercepted a ball of Dr Grace's with his leg, the fifth wicket thus falling without the addition of a run. Mr M'Donnell, the injured batsman of the previous evening, appeared, and the run-getting was exceedingly slow, a single every two overs being the rate for some little time. Mr M'Donnell then cut a ball of Mr Steel's for a couple, but immediately afterwards lost the company of Mr Giffen, who fell to the dexterity of the wicket-keeper. Six for 61.

Mr Bonnor came in, and Mr M'Donnell celebrated his arrival with a couple of fours in one over of Dr Grace's by a leg hit and a very lucky "snick." The end, however, was not far off. In the following over Mr Bonnor was clean-bowled, and with the addition of a single Mr Palmer, who had taken his place, was served likewise. Eight for 70. Mr Spofforth made his appearance, and Mr M'Donnell, after adding a single and a square-leg hit for four, was taken at slip in trying to hit the ball round to leg. Nine for 75. Mr [Boyle] added nothing - clean bowled; and the last wicket fell for 75. Duration of innings, an hour and a half. The three bowlers engaged were all successful. Dr W G Grace obtained five wickets . . .

During the interval between the innings rain fell sharply for a few minutes; but, although it still sprinkled a little, the Australians, who were 196 to the bad, sent in Messrs Horan and Murdoch at 10 minutes past 1. Dr W G Grace and Mr Steel once more led off the attack. Mr Horan monopolized all the hitting at the outset, making the 15 runs gained out of the first 14 overs; the most notable items were a cut for three and a leg hit for four off Dr Grace and a cut for four from the other bowler. Mr Murdoch then opened his account with a cut for four off the Gloucestershire captain, who, after Mr Horan had sent a ball of his to leg for four, was relieved by Mr Rotherham. The change was most happy, as the first ball proved fatal to Mr Horan - bowled off his pad.

Mr Giffen arrived and drove a ball of Mr Rotherham's for four. With the total at 38, Dr W G Grace received the ball from Mr Rotherham. At luncheon the score stood at 40. After the interval runs came very tardily, five only being made in ten consecutive overs. Mr Giffen then played the ball very hard on to his wicket. Two for 45. Mr M'Donnell quickly set to work in earnest. He scored a couple of fours by a straight drive and a leg hit off Dr Grace; he also sent a ball of Mr Steel's to square leg for four; and supplemented these scores by obtaining 14 in one over from the last-named bowler by a cut and off drive for four each and six by an on-drive over the railing into the shrubbery. This caused Barlow to come on in lieu of Mr

Steel, and with his third ball he took Mr M'Donnell's wicket. Three for 77.

Mr Massie came in, and Mr Murdoch should have been run out, but Pilling did not take the ball well. The last comer then hit the ball up to cover-point, but Mr Webbe failed to hold it. The batsman did profit long by this let off, however, as immediately after the hundred was signalled he fell to a capital catch at wicket. Mr Jones joined Mr Murdoch, and a change in the attack was at once tried, Mr Rotherham handing the ball to Dr W G Grace. The change did not answer - Mr Jones cut a ball for four and Mr Murdoch hit one to leg with a like result. At 131 a two-fold variation was adopted - Messrs Steel and Lucas going on. Mr Jones gave a difficult chance of being stumped off the latter. Mr Murdoch having cut a ball of Mr Steel's for four, that bowler at 138 gave way to Mr Rotherham, whom Mr Murdoch served in a similar manner, with a like result. Dr E M Grace tried his hand for a few overs, but no good came from them and Mr Steel resumed; while at 166 Barlow went on at Mr Rotherham's end, and after seven runs were added Mr Jones was clean-bowled. Half the wickets were now lost.

Mr Garrett came in, but a sharp shower delayed play for a few minutes. On resuming, Mr Steel and Dr W G Grace took charge of the attack. Mr Garrett drove a ball of the former's to the off for four; but at 184 he also was bowled. Six down. Mr Bonnor made a most sensational lofty on-drive which sent the ball out of the ground for six - a hit, by the way, that put the single-innings defeat out of the question. He did not long survive this feat, however, playing back late to a ball of Dr Grace's. Mr Palmer was the next on the list, and a single to leg by him brought the total up to 200. Having raised the score to 220, Mr Palmer fell to short-slip. Eight down.

Mr Spofforth joined Mr Murdoch, who continued to bat in most brilliant style. Having cut a ball of Dr Grace's for four, he passed his hundred with an off-drive for a similar number. Mr Spofforth was well taken at cover-point, and Mr Boyle played out time with Mr Murdoch. The latter, with the exception of the run out mentioned, played an excellent innings, for which he was most heartily cheered. It comprised 16 fours, four threes, seven twos and singles. The total score was 240. Six of the Orleans team had gone on to bowl. Mr Steel secured four wickets . . . The complete score attached will show that the game was left drawn.

22 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2546.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 23 May, page 12)

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 May, page 10)

Two days proved more than sufficient to bring the above match at Lord's to a conclusion. At the close of an innings each the county (their chief batsmen having been Ulyett, 30, and Padgett, 22) were in a minority of 69. In their second venture they did even less than in the first, all the batsmen being disposed of for 74.

Marylebone this wanted half-a-dozen runs to win – a number which cost them two wickets. In the double innings of Yorkshire Flowers took 12 wickets and Morley seven. The subjoined score will show that Marylebone won by eight wickets.

Tuesday 23 May, page 12: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

This match, announced for yesterday at Oxford, will not be commenced until Monday next, the 29th inst.

25 May: SURREY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2552.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 May, page 10)

The cricket season for the Surrey County Club, so far as important matches are concerned, opened somewhat inauspiciously yesterday in point of weather. At one time it was feared that play would be impracticable. A steady downpour prevailed until long after midday, but subsided a little after 1 o'clock, and an interesting afternoon's cricket was witnessed by a far larger number of spectators than might have been anticipated.

Soon after 3 o'clock the county, who had won the toss, sent in Mr Lucas and Abel. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer led the attack. The first over was a maiden, but Mr Palmer's second ball Abel drove to the on for four. Singles were the only contributions in the next three overs. Then Abel made a square-leg hit for a couple, and followed it with a cut for three. Thirteen runs having been obtained, Abel was clean bowled. M Read arrived, and soon afterwards Mr Palmer made room for Mr Boyle, whose first ball proved fatal to Mr Lucas - clean bowled. Two for 31.

Mr W Read came in and cut a ball of Mr Spofforth's for four. The same batsman in the subsequent over sent a ball to leg for three. Soon afterwards Mr Murdoch, keeping wicket, was struck in the face by a ball, which caused a momentary stoppage of play. M Read drove a ball of Palmer's to the off for four, and Mr W read served the other bowler in the same manner with a like result. With the total at 22 M Read was caught at mid-on, and Mr J Shuter came in. After a fortunate snick through the slips by Mr J Shuter, Mr W Read scored a square-leg hit for four off Mr Palmer and drove Mr Spofforth to the on for the same number. This he supplemented by a square-leg hit for another four.

After this the game proceeded steadily until at 4.40 the three figures were hoisted. Nine runs later Mr Read played the ball into the hands of slip. He had shown good form for 49. A run only had been added when Mr Lindsay was disposed of. Half the wickets down. Messrs Roller and J Shuter were now in company; the latter made an off-drive for four, but with the next ball he was taken by short mid-on. Six for 112. Jones joined Mr Roller, and with the total at 116 rain stopped play for a time.

Mr Jones then secured a drive to long-off for four, though the hit involved a somewhat difficult chance in the long-field. Runs came steadily until 140 was reached, when Mr Palmer gave up the ball to Mr Spofforth. In the second over of the change Mr Roller drove a ball over the new stand for six, and sent the next ball for three to the off. These feats were supplemented by Jones cutting the third and fourth balls for two and three. Fourteen runs were this made in an over. In the other bowler's next delivery Mr Roller was caught at forward short leg. Seven for 155.

Dible then came in. He made a leg hit for four off Mr Spofforth, and Mr Garrett was put on. The other bowler, however, effected the separation, as, with the addition of a single, Jones was caught in the long field, and the other batsmen being speedily disposed of, the innings closed for 170. Four of the Australians were engaged: - Mr Boyle took seven wickets . . . The Australians went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 May, page 8)

There was a vast improvement in the weather yesterday at Kennington-oval and a corresponding increase in the attendance. Surrey, who opened the batting on Thursday, acquitted themselves better than might have been anticipated, securing as many as 170 runs. The Australians, when stumps were drawn, had scored nine without the loss of a wicket.

Messrs Garrett and Jones were again placed in opposition to Jones and Barratt at 12 o'clock. Three maiden overs were bowled, and then, without any addition, Mr Garrett failed to stop a ball of Barratt's. Mr Murdoch then came in. Runs were obtained at a most tardy pace. When two singles had been made from eight overs Mr Jones gave a hard chance to slip. Mr Murdoch then made the cleanest hit of the Australian innings, cutting a ball of Barrett's for four. This he supplemented by a cut for three off the same bowler and a leg hit for a couple from Jones. The score having travelled to 26, Mr Jones was well caught low down left hand behind point. Mr Bannerman was soon afterwards missed at slip. He did not profit a great deal by this escape, as after effecting an off-drive for four, he played a ball, got out of his ground and, before he could recover, Pooley put his wicket down.

Mr Horan joined Mr Murdoch, who, after making a lucky four, made a similar number by a crisp, clean cut. Mr Horan obtained an on-drive for four, and, at 57, Barratt relinquished the ball to Mr Lucas. Jones at this stage of the game had sent down eight overs for a single. Then he disposed of Mr Murdoch. Four down. Mr M'Donnell only made an on-drive for four before he was bowled. Half the wickets for 68. Mr Massie joined Mr Horan and Barratt resumed, bowling at his old end. Nothing was gained from the two subsequent overs. Mr Massie then made a cut for three; but, after his companion had sent a ball to square leg for four, he was magnificently taken by third man, who secured the ball while running, with his left hand. Six for 75.

Luncheon intervened, and the rest of the Australians were afterwards speedily got rid of. With the score at 84, Mr Horan was taken at slip. Three runs later Mr Palmer was caught by mid-off, a bailer disposed of Mr Spofforth, and the clean bowling of Mr Boyle at 100 brought the innings to a close. Time, 3.25. Three bowlers were engaged. Jones secured five wickets . . .

With a balance of 70 in their favour, Surrey started on their second venture. This turned out to be most inglorious. Mr Lucas and Abel faced the bowling of Messrs Boyle and Garrett. Before a run had been played Mr Lucas played a ball back, and Mr Boyle, running almost halfway up the wicket, secured with his right hand. Morris Read arrived, but, having made a square leg hit for three, Abel cut the ball into the hands of point. Mr Read joined his namesake, and the latter made three fours by cuts and a leg hit off Mr Garrett. The score was taken to 28 and then Mr Read was bowled, off-stump. Three down.

The remaining seven wickets were all captured for an addition of 20 runs. Mr Shuter played on, Mr Lindsay was taken at slip, Mr Roller was bowled, Jones at caught at point off his hand, Dible at slip, Pooley was bowled and Morris Read, who had played the best innings of the side, returned the ball. Total 48. Time, 4.55. Messrs Boyle and Garrett bowled throughout. The former took four wickets . . and the latter six wickets . . .

With 119 to win, the Australians sent in Messrs Murdoch and Bannerman. Jones and Barratt led the attack. The start was hopeful for the home team, as, before a run had been made, the Australian captain was clean bowled. Mr Horan came in, and Mr Bannerman made three fours but an on-drive, a leg hit and a cut off Barratt, who, at 28, gave way to Mr Lucas. The second delivery from the new bowler was sent to square leg for four by Mr Bannerman; but at 48 he was clean bowled. Mr M'Donnell was the next on the list. He cut a ball of Mr Lucas's for three, and Mr Horan hit the next to square leg for four. He was then missed at slip by Jones, and at 58 Barratt resumed in lieu of Mr Lucas.

A two-fold change of bowling was soon afterwards tried. Mr Roller relieved Jones and Dible took the ball from Barratt. Mr Read relieved Dible at 93, but when he had sent down one over the stumps, after some deliberations, were drawn . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 May, page 10)

But little interest remained in the above match at the close of the second day's play at the Oval. The Australians, when stumps were drawn on Friday evening, had obtained 98 out of the 119 runs they required for victory, at the cost of a couple of wickets. Precisely at noon on Saturday, Messrs M'Donnell and Horan (the not-outs with 33 runs apiece) took up their stations, against the bowling of Jones and Barratt.

Three maidens were sent in and then Mr M'Donnell got two through the slips off Barrett, but the next ball he played hard on to his wicket. Three for 100. Mr Giffen arrived, and in the following over he lost the company of Mr Horan, who was bowled off his pads. The loss to two wickets for the same number of runs caused some sanguine friends of the county to imagine that the "glorious uncertainty" of cricket might again step in.

Mr Massie joined Mr Giffen, but the bowling was far too good to admit of liberties being taken with it. Ten runs were made off Barratt in as many overs. Jones (who had quite beaten Mr Massie twice and was within an ace of clean-bowling him, and had sent down 12 maidens in succession for a wicket) now had a ball hit to square leg by Mr Massie for four. A single by Mr Giffen came next, and four byes, the ball travelling to the pavilion, caused the match to be won, after 40 minutes' play, by six wickets. Six bowlers had been put on . . .

Up to the present the Australians have played four matches and won three (defeating Oxford University, Sussex and Surrey); the Orleans Club match was drawn.

25 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2548.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 26 May, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 May, page 8)

Play in this match was continued yesterday, at Cambridge, when the University completed an innings for 274. The Gentlemen of England went in . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 May, page 10)

The remarkable batting of Mr A G Steel on Saturday at Cambridge deprived the University of an almost certain victory. When the Gentlemen's first innings ended, there was a majority of 151 runs against them, and a follow on became, of course, a necessity.

So complete, however, was the control that Mr Steel obtained over the half dozen bowlers tried against him that the second total amounted to 350. Of this number Mr Steel claimed no fewer than 171, going in at the fall of the second wicket and being out last. He played brilliant cricket without giving a chance, and the severity of his hitting may be understood from the following figures: - thirteen fours, eleven threes and 22 twos. The batsmen who afforded the Lancashire amateur most effectual aid were Messrs Webbe and Vernon. Sixty-four runs were added while Mr Webbe was in and 121 during the stay of Mr Vernon. In the double innings of England Mr C T Studd took eight wickets . . .

So little time remained at the close of the Gentlemen of England's innings that the match was not further proceeded with.

25 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2551.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 May, page 8)

Commenced on Thursday at Oxford, this match was continued yesterday. Both Messrs Peake and Walker batted well for the University, against the good bowling but somewhat indifferent fielding of Marylebone. The innings closed for 242. The visitors did not start well, but Midwinter and Wild improved the aspect of affairs, and played out time.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 May, page 10)

On Saturday, at the Oxford University ground, in the Parks, at Oxford, the weak Marylebone team suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the University eleven. The club professionals played well, but received only slight support from the gentlemen. Flowers, who was missed from a simple chance when he had only scored eight, hit capitally, making six fours and three threes.

In the double innings of Marylebone, who followed on, Mr Shaw took seven wickets . . . From the full score attached it will be seen that Oxford won by an innings and 18 runs.

25 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2550.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 May, page 8)

At the close of an innings each in this match, which was commenced on Thursday and concluded yesterday at Lord's, the county had an advantage of 11 runs. The bowling of Woof and Rylott was so deadly that Kent's second innings only realized 33 runs. Woof claimed six wickets . . .

With 44 runs to win, Marylebone started their second innings, and Mr Booth batted so well that these were obtained at the cost of a wicket.

25 May: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2549.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 May, page 8)

A commencement was made in this match at Manchester on Thursday, when Derbyshire obtained nine runs for two wickets. Play was continued yesterday, but rain twice interrupted the game. The visitors did not make much of a stand, and at luncheon eight of them had been disposed of for 77. The two remaining wickets only added half-a-dozen runs, and the innings closed at half-past 3 for 83. Three bowlers were put on,.. Watson claimed five wickets . . .

Mr Hornby and Barlow started the batting on behalf of Lancashire at ten minutes to 4. Mycroft and Platts took charge of the attack. The commencement was not assuring, as at eight Barlow was taken at mid-off and at 20 Mr Hornby was clean-bowled. During the partnership of Messrs Roper and Taylor rain stopped play for a quarter of an hour. The former, who batted well, was ultimately caught at wicket. Watson and Crossland both showed good form. The innings closed for 125 . . . Platts took five wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 May, page 10)

Owing to rain play in the above match at Manchester on Saturday was delayed until 20 minutes to 1 o'clock. Derbyshire, who were 42 in arrear, started a second innings, but with the exception of Messrs Smith and Docker, they played very poor cricket against the attacks of Watson and Barlow, and were all out at ten minutes to 4. Four bowlers were engaged: Barlow secured five wickets . . .

Rain again fell during the interval, but did not interfere with the continuation of the match. Lancashire required 26 runs to win. These were readily obtained, and as the subjoined score will show, the home county were victors by ten wickets.

29 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2553.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 May, page 5)

Mr C T Studd, the well-known Cambridge cricketer, played fine against the Australians yesterday, taking five wickets for 64 runs and scoring 85, not out. It is largely owing to his cricket that this match stands in the present very favourable position for the University, though Mr Ramsay (the bowler), Mr Wright (the wicket-keeper), Mr G B Studd and Mr Bather deserve some of the credit. The weather was gloriously fine, the wicket was easy and fast, and the attendance of spectators on the Cambridge University ground was very large.

The Australians won the toss and went in first. Messrs Bannerman and Massie rapidly put on 47, and then the latter was smartly caught at third man. After so good a start, a long innings appointed probable. However, the colonial batsmen went out one after the other to the bowling of Messrs Studd and Ramsay. Seven men were out by lunch time for 119, and at 10 minutes past 3 the whole side were down for 20 more runs. Mr Wright's wicket-keeping was faultless, and the fielding of the team left nothing to be desired. Four bowlers were engaged. Mr C T Studd claimed five wickets . . Mr Ramsay, five wickets . . .

Cambridge began batting at half-past 3, and when time was called they had made 187 runs for the loss of only four wickets, so that they are now 48 runs to the good, with six wickets to fall. The Australians bowling was repeatedly changed and was not particularly difficult on the true wicket. Several blunders were committed in the field. Mr Spofforth, at point, missed Mr G B Studd and Mr Maynard. Mr Palmer had an easy chance of catching the Cambridge captain off his own bowling, and Mr Garrett missed Mr C T Studd in the long-field. At the time of this last mistake Mr Studd had made 28. It was the only fault in his innings; for the rest, his hitting was grand and his defence perfect. The appended score will show how well the Light Blues played.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 May, page 7)

The visit of the Australian cricketers to Cambridge has aroused immense interest, and yesterday's play at the University ground was watched with keen attention by an enthusiastic crowd of on-lookers. It will be recollected that at the drawing of stumps on Monday evening the Colonial team had been dismissed for 139, and the University, for the loss of only four wickets, had made 187. Mr C T Studd's exceptionally fine batting and the successful bowling of the same gentleman and of Mr Ramsay had put Cambridge in this favourable position.

Yesterday the resumption of play took place within five minutes of noon, Messrs C T Studd (not out, 85) and W H Bather (not out, 20) resisting the attacks of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Twenty runs were added and then the former bowler found a weak point in Mr Bather's defence. Most meritorious had been that gentleman's batting. While he was at the wickets 118 runs were scored.

Mr Spencer did nothing, and at 236 Mr Studd's innings was ended by a catch at the wicket. Except that he gave a chance in the long field when he had

made 28, Mr Studd's batting would deserve unqualified praise. Not often is stubborn defence found in combination with such brilliant hitting. He made 11 fours, seven threes and 13 twos. In the end the Cambridge total amounted to 266 – an advantage of 127 over the Australian score. Six bowlers were tried. Mr Palmer claimed six wickets . . .

At their second attempt the Australians did far better than on Monday, but for some time their efforts were attended with no very large measure of success. Mr Massie was out at 22, Bannerman at 64, Mr Murdoch at 65 and Mr M'Donnell at 72. Messrs Horan and Giffen then mastered the bowling and out on more than 80 runs. At last Mr Horan was bowled in hitting to leg, and Mr Jones, who followed, was soon out, leg before wicket. Messrs Palmer and Giffen resisted successfully all efforts of the bowlers, and at the call of time 212 runs had been scored with six wickets down. The Australians are now 85 runs ahead, owing to the fine play of Messrs Horan and Giffen.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 June, page 6)

The interest in the match at Cambridge between the University and the Australians was sustained yesterday at a very high point, and in the end Cambridge gained a brilliant victory by six wickets, becoming thus the first team to inflict defeat upon the Colonists. When play began on Monday even the most hopeful of Cambridge's partisans could scarcely have looked forward to such a triumph. The result shows what can be done at cricket by resolution, against even the most formidable opponents.

The brothers Studd deserve and will certainly receive most hearty congratulations. Between them they made no fewer than 297 runs out of a total of 403 from the bat, distributed in the following proportions: – Mr C T Studd, 135; Mr G B Studd, 90; and Mr J E K Studd – the eldest member of this cricket-playing family – 72. In addition to his achievements with the bat, Mr C T Studd took eight wickets; but a greater bowling success than his was that of Mr R C Ramsay, who took five wickets in one innings and seven in the other. It was, indeed, a curious and noteworthy fact that all the Australians' wickets in each innings should have been divided between two bowlers.

The position of the game when stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening will be remembered. The Australians had scored 139 and 212 for six wickets, while Cambridge had played a first innings of 266. Thus, with four wickets to go down, the Australians were 85 runs to the good.

Play began yesterday soon after 12 o'clock. Neither of the overnight not-outs – Messrs Giffen and Palmer – offered any long resistance; but Mr Boyle, as in many other matches, both here and in Australia, proved himself invaluable at a critical stage of the game. He hit with great vigour, and chiefly owing to his exertions the total mounted to 291. Five bowlers were tried: – Mr Ramsay claimed seven wickets . . .

Cambridge had 165 to get to secure victory, and though the wicket was still in fine order for batting, the task was considered a heavy one against the strong bowling of the Colonists. Hardly anyone could have anticipated the exceptional display of batting given. Messrs J E K and G B Studd opened the innings, and though Messrs Spofforth, Palmer and Garrett did their best to part them, the score at the luncheon interval was 49 with no wicket down.

On the game being resumed, Mr Garrett was too unwell to go out into the field, and the loss of his fast bowling was of course a disadvantage. Frequent changes were resorted to without the least effect, and the 100 went up without the loss of a wicket. This feat, it may be mentioned, has never previously been accomplished against Australian cricketers in England. The cheering and excitement may be imagined. Scarcely had the applause died away before Mr G B Studd's brilliant innings of 48 was closed by a catch in the long field. One wicket for 106. This long stand was, of course, the turning point of the game.

Afterwards the task of Cambridge was easy, only 59 runs being wanted with nine wickets to fall. Before the number could be obtained, however, Mt Maynard was caught at forward cover-point and Mr Henery and Mr J E K Studd were bowled. The last-named gentleman, like his brother, had played most brilliantly. Messrs C T Studd and Bather were together at the finish. Just before making the winning hit, the former was missed being stumped. The mistake, it need hardly be said, came too late to have any bearing on the result. Mr G B Studd's 48 included five fours, two threes and five twos, and Mr J E K Studd's 66 seven fours, three threes and seven twos.

29 May: OVER 30 v UNDER 30

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2555.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 May, page 5)

What has now become an annual match between players divided according to age was opened yesterday at Lord's. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Marylebone Cricketers' Fund. Punctually at noon, Under 30, having lost the toss, turned out into the field. Peate, from the nursery wicket, and Fothergill led off the attack against Dr Grace and Mr Hornby.

The Yorkshire bowler was punished rather freely. Having made an off-drive for four from him, Mr Hornby ran up eight in an over by a leg-hit and an on-drive for two each, and a square-leg hit for four. In the fifth over of the match he was deprived of the company of Dr Grace, who stepped out to a ball of Peate's and lifted it into the hands of long-on. One for 19.

Ulyett, who was cheered on his way to the wicket, came next, and a late cut by Mr Hornby caused 30 to be signalled, 20 minutes having been expended in getting them. The score steadily travelled to 48, when a double change of bowling was adopted, Midwinter and Bates going on. Still runs came, Mr Hornby cutting a ball of the former for four. At 76 Peate resumed, and his first delivery Ulyett hit to the on for four, while Mr Hornby drove Bates on either side of the wicket for a like number. Eighty-four runs were the product of an hour's play.

Midwinter now went on in place of Bates. At a quarter past 1 a straight drive for four off Peate shot the score over the 100. In the subsequent over Mr Hornby should have been caught by Mr Ridley from a straight drive. Another change was tried at 114, Bates going on in place of Peate, and 16 runs later Fothergill displaced Midwinter. These changes did not answer, and at 138 Bates handed the ball to Hearne. When luncheon was announced the total stood at 165.

Afterwards Midwinter and Peate again had charge of the attack. The third ball Mr Hornby stopped with his leg. Two for 166. Of these 147 had been gained since the fall of the first wicket. Mr Pearson's stay was brief and profitless; clean bowled; while W Hearn, who followed, was easily caught at point. Four for 168. Emmett arrived and made a leg-hit for four and a cut for three, while Ulyett effected a straight drive for four. With the score at 199, Fothergill relieved Midwinter, and at 3.20 the two hundred was registered. Shortly afterwards Emmett was taken at wicket. Five for 217. Watson joined Ulyett, who soon afterwards made what was perhaps the hit of the innings, a beautiful off-drive all along the ground for four off Peate. In the same over he made another four (straight) and a late cut for two. Just previously he had given a chance - very difficult - to slip.

At 243 Bates relinquished the ball to Midwinter, and with nine runs on Wheeler was taken at wicket. At 261 Mr Russel was served likewise. Seven down. Wild aided Ulyett, who at 263 was easily caught at point. He had played a grand innings, bringing the bat full down on the ball all through. His hits included 13 fours, five threes, 14 twos and singles. Eight wickets were now lost. The innings closed for 267. Half a dozen bowlers had been engaged, and of these Peate and Midwinter divided the wickets . . .

Mr Patterson and Hall first batted on behalf of the Juniors; Dr Grace and Mycroft took charge of the bowling. The third ball sent down clean bowled Hall. Midwinter joined Mr Patterson and, in spite of all opposition brought against them, it was not until 104 runs had been put on that Mr Patterson obstructed the wicket with his leg. Mr Gilbert fell to a catch at mid-off, and Midwinter succumbed to a catch at wicket, having batted very freely . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 May, page 7)

Play in this match was continued at Lord's yesterday at 25 minutes to 12. The attendance was again large and the weather fine. On Monday evening the Seniors had completed an innings for 267 and their rivals had lost four wickets for 136.

The second day produced ore surprises than one. Mr Ridley, the not-out, with two, was accompanied to the wickets by Bates. Dr Grace and Emmett were the bowlers. Mr Ridley played the ball into the hands of slip, after having made a late cut for three. Half the wickets for 144. Mr Royle joined Bates and hit the first ball he received to leg for four. Bates made a couple of cuts for four and three. With the score at 160, Mycroft displaced Emmett. Bates made a couple of leg hits for four each, and a change took place at the other end, Dr Grace handing the ball to Hill. His first delivery, a shooter, disposed of Mr Royle. Six for 175.

Fothergill arrived, and at 180 Emmett received the ball from Mycroft. Bates made a couple of leg hits (one square) for four each off Hill, while Fothergill effected a straight drive for a similar number. The 200 was hoisted at 12.20 and a double change was tried, Ulyett and Dr Grace relieving Hill and Emmett. Bates drove a ball from the first-named for four. With the total at 217, two wickets fell - Fothergill caught at slip and Hearne at wicket. Eight down. Aspinall aided Bates, who drove a ball of Ulyett's to the on and another to leg for four each. At 238 he lost the companionship of Aspinall, who was taken in the slips. Nine down.

Peate and Bates were now in company and made an unexpectedly long stand, Bates hitting all round with surprising freedom. The 300 was hoisted at 1.25. Peate, who had just gained a cut for four, made two leg hits for four each. These feats he supplemented with an off drive, with an equally favourable result. With the total at 359, luncheon intervened. A maiden only was sent in afterwards and then Peate was stumped, the ball having struck Wild's pad. No fewer than 121 runs had been put on between the fall of the ninth and the fall of the tenth wicket. Time, 2.45. Peate, among other hits, obtained eight fours. Bates, who was badly missed at mid-off by Mycroft when he had made 50, later on, by Ulyett, at slip, and in the same place, after he had completed 100, by Mycroft, was credited with 17 fours, 11 threes, 14 twos and singles. Seven bowlers had been put on. Dr Grace took five wickets . . .

With a balance of 92 against them, Mr Hornby and Dr Grace took possession of the wickets at 3 o'clock. Peate and Midwinter were intrusted with the bowling. Only five runs were gained before Mr Hornby fell to slip. Ulyett arrived and secured a single, being then caught at very sharp slip, while, before a run had been added, Mr Pearson was clean bowled. Hearne arrived and secured an off drive and a cut for four, while Dr Grace effected a straight drive for the same number. At 52 Bates relieved Midwinter, and off his first ball Dr Grace was caught at long field-off. Four for 52.

Two runs later Hearne and Wheeler were both clean bowled. Mr Russel and Emmett carried the total to 70, when the latter was taken at cover-point and his companion, having escaped being stumped, was taken by the wicket-keeper with the next ball. Eight for 70. Three runs after the 100 had been reached, Hill, who stepped out to meet a ball, was clean bowled. Nine down. Mycroft batted "flukily" for a little while, and at 122 the innings closed. Four bowlers were tried. Peate claimed five wickets . . .

Under Thirty now wanted 31 to win, which occasioned no difficulty. Thus what at one time looked a somewhat probable victory for Over Thirty was won by their rivals by ten wickets.

29 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2556.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 May, page 5)

After a postponement of a week, the above match was started yesterday at Oxford at 25 minutes to 1 o'clock. The University were first at the wickets, Mr Hine-Haycock and Mr Peake being opposed by Messrs Rotherham and Penn.

Both batsmen were soon dismissed, and Messrs Walker and Thornton joined company. These gentlemen set the various attacks brought against them at defiance until the total had travelled to 119, when Mr Thornton fell to the wicket-keeper, and soon afterwards Mr Walker was bowled. Messrs Hamilton and Harrison were now together. The latter was soon bowled, and Mr Leslie joined Mr Hamilton. Both batted very finely. Mr Hamilton was ultimately taken at mid-off, and Mr Leslie returned the ball. The innings closed for 291.

The principal batsmen's hits were as follows: - Mr Leslie, five fours and nine threes; Mr Thornton, three fours and four threes; Mr Hamilton, four fours and three threes; and Mr Walker, one four and eight threes. Seven bowlers were tried. Mr Rotherham took five wickets . . . Time did not admit of the Gentlemen of England starting their batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 May, page 7)

In lovely weather yesterday this match was resumed at Oxford, the Gentlemen sending in Messrs C I Thornton and A P Lucas to the bowling of Messrs Robinson and Harrison. Mr Lucas was bowled with the total at 7 and Mr Thornton at 18. Messrs Schultz and Vernon were then associated, and runs came freely. Several changes were tried, but without effect, until Mr Vernon was taken in the slips at 96.

On Mr Webbe coming in, the free hitting continued. Numerous bowlers were tried in vain before Mr Schultz returned a ball to Mr M'Lachlan at 191. The retiring batsman had been in while 184 were made, his splendid innings comprising seven fours and five threes. Mr Bulpett was soon out, but Messrs Savory, Robertson and Leatham rendered Mr Webbe useful assistance before the innings closed at 5.30 for 358. Mr Webbe's not-out display was faultless and included 12 fours and five threes. Owing to Mr Penn's injury on the preceding day he was unable to bat . . . Mr Robinson . . . took six wickets . . .

When play ceased for the day Oxford, in a minority of 67 runs, had lost three wickets in their second innings for 30.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 June, page 6)

Yesterday the Gentlemen of England gained a victory over the University at Oxford by five wickets. The Oxonians, who had lost three batsmen overnight for 33, completed their second innings for 166. Mr Thornton played excellent cricket for his score, which contained a five and seven fours. Messrs Hamilton, M'Lachlan and Harrison also hit freely . . .

Requiring exactly 100 to win, the visitors quickly lost Messrs Lucas and Thornton, but as in the first innings, Messrs Schultz and Vernon batted finely, and mainly by their efforts the game was over at 5 minutes past 4 .
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29 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2554.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 May, page 5)

These counties started their first match of the season yesterday on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. Surrey opened the batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 May, page 7)

When play ceased on Monday at Nottingham, Surrey had completed an innings for 122, while Nottingham had lost four wickets for 97 . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 June, page 6)

The close of Tuesday's play at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, left the home county with a comparatively light task. There were nine wickets to fall and 104 runs were wanted before victory could be claimed.

So excellent was the batting yesterday of Barnes and Scotton that in a short space of time all doubt as to the result was at an end. Between them the two batsmen put 90 on the board before Scotton was bowled for 49 – a vigorous innings, which included three fours, six threes and three twos. Barnes was run out at 118, having made 48, and then, thought only 22 runs were wanted, three other wickets were lost.

Nottingham thus won the match by four wickets. As they were playing without Mr A P Lucas, the Surrey eleven have no reason to be ashamed of their defeat.

29 May: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2557.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 30 May, page 5)

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 May, page 7)

This match was continued at Brighton yesterday. Sussex had lost one wicket overnight for 23 . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 June, page 6)

In spite of their magnificent scoring in the first innings, Sussex were eventually defeated by seven wickets at Brighton yesterday. When play was resumed, the home team, with three wickets to fall, were only eight runs on, but H Phillips and Mr Blackman made runs rapidly, and when the second innings closed, Hampshire required 137 to win. Mr Lacey . . seven wickets . . .

Hants quickly lost three wickets, but Messrs Lacey and Wood rapidly hit off the runs . . .

1 June: LANCASHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2558.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 June, page 10)

The Australians yesterday began a match against the Lancashire Eleven. The Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, was the scene of the contest, and so great was the interest felt in the meeting that upwards of 12,000 persons were present. Mr Garrett and Mr Jones stood out of the Colonial Eleven, the former not having recovered from the indisposition which attacked him at Cambridge.

With the wicket in fine order for run getting, winning the toss was a matter of importance, and Mr Murdoch, when this piece of good fortune fell to him, had no hesitation in sending his side to the wickets. Bannerman and Mr Massie opened the innings at five minutes past 12 and were opposed by Mr A G Steel and Crossland. Mr Massie was in the mood for hitting and the bowlers suffered severely. Barlow and Watson took the ball, and with the total at 66 the former dismissed Mr Massie for a brilliant 47. So far the runs had come very rapidly. Mr Murdoch and Bannerman scored far more slowly, the Lancashire fielding about this time being very brilliant. Mr Royle, at cover-point, was especially noticeable. After a valuable innings of 39 – most soundly played – Bannerman was out leg before wicket. Mr Horan and Murdoch played cautiously and at luncheon the total was only 125 with two wickets down.

After an interval of 50 minutes the game was continued, Crossland and Mr A G Steel being the bowlers. For a short time the Australians fared badly. Mr Horan was bowled at 128, Mr M'Donnell was caught at point from a bad hit at 141, and at 149 Mr Giffen was out leg before wicket. The rapid downfall of these wickets made Lancashire's prospects looked more hopeful, but Mr Blackham stayed with Mr Murdoch, and some masterly defence was shown against very good bowling. Various changes were resorted to without success, until, at 224, Mr Murdoch was caught at the wicket. No fewer than 75 runs had been added since Mr Giffen's departure. Except for one very hard chance of being caught and bowled, Mr Murdoch's innings of 65 was without a fault. It include six fours, two threes and nine twos.

Mr Blackham was bowled for a steady and excellent 32, and after he left the batting presented no special feature. Mr Palmer was bowled, Mr Boyle splendidly caught at point, and Mr Spofforth also caught at point, the innings terminating for 259. Five bowlers were put on. Mr A G Steel claimed half the wickets . . .

Lancashire had an hour in which to bat, and in that time scored 54 runs and lost two most valuable men. Mr Hornby played a ball on to his foot and into his wicket, and a catch by the wicket-keeper got rid of Mr A G Steel. At the drawing of stumps the score was as below, the Australians having, of course, a great advantage.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 June, page 12)

The brilliant manner in which the Australians opened their match with Lancashire at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, on Thursday, will be readily remembered. Going first to the wickets, they ran up the formidable score of 259, and afterwards got rid of Lancashire's two most dangerous

batsmen for 54 runs. Yesterday the game was continued, and though the weather proved far less favourable than on the previous day, there was no decline in the public interest.

Shortly after 12 o'clock Lancashire's first innings was continued by the not-outs of the previous evening - Mr D Q Steel and Barlow - to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. In such fine form were the bowlers and so feeble was the resistance offered to them that in exactly an hour the remaining eight wickets fell for 64 runs.

There is no need to go into the details of so unsuccessful a venture. Mr D Q Steel was unfortunate in playing a ball on to his wicket, but this was the only piece of bad luck which could be urged in excuse for the collapse. Eight wickets were down before the score had reached 100, and though Watson and Pilling stayed for some little time together, the total only amounted to 118. Mr Spofforth and Mr Palmer were unchanged. The former took six wickets . . . Yesterday was Mr Spofforth's first day of success during the present tour.

A minority of 141 compelled Lancashire to "follow on," and gloomy indeed was the prospect when, with the score at 10, Mr Hornby lost his wicket in attempting to drive Spofforth. A single innings defeat seemed not improbable, but on Mr A G Steel joining Barlow the batting underwent a great improvement. At luncheon the total was 20, and on play being resumed runs came at a fairly rapid rate. Two or three changes of bowling were tried, Mr Giffen replacing Mr Palmer, Mr Boyle taking the ball from Mr Spofforth, and afterwards Mr Palmer resuming for Mr Boyle. Mr Steel might have been stumped, and also gave a hard chance of being caught and bowled; but, these blemishes apart, his batting was admirable. Gradually the score rose to 98, and then, unluckily for Lancashire, Mr Steel was run out. Included in his 50 were three fours, two threes and six twos. Mr D Q Steel, who came in on his brother's downfall, hit up 19 in rapid and vigorous style before being caught at long-off, the third wicket falling at 117.

Barlow, who was playing with even more than his ordinary care and patience, next had Mr Boyle for a partner, and the single-innings defeat had just been saved when rain stopped play for half an hour. By rapid hitting the score was advanced to 162, and then an easy catch by the bowler got rid of Mr Royle. Robinson was soon bowled, five wickets being down for 168. Briggs, the next comer, played freely and was missed by Mr Horan at square-leg from a lofty hit. Profiting by this mistake, he went on scoring till at 195 Mr Spofforth dismissed him. Mr Lancashire fell to the same bowler without getting a run; but Watson stayed with Barlow, and at the call of time the score was 213, Lancashire thus having an advantage of 72 runs with three wickets still to fall. Every credit is due to Barlow for his masterly defence.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 June, page 12)

In the presence of some 7,000 people the match between the Australians and Lancashire at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, was on Saturday brought to a conclusion. Rain caused a considerable delay, but at a quarter past 5 victory was declared in favour of the Colonial Eleven by four wickets.

When Lancashire's first innings ended on Friday for 118 a far more decisive result seemed probable, but the County men afterwards played with such determined that at the finish they were entitled to almost as much credit

as their conquerors. It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Friday the Australians had played a first innings of 259 and that Lancashire had scored 118, and, with seven wickets down, 213. The County, with three wickets to fall, had thus an advantage of 72 runs.

Barlow (not out, 55) and Watson (not out, 14) resumed their places at 12 o'clock, but added only four before the latter lost his wicket through a misjudged run. Pilling then went in and hit with vigour and success. Most of the runs were made by him, Barlow maintaining an impregnable defence. Two changes in the Colonial bowling were resorted to, and the score had reached 256 when Pilling returned for 27 - a good and most serviceable innings. Crossland made nine before being dismissed by a catch at mid-off, the total of the innings being 269.

Barlow, who went in first on Friday with Mr Hornby, remained unmastered to the end. Messrs Spofforth, Palmer, Boyle and Giffen did their best against him, but to no purpose. No chance did he give to the fieldsmen, his play from first to last being without a fault. The figures of this notable display will be read with interest. They were four fours, six threes, seven twos and 18 singles. A sum of nearly £15 was subscribed for him in the Pavilion. Of the Australian bowlers, Mr Spofforth alone had any special success . . . He took six wickets, but at a cost of 109 runs . . . Mr Giffen was severely punished . . .

After considerable time had been lost through rain, the Australians at a quarter to 3 went in to get 129 runs. The task was begun by Bannerman and Mr Massie. The last-named brilliant and dangerous batsman had an early escape at slip, or the result of the match might have been closer than it eventually proved. Following the mistake an obstinate resistance was offered to the well-varied bowling of Lancashire, and when a smart catch at deep slip got rid of Mr Massie the score stood at 46. Bannerman was out at 57, and then, in a very bad light, Messrs Murdoch and Horan put on 18 runs.

At 85 Mr Horan was out leg before wicket, and two other disasters for the Australians soon followed. At 89 Mr M'Donnell played a ball on to his wicket, and at 97 Mr Murdoch was caught at slip. Thirty-two runs were now wanted, and, despite good bowling and very fine fielding, the number was obtained for the loss of only one other wicket. Mr Blackham's steadiness and judgment averted all chance of panic or breakdown. Thus ended a very interesting and excellent game . . .

1 June: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2559.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 2 June, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 June, page 12)

At the close of the first day's play in this match, begun on Thursday at Kennington-oval, Surrey had made 226 for a completed innings, while Middlesex had lost six wickets for 130. Yesterday, in somewhat gloomy weather, the game was continued before a small muster of spectators. The four outstanding wickets of the visitors were captured for an addition of 17 runs, so that they just managed to prevent following on by a single. Five bowlers were tried . . .

With a balance of 79 runs in their favour, Surrey went in a second time. Both Messrs Shuter and Lucas played the ball on to their wicket. Mr W Read showed good form with the bat, although he received a rather severe blow on the knee. He was ultimately run out. His chief hits included 11 fours and eight twos. Mr Powell also played well prior to being taken at mid-on; his principal items were four fours, four threes and six twos. The innings eventually closed for 202. In the double innings Burton took nine wickets . . .

Middlesex, requiring 282 to win, started a second venture . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 June, page 12)

On Saturday, at Kennington-oval, Middlesex offered a stern resistance to the attacks of their opponents. On the previous evening they had started their second venture with 282 to win, and of this number 23 had been gained at the cost of a wicket.

At noon Mr Scott and Mr A J Webbe, the not-outs, were again opposed by Jones and Barratt. Rain fell heavily soon after the start and caused a delay of nearly half an hour. The score having reached 44, Abel supplanted Barratt, but the change did not have the slightest effect on the batsmen, and at 61 Mr Lucas relieved Jones. Still runs came, and the original bowlers were again tried, while subsequently Mr Read was put on with lobs in lieu of Barratt. Three figures were hoisted just before half-past 1 o'clock. Jones now crossed over and Barratt came on again. With the total at 120, Mr Webbe was taken at cover-point, having batted well for 66, which included five fours, seven threes and five twos.

Middlesex now required 182 runs to win, and had still eight wickets with which to get them. Mr Pearson, Mr Ridley and Mr Robson batted well for some time, and when half the wickets were down there were only 77 runs wanting for victory. Mr Scott continued to hit freely, until at length he fell to the dexterity of the wicket-keeper. His innings, although not chanceless, was a fine display of batting, and comprised 12 fours, three threes, 14 twos &c. Seven for 254. The three remaining wickets added but a couple of runs. Total, 256; time, 5.25. Five bowlers had been engaged - Barratt claimed six wickets . . . From the full score attached it will be gathered that Surrey were victorious by 23 runs.

1 June: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2560.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 2 June, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 June, page 12)

At Huddersfield yesterday Yorkshire beat Derbyshire by eight wickets. The play throughout the day was very moderate, the bowling of Bates and Hill alone calling for any remark. In Derbyshire's second innings Bates obtained six wickets for 31 runs – an excellent performance; while Hill took three for 20.

Yorkshire, who last night had scored 131 for the loss of only two wickets, increased their total to 207. Derbyshire were soon dismissed for 64, and the home side required but 16 to win. This number, however, was not obtained without the loss of two of their best wickets – Ulyett and Bates.

5 June: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2561.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 June, page 10)

The first appearance of the "county of the Graces" on a metropolitan ground was made yesterday at Lord's. Mr Strachan, a brilliant fieldsman, who played some time for Surrey, on account of residence, appeared in the Gloucestershire ranks, having been born in that county.

Middlesex were successful in the toss, and soon after noon sent in Messrs Walker and Webbe. Dr W G Grace and Midwinter were entrusted with the attack. Neither of the batsmen named offered any resistance worthy of note to the bowling. The Middlesex captain was taken at slip and Mr Webbe obstructed his wicket. Mr Leslie and Mr G B Studd were together; but at 32 the former fell to the wicket-keeper. Mr C T Studd came to the aid of his brother, and, in spite of variations in the attack, the score had travelled to 88 before the new arrival was taken at point.

Mr Pearson joined Mr G B Studd and the bowling was most liberally treated. The "100" was signalled at 1.45. The batsmen remained together until luncheon, and it was not until 156 was reached that Mr Pearson was clean bowled. Mr C T Studd continued to bat with great ability, and except for a possible chance at slip his innings was faultless. He ultimately cut the ball into the hands of point. His chief hits were 12 fours, three threes and nine twos. The last two wickets added only 21 runs. Total 213. Four bowlers were engaged - Dr W G Grace claimed six wickets . . .

The Gloucestershire batting needs little description. With the exception of Mr Vizard, the last man out, none of them did much, and the innings closed for 86. Mr Ford and Burton bowled throughout . . . Burton obtained six wickets . . . In the minority to the extent of 127 runs, Gloucestershire followed on . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 June, page 8)

The close of the first day's play at Lord's between these counties left Gloucestershire in an almost hopeless plight. They had then followed on with a deficiency of 127 runs, 34 of which were made up without loss of wicket. Yesterday the downpour of rain prevented a start being made until 3.45. Dr E M Grace and Mr Vizard then opposed Mr Ford and Burton.

The first-named batsman should have been taken in the long field, but did not profit much by his escape, as at 40 he fell to the wicket-keeper. Mr Gilbert treated Mr Ford's bowling in a most liberal manner, sending two balls to square-leg for four. Mr C T Studd then came on, but he also was hit with remarkable freedom, a dozen runs being made from three successive balls. With the total at 77, Mr Gilbert was taken at mid-off, and without a run being added Mr Vizard played under a ball which was secured by slip. Dr W G Grace and Midwinter infused some life into the game and rattled together 47 runs before the Gloucestershire captain fell a victim to venturesomeness, his companion never attempting to move out of his ground. Four for 124. The remaining six wickets only added 11 runs, four of them collapsing at the same figure - viz., 135. Four bowlers were engaged. Mr C T Studd claimed seven wickets . . .

Middlesex now required only nine runs to win, which were obtained without mishap, and they were consequently victors by 10 wickets.

5 June: SUSSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2562.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 June, page 10)

At the Hove Ground, Brighton, yesterday, Messrs Shuker and L C Docker batted very finely for Derbyshire, against the home county. The visitors won the toss, and, of course, batted first.

Captain Johnstone, who went in with Mr Shuker, was bowled at 42, and Mr Docker came in. Both batsmen hit grandly and put on 109 before Mr Docker was caught at the wicket for an admirable 60, in which were six fours, three threes and four twos. Mr Shuker batted freely, but was somewhat lucky. His invaluable score contained ten fours, three threes and six twos. The innings realized 283, made from the following bowling: -
Lillywhite . . 5 wickets . . .

When Sussex went in Mr Greenfield was quickly out . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 June, page 8)

Play was not resumed at Brighton yesterday until 25 minutes past 1. Mr Trevor, not out, 15, and Charlwood, not out, five, faced the bowling of Mycroft and Platts. Runs at once came freely, and as no separation could be effected, Cropper superseded Platts at 71. Just afterwards Charlwood was badly hit by a ball from Mycroft and had to retire. J Phillips came in, and at luncheon the record was 93 for two wickets.

During the adjournment rain fell sharply and delayed play until 3.30. on resuming J Phillips was caught at slip at 103, and H Phillips, who followed, was almost immediately run out. Charlwood continued his batting, but was quickly dismissed, and Humphreys was caught at short leg. Mr Trevor, who had played a splendid innings of 61, in which were six fours, three threes and five twos, was then given out leg before to Platts, and seven wickets were down for 133. The remainder of the innings, which closed at 4.35, was only remarkable for the useful batting of Messrs Smith and Tester - the latter carrying out his bat for 18. Mycroft obtained four wickets . . .

At 6 o'clock the home county, being 101 in arrear, followed on, Messrs Ellis and Greenfield facing the bowling of Mycroft and Platts. Mr Trevor came in, and with Mr Ellis completely mastered the Derbyshire bowling. Several changes were tried before Mr Ellis was caught at the wicket for an invaluable 29. Two for 81. Tester followed, but was out in precisely the same manner, and just afterwards Mr Trevor, who had hit brilliantly, was caught at mid-off for another fine innings. His chief hits were 12 fours, a three and a two. At the drawing of stumps Sussex had lost five wickets and were only ten runs on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 June, page 12)

Yesterday, at Brighton, the home counties, after having to follow their innings, set Derbyshire 122 to win, and this number the visitors failed to get by three runs. Sussex thus won, after a most exciting finish. Both

teams fielded at times badly and several easy chances were missed; but the Sussex men played up very pluckily and thoroughly deserved their success.

When play was resumed, Sussex with five wickets down for 111 (only ten runs on) continued their second innings shortly after noon. The not-outs, James Phillips (10) and Juniper (5) were opposed by Mycroft and Platts. Both batsmen at once commenced to hit freely, Juniper hitting Platts twice for 4. The last-named batsman, however, was twice missed in the field before he was bowled for a lucky but extremely useful 22.

Charlwood came in, and again the score rose rapidly before Phillips was dismissed at 167. Charlwood was then caught at the wicket, and Mr Smith and Humphreys came together. The amateur was caught by the wicket-keeper at 185, and Lillywhite joining Humphreys proved extremely troublesome before the last wicket fell at 222 - 37 having been put on since the previous batsman left. Mycroft took five wickets . . .

Wanting 122 to win, Derbyshire were first represented by Mr Shuker and Captain Johnstone to the bowling of Lillywhite and Juniper. Mr Shuker was bowled at 13, but on Mr L Docker coming in the home county's bowling was for a time mastered. Mr Docker was twice missed at mid-off by Mr Trevor, and after these escapes he hit very freely before Juniper bowled him at 66. Mr Smith followed, but was quickly dismissed. Foster joined Captain Johnstone, who was missed twice in one over by Humphreys at slip and Mr Trevor at mid-off. Foster, who had not scored, was then caught at point. Cropper followed, but lost Captain Johnstone, who was very finely taken at point, and five wickets were down for 93.

With five batsmen to go in and only 29 wanted to win, the game looked a certainty for Derbyshire; but a sudden and complete change ensued. Platts was bowled at 99 and Mr D Docker partnered Cropper. The amateur, after being nearly run out, escaped only to retire caught at the wicket, with the addition of two runs. Disney was then smartly stumped, and directly afterwards Hall was caught in the slips. Nine for 106. Mycroft, the last man, was easily missed at point, but soon afterwards was caught at mid-on, and a most exciting match terminated at 5 o'clock in a win for the home county by three runs. Juniper took seven wickets . . .

5 June: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2563.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 June, page 10)

Rain fell very heavily at Bradford yesterday morning, and made the ground so bad that cricket was out of the question. Early in the afternoon it was decided by the captains to abandon all idea of playing till this morning.

Messrs Horan and Garrett will stand out of the Australian team. Mr Horan has a bad hand and Mr Garrett's heel is not yet sufficiently well to justify his playing cricket. Yorkshire will be represented by Ulyett, Emmett, E Lockwood, Bates, Peate, Hall, Hill, Whatmough, Hunter, Grimshaw and F Lee or Mr Sidgwick.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 June, page 8)

Though it might have been feared that Monday's rain would to a large extent have destroyed the interest in the match between Yorkshire and the Australians, the Bradford ground was yesterday visited by 8,000 people. Two or three light showers fell during the afternoon, play being more than once interrupted, but on the whole the weather gave no serious cause of complaint. Considering how much rain had fallen on the previous day, the wicket, though of course rather slow, played remarkably well.

The game commenced at half-past 12, the Australians, who had won the toss, very naturally choosing to go in first. Bannerman and Mr Massie were the first pair of batsmen, Peate and Bates being opposed to them. According to his custom, Mr Massie scored fast, but when he had made 14 his innings, fortunately for Yorkshire, was closed by a catch at the wicket. Mr Murdoch and Bannerman had to play some very good bowling, and as no wicket fell, Peate and Bates changed ends. Bannerman was then bowled by Bates, and the next three batsmen did not make a run between them. Mr M'Donnell was caught at mid-off from a very tame hit; Mr Giffen was caught at mid-on, and Mr Blackham was bowled.

Five wickets for 30 runs was the very unsatisfactory state of the score when Mr Jones joined Mr Murdoch. The latter was playing with all the care, patience and judgment which have made him famous. By slow degrees the score reached 54, and then, unluckily, Mr Jones lost his wicket, through a misjudged run. Mr Bonnor was Mr Murdoch's next partner, and Bates and Peate gave way to Ulyett and Emmett. From the last named bowler Mr Murdoch was well caught at point, his fine innings of 41 including a four, six threes and three twos. Mr Palmer was out, leg before wicket, without scoring, and at lunch time the score was 83 for eight wickets.

Messrs Bonnor and Boyle scored rapidly when the game was resumed, and caused Bates to go on again in place of Ulyett. This change got rid of Mr Bonnor - bowled off his leg for a very good innings of 29. Mr Spofforth, the last man, ought to have been stumped and caught at long-off. Profiting from these mistakes, he stayed in for some time and helped Mr Boyle to raise the score to 128. In the end he was dismissed by a fine catch at long-on. Five bowlers were tried for Yorkshire . . .

Yorkshire's innings began very badly, Ulyett being bowled off his pads by the first ball. Mr Sedgwick and Bates then offered a determined resistance

to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Bates hit with considerable freedom and power. A shower stopped play for ten minutes, and on the game being continued Mr Spofforth changed ends and Mr Boyle went on. The change was effective, Bates being caught at long-on. Mr Sedgwick was caught at the wicket at 43 and at 58 Hall was bowled. Lockwood and Emmett stayed together, the former's batting, like Mr Murdoch's in the early part of the day, being of the highest class. Two changes were tried without success and at the call of time Yorkshire's score was exactly 100, with only four wickets down.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 June, page 12)

A draw was the unsatisfactory result yesterday of the match at Bradford between Yorkshire and the Australians. At the conclusion of play the county had seven wickets to fall and wanted 88 runs before victory could be claimed. In estimating the probabilities of the result, had time permitted the game to be finished, it must not be forgotten that Ulyett and Bates were out.

The effect on the wicket of Monday's rain will account for the small scoring. The not-outs, Lockwood and Emmett, continued the Yorkshire innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. With the addition of nine runs to the overnight total, Emmett was caught in the slips. Grimshaw followed in and made the next four runs before he was bowled. These misfortunes were speedily followed by others. Watmough scored a single only and was bowled, and Hill, before he had scored, was caught at point. Eight wickets for 114.

Peate was missed in the slips directly he came in, and profiting by his escape he gave considerable trouble before he lost the aid of Lockwood. The latter had played magnificently - his 66 was made absolutely without a mistake, and contained five fours, a three and 12 twos. After he left Peate was quickly dismissed, and the innings terminated for 146, or 18 runs on. Mr Boyle obtained five wickets . . Mr Spofforth took five wickets . .

After the usual interval, Messrs Bannerman and Massie were opposed by Bates and Peate. Mr Massie was taken at point, without troubling the scorers, and Mr Murdoch came in. Both batsmen played very carefully, and as no separation could be effected, Lockwood relieved Bates, and was in turn superseded by Ulyett. At the luncheon interval the score was 29 for one wicket.

On continuing, Mr Bannerman was taken at slip, and Mr Boyle, after making five, was secured at long-off. Mr Giffen was stumped and Mr M'Donnell was magnificently caught in the long-field. With five wickets down Mr Bonnor joined the Australian captain, and runs came rapidly. At length Mr Murdoch was out leg-before-wicket and Mr Bonnor caught at long off. The former had played a very fine innings, but Mr Bonnor, who hit hard, was extremely lucky. Included in his score were three splendid drives for six each.

Mr Jones was run out, and with the total at 111, Mr Blackham was caught at slip at the second attempt. The last wicket gave a great deal of trouble, a chance of catching Mr Spofforth at mid-off being unfortunately declined by Emmett. Taking advantage of his good fortune, Mr Spofforth drove Peate over the ring for four, and the total was up to 135 when a ball from Bates broke through Mr Palmer's defence. The innings ended at 25 minutes after 5. Peate obtained five wickets . . .

Yorkshire had 118 runs to get to win, but as no time remained to finish the match the interest very naturally declined. The county team had three quarters of an hour's batting and lost three wickets for 30 runs. Mr Spofforth bowled with his old remarkable effectiveness, completely beating both Ulyett and Bates . . .

8 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2566.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 10)

Dull weather prevailed at Nottingham yesterday, and a slow wicket made run-getting a matter of considerable difficulty. In the course of the day 12 wickets fell for 183 runs.

The Australians, who won the toss and went in first, lost five wickets for 35, but the plucky play of Messrs Blackham, Murdoch and Palmer saved the side from disaster. Mr Blackham's innings of 56 was not entirely devoid of luck, but it was a sterling display of cricket. It will be noticed that Shrewsbury's name again appears in the Nottingham Eleven, so it may be presumed that the notorious dispute of last season is now finally at an end.

The Australians, with the choice of innings, sent in Bannerman and Mr Massie to oppose the bowling of Morley and Shaw at 0 minutes after 12. Mr Massie rapidly made 11 out of 15 runs scored, and was then run out. Mr Murdoch followed in and the score rose slowly. Both bowlers were bowling well, and the county fielding was very close and good. Just before 1 o'clock rain stopped play and the game was not resumed for 25 minutes.

With the record at 30, Bannerman, in attempting to hit Morley, skied the ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. Mr Giffen came in, but with the addition of a single was bowled, and Mr Bonnor was directly afterwards finely caught in the long field. Mr Jones failed to score, and five of the colonists' wickets were down for the poor total of 35. Mr Blackham then joined the Australian captain, who had been batting steadily and well. The new comer at once hit Morley to leg for four, and when the adjournment for luncheon took place the record was 42 for five wickets.

Rain fell again during the interval, and a resumption did not take place until 3 o'clock. The score was then steadily augmented, and, as a parting was not effected, Flowers took the ball from Morley at 63, and very shortly after Barnes went on for Shaw. The first-named change was quickly successful, Mr Murdoch being caught low down at mid-off for an admirable 28. Six for 70, and neither Messrs Garrett nor Boyle scored, but on Mr Palmer joining Mr Blackham another useful stand was made. No fewer than 42 were added before Mr Palmer was out "leg before." Mr Spofforth succeeded, but was bowled at a quarter past 5, and the innings closed for 142. Mr Blackham carried out his bat for an invaluable though not faultless 56, in which were four fours, six threes and four twos.

The Nottingham batsmen made a disastrous start against the bowling of Spofforth and Palmer. Scotton and Barnes were both bowled, and two wickets were down for three. Selby and Shrewsbury were then associated and played thoroughly well, and when the stumps were drawn 41 had been made for the loss of two wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 June, page 12)

Four overs were bowled in 10 minutes for 12 runs yesterday at Nottingham, and that was all the cricket that took place. Rain fell with but little

intermission all day, and, to the great disappointment of thousands of Nottingham people, play had to be postponed until to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 June, page 10)

A draw – almost inevitable after a loss of time through Friday's rain – was the disappointing result of the match between Nottingham and the Australians. Small, however, as was the hope of seeing the match end in a victory for either side, a large crowd visited the Trent-Bridge Ground on Saturday, the number being estimated at quite 10,000.

With the wicket so recently saturated by rain, long scoring was almost out of the question, but good bowling and smart fielding made the play thoroughly attractive to real lovers of the game. Nottingham's innings, in which two wickets had fallen for 43, was finished off for 110, an hour and 35 minutes being occupied in making 57 runs. The Australians lost the aid of Spofforth, who had injured his hand, but Palmer and Garrett were quite equal to the task of dismissing Nottingham on a false-playing wicket. Mr Garrett took five wickets . . .

After luncheon the Australians went in for the second time, and at starting could do little with the Nottingham bowling. Runs were made with great difficulty, and five wickets were lost in making 51 – Mr Massie, Bannerman, Mr Blackham, Mr Murdoch and Mr Giffen. Mr Murdoch played fine cricket, and was in while the score was raised from 4 to 50. Mr Bonnor and Mr Jones stayed for a long time together, the former combining with his vigorous hitting an usually steady defence. Each batsman, however, had an escape. Mr Jones ought to have been stumped and Selby only just failed to catch Mr Bonnor in the long field.

Several bowling changes had no effect, but at 93 Mr Bonnor was finely caught behind the bowler. When he left the afternoon had so far advanced that all hope of finishing the game was at an end. Mr Spofforth did not go in, and Messrs Palmer, Garrett and Jones were out in quick succession, the innings closing for 106. Though not especially well played, Mr Jones's 17 was a most serviceable score. Shaw took four wickets . . .

Nottingham had 139 runs to get to win, and before the call of time lost one wicket for 12.

8 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2565.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 10)

The first of the annual matches between Middlesex and Yorkshire began yesterday at Lord's, and was rather unfortunate in the important matter of weather. Throughout the day the sky was overcast, with a continual threatening of rain, but, as it happened, the game was not interfered with until within a few minutes of the regular time for drawing stumps. Soon after play ceased there was a heavy downfall, and it is certain that the match will have to be completed on a very treacherous wicket.

The Middlesex team differed in two instances from the side that defeated Gloucestershire in the early part of the week, Messrs C T and G B Studd giving place to Mr A W Ridley and Scott.

Yorkshire won the toss and went in first. The innings began at 10 minutes past 12 and ended at 4 o'clock. Deducting the three-quarters of an hour interval for luncheon, the time occupied in making the 151 runs was three hours and five minutes. The early play gave promise of a longer score. Ulyett and Hall put on 35 runs for the first wicket, and at luncheon only three batsmen were dismissed for 87.

Afterwards came a rapid downfall. Lockwood was out at 95, and Padgett, Emmett, Grimshaw and Brackin followed him in such quick succession that at the fall of the eighth wicket the total was only 108. Peate and Hill hit freely during their partnership and took the score from 108 to 140. Middlesex tried four bowlers . . .

Middlesex went in at 20 minutes past 4 and started with every promise of success. Messrs Walker and Webbe scored freely from Bates and Peate, and made 45 runs before the latter batsman was dismissed for 22. Mr Scott went in first wicket down and the total advanced to 70. Then a ball from Emmett proved too much for Mr Walker's defence. The 100 was reached with only two wickets down, but at 105 Mr Leslie was bowled, and after he left Middlesex met with a series of disasters. Three wickets fell at 118, and there were seven down for 125. Mr Pearson and Captain Borrowes then stayed together . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 June, page 12)

A number of heavy showers interfered seriously with yesterday's cricket at Lord's. There was only five minutes' play before luncheon, and at a quarter to 4 rain caused a delay of nearly half an hour. Then, at five-and-twenty minutes past 5, a perfect storm of rain made further progress impossible.

Overnight Middlesex had scored 143 for seven wickets, and the three remaining wickets added no fewer than 39 runs. A wet ball was to the advantage of neither bowlers nor fieldsmen. Five bowlers were tried during the innings. Emmett was the most successful, taking four wickets . . .

At Yorkshire's second attempt, Ulyett played vigorously, and, thanks to his exertions, the difference between the two sides on the first innings was

soon hit off. When the bad weather caused stumps to be drawn, the score stood at 40 for one wicket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 June, page 10)

The few persons who disregarded the threatening appearance of the weather on Saturday and went to Lord's were rewarded by seeing some remarkable and exciting cricket. On Friday afternoon, when a storm of rain caused stumps to be drawn, the score stood - Yorkshire, first innings, 151; second innings, 40 for the loss of one wicket; Middlesex, first innings, 182. Thus, with nine wickets to fall, the northern team had the advantage of only nine runs.

Lord's, as cricketers are well aware, suffers more than the majority of grounds from the effect of wet weather, and it was evident before many overs had been delivered that every advantage would rest with the bowlers. Yorkshire's innings, which had opened with at least a reasonable prospect of success, was finished off in an hour and ten minutes for an addition of only 32 runs. Lockwood and Hall alone showed any capacity to deal with the bowling of Burton and Mr Ford. Ulyett was out at 41 and Bates at 45. Hall and Lockwood then stayed together and put on 21.

With 66 runs scored and only three wickets down, Yorkshire seemed to have very little the worst of the match, but from this point followed an extraordinary collapse in the batting. Burton and Mr Ford changed ends, and with the total remaining at 66 four wickets fell. The last few batsmen did nothing to retrieve these disasters, and the innings was all over for 72. Burton and Mr Ford bowled throughout, and the former's figures are worth perusal. He delivered 30 overs and three balls (15 maidens) for 20 runs and seven wickets . . .

Middlesex had only 42 runs to win, but those who considered the task a light one did not reckon upon the extreme difficulty of the ground or the excellence of the Yorkshire bowling. So hard was the work of making runs and so rapid the downfall of Middlesex wickets that more than once the result of the match seemed very doubtful. Peate and Bates were the bowlers, and during the innings they twice changed ends, but no one else was tried. Mr Webbe was bowled at 5; Mr Robson was splendidly caught at long-on at 6, and at 19 Mr Walker played a ball on to his wicket; Mr Scott was out by another catch at the wicket. Four wickets for 19 was a bad beginning, and matters looked even less favourable when, at 25, Mr Leslie was finely caught at cover-point.

Now that a chance of winning presented itself, the Yorkshiremen played with wonderful energy, and the match became very exciting. Mr Pearson and Mr Ridley showed great resolution at the critical time and took the score up to 36. Then Mr Ridley was bowled, and with one run added Mr Robertson also was bowled. Five runs were wanted, with three wickets to fall, when Mr Ford joined Mr Pearson. A chance of stumping the former gentleman was allowed to slip, and he immediately made a drive for four, thus winning a capital match for Middlesex by three wickets. The Yorkshiremen, though beaten at the finish, received and deserved very warm congratulations . . .

8 June: LANCASHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2564.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 10)

The champion county of last year met Somersetshire yesterday, at Manchester, for the first time. It will be remembered that among the next fixtures arranged for this season were the two matches between Lancashire and Somersetshire. The latter county has steadily advanced during the last few years, though, of course, Lancashire, with far from their best eleven, were considerably stronger in all points of the game.

The northern county won the toss and remained at the wickets until 5.30, when rain stopped play for the day, their score then being 231 for the loss of eight wickets. Pilling, the Lancashire wicket keeper, played good cricket, and his 78 was decidedly the feature of the day's play. One hundred and forty-six runs were put on while he was at the wickets. Barlow played with his usual steadiness for 40 . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 June, page 12)

So heavy was the fall of rain yesterday at Manchester that it was impossible to continue this match. Weather permitting, play will be resumed this morning. On Thursday Lancashire scored 231 for eight wickets.

Day 3 (scorecard but no report from Monday 12 June, page 10)

8 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2567.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 10)

There was a fairly large attendance at the Oval yesterday to witness the commencement of this match. Gloucestershire, who were well represented, won the toss and sent in the brothers Grace; Jones and Barratt were intrusted with the attack.

In the fifth over Dr W G Grace scored two fours by a leg-hit and an on-drive, but with the total at 16 Dr E M Grace failed to stop a ball of Barratt's. Mr Gilbert made his appearance, and Jones gave up the ball to Read. Runs came slowly but surely, and at 47 Mr Lucas displaced Read. Both batsmen drove him for four, but for some time afterwards the fielding were so good that runs were obtained at a very tardy pace. Read came on to bowl again, but the batsmen were not separated when luncheon was announced, the total then standing at 74.

Mr Lucas and Barratt had charge of the attack after the interval. Mr Gilbert batted vigorously for a few overs, but was at last taken in hitting round to leg. Mr Vizard was disposed of through a very accurate throw in by Mr Shuter. Midwinter arrived, and at 3.15 the "100" was signalled. Dr W G Grace soon afterwards hit a ball up, which the bowler secured. Among his hits were a five (square leg), five fours, two threes and five twos. Midwinter saw the downfall of the remainder of his side, and then remained unconquered. His chief contributions were six fours, two threes and 12 twos. Total 255. Six bowlers were engaged. Barratt claimed four wickets . . .

Two overs were bowled by Gloucestershire . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 June, page 12)

Little headway was made in the match between these counties at the Oval yesterday, and play was abandoned before the usual time. The game will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock.

Day 3 (scorecard but no report from Monday 12 June, page 10)

12 June: DERBYSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2568.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 June, page 12)

There was a large attendance at Derby yesterday to see the Australians play, but the match is, of course, far from an interesting feature of the Colonists' tour. Derbyshire only last week suffered defeat at the hands of Sussex, so it was in the highest degree unlikely that the County would make any stand against such exceedingly powerful opponents as the Australians. It is well, however, that our visitors should have an easy match now and then. To play day after day against Elevens of their own strength would be obviously too severe a strain.

Yesterday's cricket was remarkable for the very fine bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer and the astonishingly brilliant hitting of Mr Massie, who scored 66 runs in less than an hour. The home county, with the choice of innings, sent in Mr Sugden and Captain Johnstone to face the bowling of Spofforth and Palmer. Steadily the score was hit to 12, when Mr Sugden was bowled and Mr Docker, who followed, was dismissed with the addition of a single only. Mr Smith joined Captain Johnstone, who, however, was directly afterwards bowled, and three wickets were down for 15 runs.

Mr Maynard came in, but more misfortunes fell in quick succession. The Cantab was sent back at 22 and Cropper joined the Derbyshire captain. Mr Smith hit Palmer twice for three, but was bowled at 35, and Cropper was dismissed in a similar manner five runs later. Six wickets were down for 40 runs, when Platts and Hay became associated. By their steady batting they gradually improved the prospects of their side. At luncheon the total was 63 for six wickets.

On resuming Hay quickly added 12 to his previous score and was then bowled. Seven for 75. Platts continued to bat remarkably well, but could get no one to stop with him, the innings closing at 10 minutes to 4 for 106. Platts carried out his bat for an invaluable 33. Spofforth and Palmer bowled throughout the innings, the former taking five wickets . . . and Palmer obtaining five . . .

After the usual interval Messrs Bannerman and Massie commenced the Australian batting, being opposed by Mycroft and Platts. The batsmen at once hit freely and at 26 Hay took the ball from Platts. Five runs later the bowlers changed ends. No separation, however, was effected, Mr Massie hitting most brilliantly. At 63 Cropper was tried in place of Mycroft, and Mr Evans took the ball only to give place in turn to Mr Docker. This at last had the desired effect, as Mr Massie was clean bowled at 83. Included in the retiring batsman's dashing innings were eight fours, four threes and six twos.

Mr Murdoch came in and the scoring proceeded at a much slower rate until Mr Bannerman was smartly caught at the wicket at 109. Mr Jones joined his captain and the pair played out time, the record at the drawing of stumps standing at 122 for two wickets.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 June, page 10)

Yesterday's cricket at Derby was stopped by rain at 20 minutes to 4, but such play as was practicable showed even more clearly than on Monday the immense disparity between the two teams. The Derbyshire bowlers worked hard and undoubtedly did their best, but a very small measure of success fell to them, and they received most indifferent support from the fieldsmen. Overnight the score stood - Derbyshire first innings, 106; Australians, first innings, with only two wickets down, 122.

Ten minutes past 12 was the time of continuing play. Messrs Murdoch and Jones, the not-outs, went on with the Colonists' innings, and by good, steady batting defied several changes of bowling and carried the score to 164. At this total three wickets fell. Mr Jones was out leg before wicket, Mr Bonnor was bowled and Mr Murdoch was caught and bowled. The Australian captain had made 46 in the correct, finished and scientific style which is peculiarly his own. Included in his innings were four fours, two threes and four twos. From the fall of the fifth wicket till the time that rain caused stumps to be drawn, Messrs Blackham and Giffen were more than equal to all changes in the Derbyshire bowling.

At the luncheon interval the score was 228, the fielding having been very indifferent. Rain delayed the resumption of play till a quarter-past 3, and on a fresh start being made Mr Blackham had two escapes - the first at the wicket and the second at slip. The total had reached 258 when the bad weather rendered further cricket for the day impossible.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 June, page 12)

The ninth match of the Australian tour came to an end yesterday at Derby; the Colonists winning in one innings with 109 runs to spare. This was the Australians' fifth victory, as they had already beaten Oxford University, Sussex, Surrey and Lancashire. They have only been beaten by Cambridge University. The contests with Yorkshire and Nottingham were drawn owing to rain, and the Orleans Club match could not be played out in the two days allotted to it. The position of the game on Tuesday night at Derby was - Derbyshire, first innings, 106; Australians, first innings, 258 for five wickets.

Yesterday the not-outs - Mr Blackham, 48; and Mr Giffen, 44 - resumed their innings on a soft, slow wicket in wretchedly dull, cheerless weather, and in the presence of a small number of spectators. Mr Evens and Mycroft were the Derbyshire bowlers, and when only four runs had been added the amateur bowled Mr Blackham for a very freely hit innings of 52, in which were three fours, six threes and seven twos. Mr Blackham had some escapes, but he and Mr Giffen had added 98 runs to the total during their partnership. Four more runs were made, and then Mr Giffen was also bowled. His excellent 47 comprised a four, six threes and seven twos. Mr Garrett was easily caught and bowled by Mr Evans at 267, Mr Boyle was caught at third man, and Mr Spofforth played a ball into his wicket, the innings closing at five minutes past 1 for 292, or 186 runs to the good . . .

Platts and Mr Sugden began the second innings of the county at 25 minutes past 1. Messrs Boyle and Garrett were the bowlers. The first pair of batsmen were soon out to Mr Boyle's bowling, but on Mr Maynard becoming Mr Docker's partner, a few runs were made, and the total at the adjournment for luncheon was 26 for two wickets.

Soon after the resumption of the game Mr Docker, in attempting to hit Mr Boyle to leg, was caught at slip by Mr Massie. Mr Spofforth now went on to

bowl in place of Mr Garrett, and immediately began to take wickets. He bowled Mr Smith at 43, and though Mr Maynard and Cropper stayed in for a little while, he bowled the former at 64, for a careful 18. Captain Johnstone was bowled first ball. Mr Palmer bowled in place of Mr Boyle at 72, and one run later Cropper was caught by Mr Giffen at mid-on. Mr Evans and Disney did but little, and Hay was caught at the same place as Cropper. This finished the innings and the match, at 25 minutes after 4, the Australians winning in a single innings by 109 runs.

The fielding of the Colonists was smart and good, and presented a most favourable contrast to that of the County Eleven. The bowling, too, was excellent, especially that of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer . . . The result of the contest will not cause any surprise, as Derbyshire were overmatched.

12 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2570.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 June, page 12)

Within a few minutes of noon the match between these counties opened yesterday at Lord's. The visitors having been successful in the toss elected to bat. Burton and Clarke took charge of the attack against Oscroft and Gunn.

Both these batsmen returned the ball. Barnes and Selby came in, and the former hit with his usual vigour. During their partnership no fewer than 58 runs were put on before a ball of Ford's found its way to Selby's wicket. Barnes succumbed to the 1- and Shrewsbury to cover-point. Scotton played a really fine innings, as did Flowers, and it was not until 210 had been totalled that the last wicket fell. Five bowlers were engaged. Burton claimed half the wickets . . .

The wicket now played treacherously. Two of the Middlesex batsmen went for nothing, the third added a single, and the entire innings collapsed for a most inadequate number considering the batsmen engaged. Morley claimed six wickets . . . Stumps were now drawn, and Middlesex will have to follow on to-day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 June, page 10)

No particular interest attached to yesterday's cricket at Lord's, the state of the score on Monday evening having left no room for doubt as to the ultimate result of the game. The Middlesex Eleven had to follow their innings against a balance of 178 runs, and in the absence of one batsman they just failed to reach the required number, Nottingham winning the match by an innings and a run.

Still, some capital play was shown, 177 being more than a creditable total, considering that five wickets fell for 64 runs. Mr Pearson played with the energy and determination which always characterize his batting. He went in with the score at 44 and remained till it had reached 171. Valuable support was accorded him by Mr Ford and Burton, the latter revealing almost unsuspected powers of hitting. It was a matter for regret that such good cricket failed to avert the single innings defeat. Five bowlers were tried for Nottingham. Shaw . . five wickets . . .

12 June: LANCASHIRE v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2569.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 June, page 12)

At Manchester yesterday 21 wickets fell for only 174 runs. The champion county of last year were out for 90, and then the famous Cambridge team, with the prestige of their victory over the Australians fresh upon them, were all out for 31. Mr C T Studd took eight Lancashire wickets . . .

When the University went in to bat there was an extraordinary collapse, the seven best batsmen on their side being out for only nine runs. The tail of the 11 improved matters a little, but the total was even then 59 behind the county's poor score. Barlow . . took five wickets . . Lancashire went in again and left off with 112 runs to the good and nine wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 June, page 10)

Very little progress was made at Manchester yesterday in the match which began on the previous day. Three wickets fell in Lancashire's second innings in a quarter of an hour for eight runs, and this was all that was done. These wickets were all taken by Mr Wright, the young Cambridge wicketkeeper. Should the rain cease and the wicket be fit, the match will be continued to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 June, page 12)

Heavy rain all Tuesday night rendered the wicket at the Manchester County Ground quite unfit for cricket yesterday. The match between Lancashire and Cambridge University thus ended in a draw, the totals being - Lancashire, first innings, 90; second innings (for four wickets), 61. Cambridge University, first innings, 31.

12 June: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2571.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 June, page 12)

In showery, unsettled weather and on a soft wicket, the first day's play in the Yorkshire and Kent match took place yesterday at Sheffield. Several thousands spectators were on the ground.

The only feature of the Kent innings was the stand made by Lord Harris and George Hearne. The former's admirable 62 included a four, five threes and eight twos. The other Kentish batsmen were useless, Peate and Bates doing as they liked with them. Peate's seven wickets only cost 31 runs . . .

Ulyett hit in his most brilliant style when Yorkshire went in to bat. His first 50 runs only occupied half an hour. He was missed at slip just before he got out. Ulyett's 63 consisted of three fours, ten threes, five twos and 11 singles.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 June, page 10)

Kent yesterday suffered defeat at the hands of Yorkshire. The match was all in favour of the Northern county on Monday, while yesterday at Sheffield the bowling of Bates and Peate converted that advantage into victory. Yorkshire finished their first innings for 172 . . .

Kent's second innings only occupied 70 minutes and was over for 39 runs. Bates bowled extremely well, his six wickets being taken in 18 overs and three balls (12 maidens) for only 12 runs . . . The appended score will show that Yorkshire won the match in one innings, with 20 runs to spare.

15 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2573.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 June, page 10)

A moderately interesting day's cricket was witnessed yesterday at Lord's Ground, when Nottingham, playing without Scotton, Flowers and Gunn, met a poor M.C.C. eleven. The best bat on the side of the club was bowled without scoring; the next best, himself a Nottingham man, scored 52. The ground was so slow that the whole day was occupied in scoring 207 runs. All the importance of the match was destroyed by the weakness of the team opposed to Nottinghamshire.

The county [error] went in first and were very nearly four hours at the wickets for 136. The scoring was uniformly slow – at a little over 30 an hour. Shaw bowled remarkably; he was on for 29 overs (26 maidens) for three singles; and altogether his 40 overs (35 maidens) were bowled for seven runs and no wicket. Morley, for some reason, was not put on until five other bowlers had been tried, and then he took five wickets for 25 runs. Wright bowled his two wickets early . . .

Morley threw Mr Booth out brilliantly from square leg, and Shaw caught Hearn prettily at slip. Mr Speed played with great care and was in for a long time with Scotton, whose batting was admirable throughout, and whose innings included five fours, six threes and four twos.

When the county went in, Fothergill's bowling was very good, and no one did anything except the veteran Oscroft, who was decidedly lucky, but who hit hard and made runs when they were wanted.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 June, page 12)

By far the most exciting termination to a cricket match that has been witnessed this season was that of the Nottinghamshire and M.C.C. and Ground contest at Lord's yesterday. Until the last hour or two there was not the least interest in the game, indeed, so ordinary a match did it appear to be that at no time did the attendance number 500 people.

The turning-point of the game was in the second innings of Nottingham. The county had gone in to get 164 runs, but so poor was the batting that seven wickets were down for 54 runs, and it appeared as though the M.C.C. would obtain an easy victory. Mills, who in this match played for his county for the first time this season, then joined Barnes, and a marvellous change came over the game. Mills at once began to hit out in dashing style, and runs were scored at a great pace, boundary hits being frequent. Rylott, Woof and Fothergill alternatively endeavoured to separate the batsmen, but without success until no fewer than 99 runs had been added. Mills, who played a wonderfully hard-hit innings of 59, with one chance, was then bowled. His chief contributions were a 5, five 4's, three 3's and nine 2's.

Eleven runs were still wanted when Sherwin joined Barnes, but in his anxiety to make runs the former lost his wicket. With five runs to get and one wicket to fall, Morley came in, the game being watched with intense excitement by every one on the ground. Each batsman contributed a single, and then, amid great cheering, Morley drove Rylott to the off for 3, the

winning hit being made a few minutes before 8 o'clock. Barnes carried out his bat for a magnificent innings of 66, in which were a 5, five 4's, four 3's and three 2's. He played with splendid nerve and hit with excellent judgment, only giving one chance - a hard one to mid-off.

Compared with the finish, the rest of the game seems of little account. Overnight the M.C.C. were all out for 136, and the county had lost five wickets for 71 runs. Oscroft added eight runs to his score, being then caught at long-off for 57, in which were a 5, seven 3's and ten 2's. The remainder of the innings was only noticeable for the hard hitting of Sherwin and Mills, who together added 30 runs for the ninth wicket.

In the second innings of the Club there was some admirable cricket by Mr Leslie and Scotton, who got together when the score was 14 and increased it to 78. Later on Hearn and Fothergill hit well and the total reached 144.

15 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2574.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 June, page 10)

The annual match between the county of Surrey and Cambridge University opened yesterday on Kennington-oval. The Light Blues were successful in the toss and took possession of the wickets. Their innings fell short of expectation.

It is rather noteworthy that the Messrs Studd should have fared so badly on their first appearance on a London ground; the efforts of the three only produced 18 runs. Mr J E K Studd was clean bowled and his brothers were both taken at slip. The Hon M B Hawke batted well until he fell a victim to venturesomeness. Among his hits were four fours, four threes and six twos. The innings closed for 145. Five bowlers had been put on, Barratt claimed four wickets . . .

Surrey started their batting at 4.30, and, as the subjoined score will show, the game when stumps were drawn was left in a very even state.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 June, page 12)

The partisans of the County of Surrey must have been agreeably surprised at the seven wickets' victory gained at the Oval yesterday against Cambridge University, the only team that up to the present time have succeeded in overthrowing the Australians. At the close of Thursday's play it was "anybody's match," the Light Blues having completed an innings for 145, while their opponents had lost eight wickets for 120.

The not-outs, Mr Roller and Pooley (with five and 13), were at noon confronted by Messrs C T Studd and Ramsay. For some overs the batting was most encouraging, but at 137 Pooley fell to the wicket-keeper. Nine down. Barratt joined Mr Roller. Twice was the bowling changed before Mr Roller obstructed the wicket. Total, 159. Time, 12.35. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

With 14 against them, Cambridge began their second venture, Messrs J E K and G B Studd being opposed by Barratt and Mr Roller. The start was not promising, Mr G B Studd being run out owing to an excellent piece of fielding on the off-side of the wicket, and his brother failing to stop a ball of Barratt's. Two for nine. Mr Hawke, who had batted well on the previous day, and Mr Lacey for a time defied the bowling, but at 29 Mr Roller got rid of the first-named. Three down. This state of affairs was by no means hopeful, but even greater consternation was caused by the downfall of Mr C T Studd, who, after an appeal to both umpires, retired caught and bowled. The fact that these brothers should have been twice dismissed for 25 is another example of good University batsmen making a poor show on a London ground. Four for 33. Eleven runs were added, and then Mr Roe cut a ball into point's hands. Half the wickets for 44. Messrs Lacey and Wright remained together until luncheon.

Immediately after the interval the former was bowled. His contribution proved the highest of the innings. Mr de Paravicini's was the next best; he was also bowled. With the departure of the latter gentleman there was

little chance left of a heavy total. The last three wickets, however, averaged 11 runs apiece. Total 110. Four bowlers had been put on . . .

Surrey now required 97 to win, and sent in Mr Lucas and Read to start getting them at 4.15. Messrs C T Studd and Ramsay began the bowling. The professional was taken at square leg without a run being registered. Mr W Read arrived to the aid of Mr Lucas, and this pair batted with such freedom that the bowling underwent a variety of changes before Mr Read, who scored more than twice as fast as his companion, was taken at mid-on. In his excellent innings were seven fours, three threes and three twos. Two for 73. Without the addition of a run Mr Shuter was bowled. Mr Roller joined Mr Lucas and the pair by 6 o'clock had gained the number of runs necessary for victory.

15 June: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2575.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 June, page 10)

In no circumstances would Sussex's chance against Yorkshire be very highly estimated, and at Dewsbury yesterday the southern county had the misfortune to be most indifferently represented. Messrs Whitfeld, Trevor, Blackman and Bettsworth were all absent from the team, and it was no matter for surprise that the call of time left Yorkshire with a material advantage,

Going in first, Sussex began with a measure of success that was afterwards very far from being sustained. Mr Ellis and Mr Greenfield opened the innings to the bowling of Peate and Bates, and, with two interruptions from rain, scored 33 runs before they were parted. Mr Ellis, after making 17, was out leg before wicket, James Phillips was out at 55, and of the eight batsmen who followed him not one succeeded in reaching double figures. Mr Greenfield, however, showed all the dash and vigour of his Cambridge days. His hitting was of the most brilliant character, and he had made 55 out of 92 when he unluckily played a ball on to his wicket. At luncheon-time five wickets had fallen for 92 runs, and so excessively feeble was the batting afterwards that the innings ended for 104. Peate took five wickets . . .

Yorkshire lost one wicket for two runs, but Ulyett and Bates scored freely and took the total up to 65 before the former was bowled in attempting a drive. He had previously hurt his knee and had to have a man to run for him during a portion of his innings. Bates was bowled at 100 for a brilliantly-hit but lucky innings of 56, which included four fours, two threes and seven twos. The fifth wicket fell at 118 and the sixth at 139. Padgett then stayed with Emmett, and at the drawing of stumps the score was as under. Seneschal - a new fast bowler only just qualified for Sussex by residence - took three of the six wickets down.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 June, page 12)

As was generally expected at Dewsbury yesterday, the home county scored an easy victory over a weak Sussex team. This result was mainly due to the free batting of Bates, Ulyett and Emmett and the splendid bowling of Peate, who took 11 wickets in the match, at a cost of 79 runs only. Yorkshire quickly completed their innings for 184, having thus an advantage of 80 runs.

Sussex went in again, but, with the exception of Mr Greenfield, James Phillips and Lillywhite, who between them scored 68 out of the total of 100, they made a very poor stand against Peate's bowling. Bates and Hall soon obtained the required wickets runs, and Yorkshire thus won by ten wickets.

15 June: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2572.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 June, page 10)

Thirty-two was the largest individual score at Manchester yesterday, when Kent met Lancashire for the first time this season. The match was curious from the fact that Mr Hornby did not follow his almost invariable practice of going in first. The wicket and the attendance both improved as the day went on. The young left-handed bowler Wootton bowled excellently for Kent, taking six wickets . . .

For Lancashire Watson . . five wickets . . . Lancashire have now 113 runs to the good with all their wickets to fall . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 June, page 12)

The Kent and Lancashire match at Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, came to a remarkable conclusion yesterday, the home team winning after an interesting finish by 26 runs. The great feature of the day was the magnificent batting of Mr E F S Tylecote, who, going in first for Kent, was out seventh, having made no fewer than 94 out of 138. He played grand cricket, his all-round hitting being hard, clean and well-timed.

The close of the game was remarkable. Kent, who had gone in to get 166 runs to win the match, had made 138 when the fifth wicket fell. Three other wickets were obtained without another run being scored, and the last two batsmen were out for the addition of a run.

On Thursday an innings had been finished on each side and Lancashire had made 49 for no wicket. Yesterday the two not-outs, Mr Lancashire and Barlow, did little, and the other batsmen offered a very tame opposition to the bowling of George Hearne and Wootton. The innings finished for 98, ten wickets having fallen for 49 runs.

19 June: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2578.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 June, page 10)

In the presence of a great crowd of spectators the Australian Eleven of 1882 made their first appearance at Sheffield yesterday. Eighteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-six persons paid for admission to the Bramall-lane Ground – a larger number, it is said, than were ever before present at a match in the cricket metropolis of Yorkshire.

The visitors had considerably the best of the day's play. Mr Giffen's and Mr Garrett's bowling and the batting of Mr Murdoch and Bannerman were the best features of the Australians' cricket. Their fielding was by no means faultless. Yorkshire won the toss and sent in Ulyett and Lee to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer.

Ulyett was missed at slip with the score at four, but one run later Lee was caught in that position. Hall came in and runs came slowly, the new batsman, however, hitting Mr Palmer to leg for four. Ulyett up to this time was very uncomfortable with the colonists' bowling. At 33 Mr Garrett bowling instead of Mr Palmer and Mr Blackham took Mr Murdoch's place at the wicket. Runs came steadily, Ulyett batting in much better form, and the 50 was put up at half-past 1. Mr Garrett crossed over and took the ball from Mr Spofforth at 55, while Mr Giffen went on at the vacant wicket. Two runs later Ulyett was taken at mid-on. Hall was out directly afterwards leg before, and Bates was bowled (three and four wickets for 59). The last three wickets were taken by Mr Giffen. Lockwood and Emmett were together at luncheon, the score standing at 60 for four wickets.

On resuming, two wickets fell with the addition of a single, Mr Garrett bowling both Emmett and Mr Sidgwick. Grimshaw made three and was caught and bowled, and Hill, who followed, was dismissed by the first ball he received. Peate joined Lockwood, who had been playing patiently. Rain stopped play for some minutes at this point, but on continuing, Lockwood scored ten from one over of Mr Garrett's. After this, however, Peate was stumped and Hunter bowled, the innings terminating at a quarter to 5 for 92. Lockwood carried out his bat for an invaluable 20. Mr Giffen took 5 wickets . . .

The visitors were first represented at the wickets by Bannerman and Mr Massie to the bowling of Peate and Bates. Mr Massie was easily stumped at 11, and Mr Murdoch came in. The score was slowly raised, the Yorkshire bowling and fielding being very good. At 36 Bannerman was nearly run out. Emmett superseded Peate at 43. Mr Murdoch hit the new bowler for two fours, and then lost Bannerman, who was caught at point at 73. Mr Horan joined his captain, and Peate and Bates resumed bowling. Mr Horan was caught at point, Mr M'Donnell returned a ball to Peate, and then play ceased for the day, the Australians being two runs on with six wickets to fall when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 June, page 12)

In their match against the Australians at Sheffield, Yorkshire played much better yesterday, but the colonists will probably win, as with all their wickets to fall they only want 73 runs. The number of persons who played

for admission yesterday was 13,484. The weather was fine and the cricket good.

Mr Murdoch, the not-out, was joined by Mr Bonnor, Bates and Peate bowling. Mr Bonnor having made nine, including a grand on-drive for six, was caught in the slips, the fifth wicket falling at 104. Mr Blackham made a couple and was bowled. On Mr Giffen joining his captain the bowlers changed ends, and just afterwards Mr Murdoch was caught at slip for an excellent 54, in which were two fours, three threes and four twos. Seven for 126. Mr Palmer was smartly stumped five runs later, and Mr Spofforth after making nine was bowled. Mr Garrett, the last man, had no opportunity of scoring, as Mr Giffen was taken at mid-off, and the innings closed at 25 minutes past 1 for 148. Peate claimed seven wickets . . .

At a quarter to 2 Ulyett and Hall commenced the County's second innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Ulyett at once hit well, while his partner batted patiently. Mr Giffen relieved Mr Palmer at 27, and Ulyett was missed in the long field from his first ball. At 32 Mr Garrett replaced Mr Spofforth, and five runs later bowled Hall. Bates followed in, and at lunch the score was 44 for one wicket.

On resuming Messrs Giffen and Garrett bowled, the latter dismissing Ulyett at 50. Lockwood was the incomer, and Bates drove Mr Garrett to the on for four. Mr Palmer took the ball from Mr Giffen at 74, but the separation came from the opposite end, Bates returning a ball to Mr Garrett at 81, for a capital 30. Lee followed, but only stayed while Lockwood hit Mr Garrett to leg for three and drove Mr Palmer to the off for four. Directly Mr Sidgwick came in, Lockwood was caught at long on, and five wickets were down for 96. Emmett partnered Mr Sidgwick, and the 100 went up at half-past 4. The amateur was then caught at the wicket.

Grimshaw and Emmett were together some time, and caused Mr Spofforth to bowl instead of Mr Garrett at 118, Mr Giffen taking the ball from Mr Palmer at the same total. Without a run being added, Grimshaw was caught at square leg. Hill was taken at mid-on at 133 and Emmett bowled at 153, the innings closing at 6 o'clock. Mr Palmer obtained four wickets . . Mr Garrett four . . .

The colonists, wanting 98 to win, sent in Bannerman and Mr Massie to the bowling of Peate and Bates. They had ten minutes' batting before time expired, and scored 25 runs without the loss of a wicket. Mr Massie gave a chance at the wicket before he had scored, but was let off.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 June, page 6)

Yesterday, at Sheffield, the Australians finished their tenth match and won their sixth victory in England, beating Yorkshire by six wickets. It will be remembered that at the close of Tuesday's play the Australians had made 25 out of the 98 runs required without losing a wicket, so that all that had to be done was to score 73 runs. This being so, the interest in the match was practically over, and not more than 500 spectators witnessed the finish.

The day was unfavourable, rain frequently interrupting play. Mr Massie, not out, 12, and Mr Bannerman, not out, 11, went on with the Australian batting at five minutes to 12. The score was rapidly increased to 54, when Emmett bowled Mr Massie. Rain stopped the game for a time, but on Mr Murdoch joining Mr Bannerman the total was raised to 66. Then came another

interval on account of rain. At lunch time 89 runs had been scored, Messrs Murdoch and Bannerman still not out, and only nine runs wanted to win.

After lunch, however, three wickets fell before victory was obtained. Mr Murdoch and Mr Bannerman were both caught at the wicket, and Mr Horan was caught at point. Then Messrs Bonnor and M'Donnell were partners, and the runs were made . . .

19 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2577.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 June, page 10)

This match was commenced yesterday on Kennington-oval. The wicket played somewhat uncertainly, especially when Mr Peake was bowling. The home team won the toss and five minutes after noon sent in Messrs Shuter and Cattley. The attack was intrusted to Messrs Robinson and Peake.

The last-named batsman stayed 20 overs for a single, and was then clean bowled. Read joined Mr Shuter; but at 21 he also was bowled, and made room for his namesake. The new comer drove a ball of Mr Robinson's to the on for four and cut a ball of Mr Shaw's for five. At 40 the first-named bowler gave way to Mr Peake, and two runs later Mr Harrison relieved Mr Shaw. Mr Read, having secured another off-drive for four, was clean bowled. Mr Shuter was the next to go - caught at mid-off, in which position of the field Mr Lindsay also fell. Half the wickets succumbed for 55, and the remainder added 27.

Messrs Whiting and Shaw first represented Oxford, against the bowling of Barratt and Mr Horner. Only six runs had been made when Mr Whiting cut the ball into the hands of point. Mr Leslie arrived, and twice sent Barratt to square leg for four. He also cut a ball of Mr Horner's for three. Various misfortunes then befell Oxford. Mr Shaw was taken in the slips very neatly. Two for 18. The next three batsmen, Messrs Walker, Thornton and Kemp, were bowled for an addition of 11 runs. Mr Peake joined Mr Leslie, who made two off-drives for four each, and his companion cut the same bowler for four and three.

With the score at 51, rain delayed play for ten minutes. Further mishaps awaited Oxford on resuming; Mr Peak was bowled middle and off stumps, and at 67 Mr Leslie was very finely taken at point. He had batted well for 28. Seven down. The three outstanding batsmen were disposed of for an addition of eleven runs - Mr M'Lachlan bowled, Mr Harrison stumped and Mr Hamilton caught at point. Total 78.

Messrs Shuter and Cattley again appeared for Surrey, to the bowling of Messrs Robinson and Shaw. The start was very bad, Mr Shuter being completely beaten by a ball from Mr Robinson. Morris Read arrived, and with Mr Cattley soon changed the aspect of affairs. The professional hit with great determination for some time, until he also was clean bowled. Among his hits were as many as six fours (drives and a square leg). Mr Cattley lost three more of his companions before stumps were drawn, when he remained unconquered. The fielding of Oxford was very fine.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 June, page 12)

Play in this match was continued yesterday on Kennington-oval and produced a most interesting finish. When play ceased on the previous evening each side had completed an innings, and Surrey, with four wickets in hand, had lost five wickets in their second venture for 90 runs. Mr Cattley, the not-out with 22, reopened the batting at noon with Mr Game as a companion. Messrs Thornton and Shaw led off the attack.

At a quarter-past 12 the "100" was reached. Soon afterwards a double change in the bowling was tried, Messrs Robinson and Peake going on. The latter found out the weak point in Mr Game's defence at 121. Mr Lindsay came in, and, with an addition of eight runs, Mr Cattley fell to cover-point, after having made the highest score of his side, and one run later Mr Lindsay was bowled. The total was 144. Mr Peake was the most successful of the bowlers; he took four wickets . . .

Oxford now wanted 149 to win, and at 25 minutes to 2 sent in Messrs Shaw and Whiting. Barratt and Mr Horner took charge of the early bowling. Only six runs were obtained before Mr Shaw fell to a good catch at point. Mr Leslie came, and at 2 luncheon was announced. After a briefer interval than usual, play was resumed. Before any alteration had been made in the total, Mr Leslie obstructed his wicket, and Mr Walker, who succeeded him, played the ball into Pooley's hands. Messrs Whiting and Thornton were next in partnership. Each batsman contributed a four, the former by an on-drive and the latter by a late cut; and at 31 Mr Horner handed the ball to Mr Roller.

The fielding of Surrey was now exceptionally good. At 34 Mr Thornton was caught at point, and 17 runs later a capital piece of stumping disposed of Mr Whiting, who claimed the highest innings of the match. Half the wickets down for 51 did not look very promising for the University, and every ball was watched with the greatest attention by the large company present. Mr Kemp and Mr Peake infused some life into the game, until the latter was clean-bowled. Six for 81. Mr Hamilton joined Mr Kemp, who drove one ball of Mr Roller's to the off for four and sent another to leg for three. He was then clean-bowled. Seven for 98.

Mr M'Lachlan made his appearance and the "100" was soon hoisted, but a good catch behind the bowler soon disposed of the new-comer. Eight down. There were still 45 wanted to win when Mr Harrison joined Mr Hamilton. They remained together till 131, when Mr Hamilton fell to a catch at mid-off. Mr Robinson was easily stumped after his companion had added a single. Total 132. Four bowlers were engaged - Barratt claimed the lion's share of the wickets, taking eight . . . Surrey thus won by 16 runs. The county has now achieved the creditable performance of defeating both Universities.

19 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2576.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 20 June, page 10)

Cambridge made a very satisfactory first appearance at Lord's yesterday, and their good score is the more creditable as the brothers Studd only made 30 runs between them. There was a fairly numerous company present on the ground, notwithstanding the cold, showery and altogether unseasonable weather. Recent rain had caused the wicket to be slow and puzzling, but some showers in the afternoon made it easy during the last two hours of play.

The University batted first, and kept at the wickets till ten minutes to 6, scoring 201. The Hon M B Hawke went in when the total was 19 for one wicket, and was out at 91 for six wickets. His 44 runs were made in admirable style on a bowler's wicket, and included four fours, three threes and three twos. Nine wickets were down for 123 when Mr Smith joined Mr Ramsay. Then, by excellent, confident hitting, 78 runs were added to the score. Mr Smith showed good style, but did not bat with the power and determined of Mr Ramsay, who carried out his bat for 60, in which were eight fours, two threes and four twos. He was loudly applauded. Mr A H Trevor, Mr H G Tylecote, Mr A W Ridley, Barnes and Midwinter fielded very smartly. Flowers was the most successful bowler . . .

M.C.C. went in at ten minutes past 6. Barnes was beaten by a good ball from Mr Ramsay, and Mr Trevor was caught at the wicket from the next ball. Mr Hornby and Midwinter then played out time. The amateur would have been run out had Mr Wright taken the ball when it was returned to him, but there was no other fault to be found. Both batted well on the easy wicket, Mr Hornby hitting with quite his old freedom and courage. Play will be resumed at half-past 11 to-day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 June, page 12)

Yesterday's cricket at Lord's Ground left the Cambridge Eleven in a very advantageous position, as, with only six wickets down in their second innings, they are now 332 runs to the good. This result is in a great measure due to the batting of the brothers G B and J E K Studd, who went in first for Cambridge and scored 163 runs before they were separated.

M.C.C., who had overnight made 59 for two wickets, finished their innings for 90 more runs. The University Eleven fielded well, especially Mr G B Studd. Mr Ramsay took six wickets . . .

Cambridge had 20 minutes' batting before lunch and four and a quarter hours' afterwards. In that time they scored 279 runs for six wickets. Mr G B Studd and Mr J E K Studd were in for two hours and a quarter, and scored their 163 runs in grand style. The former gave an easy chance to Mr Miller at long-on when he had made 81, and a moderately difficult one to Mycroft at short leg when his score was 62. Save for these mistakes, the batting of the brothers was faultless. Messrs Lacey and Wright afterwards put on 78 runs between the falls of the fifth and sixth wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 June, page 6)

Yesterday, at Lord's, the match between Cambridge and the M.C.C. ended in a decisive victory for the University by 163 runs. No other result seemed likely after the long scoring of the Cambridge men on Tuesday afternoon. Play was continued at 20 minutes to 12, and by ten minutes past the second innings of Cambridge was all over for 304.

Overnight the total had been 279 for six wickets, so that the latter part of the innings was in no way remarkable. Mr Wright did not add a run to his previous score of 58 – a capital innings, which included five fours and 11 twos. None of the M.C.C. bowlers had any particular success in taking wickets. Mycroft, however, had a good analysis . . .

The M.C.C. having the extraordinary number of 358 to get to win, it was impossible for the spectators to feel any doubt as to the issue of the match. Some splendid batting by Mr Hornby, however, made the afternoon's cricket thoroughly enlivening and enjoyable. Very indifferent support was accorded by the other members of the M.C.C. team, who scored between them only 65 runs. Various changes of bowling were tried during the innings, but Mr C T Studd did not go on till within a few overs of the finish. He was, probably, reserving himself for the match of Gentlemen of England v Australians, which begins to-day at the Oval.

Changes made no difference whatever to Mr Hornby, who scored at a great pace and hit with astonishing vigour. In no previous match this season has he been seen to anything like the same advantage. One after another his fellow-batsmen were dismissed, but he went on making runs till there was no one else to stay with him, his not-out innings of 121 comprising 11 fours, 11 threes and ten twos. Applause of the loudest and most genuine character rewarded him for his exertions. Without him, the M.C.C.'s defeat – bad enough as it was – would have been absolutely discreditable. Seven bowlers were tried for the University. Mr Smith was the most successful . . .

In consequence of indisposition, Mr A H Evans will not be able to play for the Gentlemen of England against the Australians at the Oval to-day, and his place will be filled by Mr R C Ramsay.

22 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2579.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 June, page 10)

Serious misgivings were felt yesterday morning that one of the most important matches of the Australian tour would be delayed at its outset. Rain fell during the early morning; but it cleared off before 9 o'clock, and even at this hour people were wending their way to the Oval. By 10 there were about 1,000 on the ground, and an hour later this number had more than doubled; while by noon there were many thousand spectators present.

Up to the present time the Colonists may fairly be said to have justified the reputation which preceded them, seeing that they have won six matches out of the 10 in which they have taken part. On the occasion of meeting a picked team, representing the amateur talent of England, it was thought that they would meet foemen quite worthy of their steel. Whether this is so or not remains to be seen. Although there has been the usual amount of criticism about the English team, it may, taken at all points, be regarded as the best that could be got together. An excellent wicket had been prepared, and of this the Australians took full advantage.

Up to luncheon the weather held fine, but only a few overs had been sent down afterwards when rain caused a cessation of hostilities for nearly two hours. Still the anxious on-lookers would not relinquish their seats, and the field of play was surrounded by a complete belt of umbrellas. Indeed, at one time there seemed no likelihood of resuming. Between 4 and 5 o'clock, however, the gloom was dispelled, and from this time until stumps were drawn the scene possessed all the brightness of a summer's evening. The cricket all round was so good that it is a matter of difficulty to specify anything particular. Still the almost perfect defence of Mr Murdoch and Bannerman, the fielding of the English team, and (although he could lay claim to only one of the four wickets) the bowling of Mr C T Studd called forth general admiration.

About five minutes to 12 the ground, with the exception of a few stragglers, was cleared, and punctually at noon the English team, having been unsuccessful in the toss, entered the field. Mr Steel led off the attack, the field to his bowling being dispersed as follows: - Mr Tylecote, wicket-keeper; Dr W G Grace, point; Mr G B Studd, cover-point; Mr C T Studd, short-slip; Mr Read, long-slip; Mr Hornby, mid-off; Mr Ramsay, mid-on; Mr Lucas, long-off; Mr Patterson, long-on; and Mr Leslie, forward square-leg.

Mr C T Studd was the other bowler, the fieldsmen being distributed thus: - Mr Tylecote, wicket-keeper; Dr W G Grace, point; Mr Patterson, cover-point; Mr Steel, slip; Mr Lucas, long-slip; Mr G B Studd, third man; Mr Hornby, mid-off; Mr Ramsay, sharp mid-on; Mr Read, long-on; and Mr Leslie, long-off.

Mr Steel bowled the first over from the pavilion wicket to Mr Massie, but nothing was scored, and there was the same absence of result in Mr C T Studd's opening attempt. The first ball of the latter's second over Mr Massie cut for four. In the sixth delivery of the match this batsman gave a very hard chance to mid-off, which proved too difficult for Mr G B Studd to hold, and four resulted from it. Nine runs came from 10 overs, and then

Mr Massie cut the second ball of Mr Steel's sixth for four, and served the last in the same manner, the latter being a very risky hit, and the ball was skied almost within reach of long-slip.

The next five overs only produced a couple of singles. This rate of scoring was soon accelerated, five runs being obtained in an over of Mr Steel's - an off-drive for three by Mr Massie and a cut for two by his companion. Twenty-four runs occupied as many minutes in their attainment. Mr Massie then cut a ball of Mr C T Studd's for four, and five overs later he supplemented this by an on-drive for the same number. With the total at 33 Mr Studd handed the ball to Mr Ramsay, and the change proved most happy for the English. Three maidens were sent down, and the third ball of the fourth over Mr Massie lifted to long-field-on, where Mr Read, almost on the fringe of the crowd, waited and secured it. The retiring batsman had been at the wickets three-quarters of an hour, and had obtained 32 of the 34 runs registered during that time. One down.

The Australian captain was warmly greeted as he proceeded to occupy the vacant wicket. Four overs were bowled for a single only, Mr Murdoch opening with great caution. Bannerman drove a ball of Mr Steel's to the on and his companion made a late cut for three. This was supplemented by larger contributions, each batsman securing a leg hit for four off Mr Steel, and Bannerman cutting the other bowler with an equally satisfactory result. The first hour's play produced 50 runs. Five later Mr Lucas replaced Mr Steel. The last ball of his opening over Bannerman cut well for four. Soon afterwards seven runs were made in an over of Mr Ramsay's (the chief item being a cut by Mr Murdoch for four), which caused that gentleman to hand the ball over to Dr Grace at 75 runs. They had taken an hour and 20 minutes to obtain.

Each batsman made a leg hit off Mr Lucas, who at 92 was superseded by Mr Steel. This gentleman sent down five overs in succession without a run being made off him. Meanwhile Mr Read had relieved Dr Grace, and his third ball Bannerman drove to the on for four. The 100 was signalled at 1.55, having been obtained at the rate of one per minute. Nine runs came in an over of Mr Lucas's, which included an on-drive for three by Mr Murdoch and a leg hit for four by his partner. Four maiden overs were now sent down in succession, when luncheon was announced.

After the interval, the bowling was intrusted to Messrs Steel and C T Studd. When Bannerman had made a late cut for three and a leg hit for a couple, and Mr Murdoch a cut for three, rain, which had fallen slightly during the interval, came on so fast as to cause a retirement to the pavilion.

After a delay of an hour and 50 minutes (towards the close of which there were vociferous demands for "Play") the contestants again entered the field. Messrs Steel and C T Studd bowled. Both Mr Murdoch and Bannerman naturally played with great caution, a single by the Australian captain being the only contribution in the next eight overs. Bannerman then secured a lucky two; this he followed by driving the ball hard to the on, but an excellent piece of fielding by Mr Lucas prevented anything being obtained from it. The scoring continued slow, six overs being sent down without result. Mr Murdoch cut a ball of Mr C T Studd's for three and drove one of Mr Steel's for a couple. A little variation was caused by the same batsman making a forward cut, and Mr G B Studd sending in the ball hard to the wicket-keeper, off whose hands it glanced almost to the boundary, three being scored off the overthrow. The 130 was reached at 5.20, and before another run could be added Bannerman was easily taken at

cover-point. Patient play caused the 50 hoisted as the result of his efforts to be received with some surprise. The principal items were six fours, one three and six twos. Only two down for 130.

Mr M'Donnell batted with wonderful caution for a few overs, until, getting a ball to his fancy, he cut it as crisply as possible to the boundary. Four runs were the product of seven overs, and then Mr M'Donnell gave a difficult chance to Mr Lucas at mid-off. He looked like getting dangerous after this, making an on-drive for two and a square-leg hit for four in one over of Mr Steel's. This gentleman then relinquished the ball to Mr Ramsay, and from his third delivery Mr M'Donnell was well taken at mid-off. Three for 153.

Mr C T Studd, who had sent down nine maidens prior to the arrival of Mr Giffen, supplemented these by five more. Mr Murdoch then got a ball of his away for a single; the new comer made a drive and a leg hit for two in one over of Mr Ramsay's, and at 162 Mr Ramsay was relieved by Mr Steel, who received rather liberal treatment. Mr Giffen, having made a drive for a couple, scored two fours in one over from him by a square leg hit and off drive. This was checked, however, for a little while, until an on-drive by Mr Giffen off the same bowler shot the total up to 180 at 6.35. Mr C T Studd had been bowling exceedingly well; but, as there seemed no chance of a wicket, it was deemed wise to take him off, and two runs later he was displaced by Mr Ramsay. Seven runs were obtained in as many overs, and then Mr Steel gave way to Dr Grace.

Mr Studd came on again at 190, and the last ball of his second over Mr Murdoch cut very hard. It was a moist difficult catch, but nevertheless Dr Grace, although he could only stop it at the first attempt, held it - certainly rather hard lines for the Australian captain, among whose hits were three fours, five threes and four twos. The retiring batsman was most heartily cheered on his way to the pavilion. Stumps were now drawn for the day. Play will be resumed this morning at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 June, page 12)

There was an extremely large attendance at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the continuation of this match. Fortunately the weather was fine, with just sufficient breeze to fan the dense masses of spectators who thronged the ground. The grassy terraces which now form the outside circle of the Oval are only separated some 12 or 15 yards from what used to be the ordinary ring, so that, viewing them from the opposite side of the ground, the on-lookers seemed to be one complete mass. Over 21,000 persons paid for admission.

The cricket itself possessed many features of interest. Perhaps for the few overs while he was at his best, such brilliant fielding as that of Mr Lucas's has never been surpassed. He caught Mr Blackham at square-leg rather low down, although, possibly, he might have got a little further forward to it; and he soon afterwards followed this up with a marvellous catch in front of the pavilion, which got rid of the hard-hitting and dangerous Mr Bonnor. One of Mr Bonnor's hits, it may be noted, was worth more than the four accorded it, as the ball went over a high stand at the outside edge of the circle and pitched about 20 yards beyond.

Dr Grace batted for some time in a manner that led his admirers to hope he would put together one of his very large scores; but, without for a moment disparaging the excellent achievements of the colonists, it must be

mentioned that when the English Gentlemen started their batting the wicket showed the most unmistakable signs of wear. Mr Giffen's performance against such good batsmen stands out prominently, as eight wickets for 49 runs is a feat of which he may well be proud. At the close of the second day the Australians have so much the better of the situation that, unless the Gentlemen of England play with the greatest caution, defeat seems to stare them in the face.

Punctually at 12 o'clock the players entered the field, Mr Giffen (the overnight not-out with 31) being accompanied to the wickets by Mr Bonnor. Messrs Steel and C T Studd conducted the attack. A single to Mr Giffen was the only item in the first half-dozen overs. Mr Bonnor secured eight runs by four drives, the last of which, off Mr Studd, took the total past the 200 at 12.15. An off-drive for four by Mr Bonnor and a single in one over of the same bowler's caused Mr Ramsay to go on in his stead. Mr Steel was now hit with considerable freedom. Mr Bonnor drove and cut him for four each, and made a couple of threes by cuts off the other bowler.

These feats he smartly followed up with others more noteworthy still. From Mr Steel's bowling he obtained 18, in which were a cut and two drives over the heads of the spectators for four each. At 252, Mr Studd went on in place of Mr Ramsay, and three runs afterwards Mr Steel gave way to Dr Grace. The first ball of the latter change Mr Giffen sent round to leg for four; but he hid his wicket from the second and had to retire. Among his hits were four fours, a three and six twos. Mr Blackham came, and Mr Bonnor celebrated his arrival by cutting Mr C T Studd for four and driving the ball over the stand by the side of the pavilion. With the total at 267, Mr Ramsay supplanted Mr C T Studd.

Mr Bonnor continued to hit smartly. Dr Grace at length tempted Mr Blackham to hit round at a ball which was secured in a splendid manner by Mr Lucas low down at square leg. Six for 284. Mr Jones did not long enjoy the company of Mr Bonnor, who, after a leg-bye, lifted the ball to long-field-off, where Mr Lucas well judged and held it. Mr Bonnor had been at the wickets an hour and 25 minutes for his 74, which was made up of ten fours, four threes, seven twos and only eight singles. Seven for 285. Mr Jones made one solitary leg-hit for four and then obstructed the wicket. Eight for 293.

Messrs Palmer and Garrett were now in company. The latter hit a ball to square leg, and Mr Lucas made a most determined attempt to catch it almost on the ropes, but failed. A cut by the same batsman for four caused the 300 to be signalled at 17 minutes to 2. Half-a-dozen runs only were added, and Mr Palmer had the top of his leg stump struck, the first of the team who had been bowled. Nine for 306. Mr Spofforth, the last man, made seven by two on-drives, while Mr Garrett scored the same number by a couple of cuts. The latter gave an extremely difficult left-hand chance to point. Mr C T Studd went on in place of Mr Ramsay, but the arrival of the luncheon interval found the batsmen still together with the total at 331. After the customary interval Mr Spofforth cut the first ball for three; but from the very next delivery Mr Garrett was taken at mid-on. Total 334. Duration of innings, six hours 25 minutes. Six bowlers were engaged. Dr Grace claimed four wickets . . .

The Australians entered the field a few minutes after 3. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth were the selected bowlers. The field for the former were placed as follows: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Garrett, cover point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Jones, third man; Bannerman, mid-off; Mr M'Donnell, mid-on; Mr Giffen, long-on; Mr Massie, long-off; and Mr

Spofforth, forward short-leg. To Mr Spofforth's bowling they were disposed thus: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Garrett, cover-point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Giffen, third man; Mr Palmer, mid-on; Bannerman, mid-off; Mr Massie, mid-wicket; Mr Jones, long-on; and Mr M'Donnell, long-off.

Dr Grace and Mr Lucas were first placed on their defence on behalf of the Gentlemen of England. Eight runs came from half-a-dozen overs. Dr Grace then cut a ball of the first-named bowler for four, a feat which he soon afterwards repeated. Mr Lucas had not been idle, having gained six by two leg-hits. The total travelled to 32, when Mr Palmer retired in favour of Mr Garrett. Mr Lucas gave a very difficult chance to Mr Bonnor at slip in the third over of the change. In Mr Spofforth's next delivery, he was bowled (leg stump). One for 37.

Mr Patterson occupied the vacancy. Dr Grace continued to hit well. An on-drive, cut and leg-hit for four each were made by him in somewhat rapid succession and at five minutes to 4 50 runs were registered, these having been gained at the rate of one per minute. Mr Garrett's bowling was now extremely difficult to deal with. Only three singles were made in 11 of his overs; then Dr Grace drove him to the boundary for four, having previously sent a ball of Mr Spofforth's to leg for a like number. A similar hit by the Gloucestershire captain carried his score to 50. A run later Mr Giffen relieved Mr Garrett.

Dr Grace drove each bowler for a couple. Seven runs came from 13 overs, and then Mr Spofforth had a difficult opportunity presented him of catching Dr Grace off his own bowling. Mr Patterson made his second hit of importance - a very pretty draw for four. A leg-hit by Dr Grace for a couple off Mr Giffen brought the 100 on the board after two hours' play. The last ball of the same over, however, proved fatal to this batsman, the ball striking the top of his middle stump. Two for 101.

Mr Read arrived, and after a little care drove a ball of Mr Spofforth's to the on for four, and sent Mr Giffen twice to leg for seven runs in all. Just as he seemed like getting well set, however, he was completely beaten by a ball of the last-named bowler. Three for 123 was very good in ordinary circumstances, but in face of the heavy Australian score it was of course felt that more should have been made for the loss of three such batsmen. The consternation was great when Mr C T Studd was bowled with a very similar ball to that which got rid of Dr Grace. Three and four for 123.

Mr Hornby joined Mr Patterson, and it was hoped that this pair would be able to stem the tide which seemed to be setting in so fast against the English. The contrary to this, however, proved to be the case, as, with the trifling addition of five runs, Mr Patterson drove the ball into the hands of mid-on. Half the wickets for 128. Messrs Hornby and Steel were now together. The latter scored a dozen by a leg-hit, a cut and an on-drive. He was soon after out, however, leg-before-wicket to Mr Spofforth, who had relieved Mr Palmer at 138. Six for 147. Mr G B Studd assisted Mr Hornby, but their partnership did not last long. They had very narrow escapes of being run out owing to venturesomeness, and then Mr Hornby was taken by a fine running catch sideways at mid-on. Seven for 161.

Mr Leslie was next in order, and Mr Spofforth received the ball from Mr Palmer. Mr G B Studd cut Mr Giffen for four, and Mr Leslie gained a square-leg for four, when Mr G B Studd was given out, leg-before. Eight for 176. The two remaining wickets gave little trouble - Mr Tylecote clean

bowled and Mr Ramsay caught at forward short-leg. Total 182. Mr Giffen's analysis reads very well, as he took eight wickets . . .

The Gentlemen of England are now in a deficiency of 152 runs, and will start their follow-on today . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 June, page 10)

No great surprise can be felt at the result of the above match at Kennington Oval on Saturday last. Indeed, given fine weather, the only question that remained was whether the English team would be able to avert a single innings defeat. The attendance was again exceedingly large, about 10,000 or 11,000 spectators being on the ground.

For a short time it was thought that the Gentlemen had saved the "single innings." On examination of the scorers' books, however, it was perfectly clear that the Gentlemen had only scored 151. The Australians were consequently the winners by an innings and one run.

Dr Grace and Mr Lucas again started the batting for the Gentlemen. Mr Spofforth led off from the gasometer wicket and Mr Giffen from the pavilion. Mr Lucas cut the second ball of the latter for two; but the third he drove to the on, where it was well secured low down. One for two. Dr Grace made an on-drive and a cut for four each off Mr Spofforth. The first half-hour produced 26 runs. Both batsmen continued to play steadily. Mr Patterson made two leg hits for three and Dr Grace one for the same number off Mr Giffen, which brought Mr Palmer on in his place at 32. Runs still came. Dr Grace gave a very sharp chance to slip to Mr Bonnor. The total having reached 45, Mr Garrett went on in place of Mr Spofforth. Dr Grace then made a leg hit for four off Mr Palmer. Fifty runs were registered as the result of an hour's play. Before anything further had been obtained Mr Patterson was bowled (leg stump). Only a single was added and Dr Grace was bowled in a like manner. Three for 51.

Mr W Read, who was joined by Mr C T Studd, made a late cut for four, while the new arrival secured six by a square leg hit and a cut. At 67 Mr Giffen supplanted Mr Palmer, and his third ball Mr C T Studd returned to him. Four for 67. Mr Leslie came next on the list. Mr Read drove the ball to the off for four from Mr Garrett, and Mr Leslie sent it to leg off Mr Giffen for three. At 81 Mr Spofforth relieved Mr Garrett. Mr Read, having made an off-drive for four, was very finely caught at mid-on close in by Mr Jones. Half the wickets for 88. Four singles brought the total to 92, and then Mr Leslie was clean-bowled. Six down.

Luncheon now intervened, and after the lapse of three-quarters of an hour Mr Steel proceeded to the wickets with Mr Hornby, who sent the second ball of Mr Giffen's to square leg for four, and the first he received from Mr Spofforth to long leg for the same amount. Some lively running followed. The interest now centred in the question whether the single innings defeat would be averted. The fielding, which was quite in keeping with the deserved reputation the Australians have gained, now came in for repeated applause. Some rather amusing runs were stolen. Thirteen came by moderate contributions from four overs. Then Mr Steel effected a very clean cut for four off Mr Giffen. Mr Hornby now hit a ball of Mr Spofforth's round to square leg for four. Another change was therefore tried, and the last-named bowler made room for Mr Garrett. Mr Steel sent a delivery of Mr Giffen's to square leg for four. This bowler gave way to Mr Palmer at 135. Just as the spectators began to indulge in wild hopes that a long stand

might be made by the batsmen, Mr Hornby returned the ball, which was well secured low down. Seven for 138.

Mr G B Studd promised well, making a leg hit for four to the pavilion from Mr Garrett, but with only a couple of singles added to this he was wonderfully well secured by the wicket-keeper. Seven runs were now wanting to save the innings defeat at the fall of the eighth wicket. Mr Tylecote joined Mr Steel, but he also was caught and bowled. Nine for 150. Mr Ramsay came in; but when one run had been added a magnificent catch at long-on disposed of him. Four bowlers were engaged: — Mr Palmer claimed four wickets . . .

22 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

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Day 1 (report from Friday 23 June, page 10)

The last trial match of the Oxford Eleven, previous to their meeting with Cambridge next Monday, began yesterday at Lord's. The game was robbed of a considerable amount of the interest usually attaching to it on account of the absence of two of the most prominent members of the Oxford team - Mr Leslie and Mr Robinson. Owing to the counter-attraction at the Oval, the attendance at Lord's was very limited. The weather, threatening in the morning, turned very wet for nearly two hours in the afternoon, but later on the day was bright and pleasant.

The M.C.C. won the toss and sent in Mr Russel and Barnes. The bowlers were Messrs Peake and Shaw. Only 27 runs had been scored when a catch at the wicket got rid of Barnes. Mr Marriott came in and the score rose rapidly. Despite a change of bowling, the total reached 65, when three wickets fell in rapid succession. Mr Marriott was run out, Mr Russel bowled for a moderately well played 37, and Mr Law bowled. Mr Fowler and Gunn were then together. The amateur hit very hard, and, thanks to a let-off by Mr Whiting, 43 runs were added before a catch at cover-point sent back Mr Fowler. Flowers came in and while he was in with Gunn the best batting of the day was shown. At lunch time the score was 138: Gunn 21 and Flowers 17.

When the game was proceeded with rain was falling heavily. Some excellent cricket was shown and the score reached 164, when the rain stopped play for an hour and 40 minutes. On resuming at five minutes to 5, 15 runs were added, and then a smart catch at slip dismissed Gunn for a capital 38. Six wickets for 179. A catch at long-on soon afterwards got rid of Flowers, who had hit hard and well for 52. The remainder of the innings was not remarkable, and the total reached 224 . . .

The University sent in Messrs Shaw and Whiting against the bowling of Flowers and Fothergill. By steady cricket the score reached 36, when a catch at slip got rid of Mr Shaw. Messrs Walker and Whiting then played out time . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 June, page 12)

The Oxford team fared very badly at Lord's yesterday, and were beaten by an innings and three runs. The ground had not recovered from the rains of Thursday, and certainly favoured the bowlers, but still the Oxford batsmen ought to have done better. Mr Harrison was prevented by illness from taking any part in the day's cricket, and his side had consequently to bat with only ten men.

Forty-four runs had been scored overnight, and yesterday 17 Oxford wickets fell for 177. It is needless to follow the play in detail. From first to last, it was almost devoid of interest, the chance of the University saving the game being so remote. The first innings ended at 20 minutes past 1, and though the second opened with fair prospect of success the early promise was far from being sustained.

Mr Shaw made 26 by very spirited cricket, but the best batting was shown by Mr Hamilton, who obtained 31 out of the last 39 runs that were scored. His hitting was clean, resolute and well timed. Had better support been afforded him a single innings defeat would have been easily avoided. There was some good bowling on the part of the M.C.C. professionals. In Oxford's first innings Flowers . . four wickets. In the second innings Flowers was conspicuously successful, bowling 34 overs, 15 maidens, for 38 runs and six wickets . . .

22 June: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2580.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 June, page 10)

The present season has already produced some extraordinary batting, and the list of remarkable performances received a very notable addition yesterday when Kent met Sussex on the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend. Kent was not represented by anything like the best eleven in the county, Messrs Tylecote and W H Patterson being at the Oval, while the Hon Ivo Bligh, through ill health, has not yet been able to take any active part in the game. Nevertheless the Kent men were batting all day, their total at the call of time having reached the phenomenal number of 403, with only four wickets down.

Lord Harris and Lord Throwley went in first, and against moderate bowling and very bad fielding they scored at an astonishing pace. Several chances were missed, but the brilliancy of the hitting was undeniable. Change after change was tried without success, and at about a quarter-past 3, when rain stopped play, the score had reached 191. The game was resumed just before 4 o'clock and at 208 the long partnership ended, Lord Throwley being bowled for 82. His innings included a four, nine threes and 12 twos, but he gave three chances. In no important match this season has such a number been scored for the first wicket.

George Hearne joined Lord Harris, and again the bowling was hit to all parts of the field. At last, however, Lord Harris was caught at long-off for 176. Despite five chances, his innings was a remarkable display of hitting. His chief figures were two sixes, a five, five fours, 21 threes and 17 twos. After the Kent captain left, the worn-out bowling was freely knocked about.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 June, page 12)

At Gravesend yesterday Kent's first innings, which had opened in such sensational fashion on Thursday, was finished for 521 – a total which has been exceeded only once this season in a first-class match – namely, by the Australians against Sussex at Brighton, when the score was 643. Three weeks back the M.C.C. made 546, but it was only against Leicestershire, and the game hardly comes within the category of first-class engagements.

So far as Kent's batting went yesterday, the one notable feature was the free hitting of Mr Wilson, who went in at the fall of the fifth wicket and took out his bat for 62. In answer to their opponent's tremendous score the Sussex men could only make 128, and consequently had to "follow on."

At the second attempt the batting was better. Mr Whitfeld was in for an hour and three-quarters, his defence being most stubborn. While he was making five, Mr Greenfield scored 40, the contrast between the play of the two gentlemen being most marked. At the call of time Sussex had eight wickets to fall and still wanted 321 runs to save a single-innings defeat.

The bowling in the match may be briefly referred to. In Kent's first innings Mr W Blackman took seven wickets for 86 runs, and of the Kent bowlers Wootton took four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 June, page 10)

At Gravesend on Saturday the match between Kent and Sussex was brought to a conclusion, Kent winning with the greatest ease by an innings and 175 runs. So certain was the result that very little interest could be felt in the cricket.

Mr Greenfield tried his best to put a good appearance on the game, and since he left Cambridge has, perhaps, never played a better innings. Included in his 107 were a four, 15 threes and 13 twos. He gave an easy chance when he had made something over 60, but otherwise there was no fault to find with his play. Mr Whitfeld, in making 29, gave a remarkable exhibition of defence.

According to the way in which the two counties were represented, Sussex ought certainly to have done much better, but the mistakes in the field on Thursday were sufficient to lose any match.

26 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2583.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 June, page 10)

This match, which was commenced yesterday at Lord's in somewhat unfavourable weather, seems likely this year, from the present state of the score, to afford the treat of a well-contested game. At the close of the day's play Oxford had finished an innings for 165, and Cambridge had lost four of their best wickets for 67, Mr C T Studd having been dismissed without scoring.

The present is the 48th match between the two Universities, and Cambridge are one game to the good. They have won 23 times, Oxford 22 times, and twice the game has been left unfinished. At the hour appointed for the commencement of the match everything looked very gloomy. Rain came down in such torrents as to render any attempt at playing wholly impracticable. The afternoon turned out fine, however, and attracted about 12,000 spectators to the ground.

Oxford, successful in the toss, sent in Messrs Shaw and Whiting to the attacks of Messrs C T Studd and Ramsay. A single was made by the first-named batsman from the last ball of the opening over. In Mr Ramsay's first delivery, however, he should have been stumped. Profiting by this indulgence, he cut a ball of Mr Ramsay's for four, and sent another from the same bowler to leg with a like result. Nineteen runs came in a corresponding number of overs, and then Mr Ramsay relinquished the ball to Mr Gaddum. Five runs were made in two overs from this bowler before Mr Whiting had the top of his wicket struck. One for 27.

Mr Leslie came, and when his companion had added a single and an on-drive for two Mr Ramsay resumed at the nursery wicket. Mr Leslie effected a hit on the off side to the boundary facing the entrance gate. Mr Shaw supplemented this by a clean hit to leg, which also yielded four. Forty-two runs having been gained from 36 overs, Mr Ramsay handed the ball to Mr Smith. The wisdom of the change was soon proved. Mr Smith's first ball Mr Leslie played round into the receptive hands of short-leg. With his second ball Mr Smith was also fortunate, Mr Walker, the new arrival, being disposed of by a "Yorker."

Mr Thornton joined Mr Shaw, and drove a ball of Mr C T Studd's to the off for three. A dozen runs came from the next nine overs, when a cut for four by Mr Thornton sent the total past 60 after an hour and ten minutes' play. Mr Shaw cut the ball for four and two in an over of Mr Gaddum's. The bowling soon after this underwent a thorough change, as at 69 Mr de Paravicini relieved Mr C T Studd and four runs later Mr Smith displaced Mr Gaddum. The total having travelled to 80, Mr C T Studd relieved Mr de Paravicini and then crossed over, Mr Smith going on at the pavilion wicket. Mr Shaw cut a ball of Mr Smith's for four and a second for a couple. Mr Thornton secured four by two drives, and at 20 minutes to 4 the "100" was signalled. It had scarcely been marked on the board before Mr Thornton was well caught at mid-on. Four down.

Mr Kemp was the next arrival. Seven overs were sent down for six runs, and then Mr C T Studd tempted Mr Kemp to return him the ball. Half the wickets were now down, Mr Peake came, and after three maidens Mr de Paravicini relieved Mr Smith. The end of two hours' play found the Dark Blues with

108 runs to their credit. Mr Shaw made eight off the change by three leg hits, when Mr Ramsay resumed, and in his first over this batsman was stumped. Sex for 116. His chief hits were six fours, two threes and 11 twos. Mr Hamilton joined Mr Peake. Both batsmen played cautiously and well for a time, and seemed to be getting so well set that at 132 Mr C T Studd was put on in the place of Mr Ramsay. This change had the desired effect, Mr Hamilton playing under a ball in the first over, which slip secured. Seven for 132.

Mr M'Lachlan made his appearance and Mr Ramsay went on at the pavilion wicket. At this stage there were a few weak pieces of fielding, the most notable of which was a mistake by Mr C T Studd at slip, who failed to catch Mr Peake. M M'Lachlan was immediately afterwards taken at point. Eight for 140. Mr Patterson made his appearance, and the total was augmented by a cut for two and an on-drive for four by Mr Peake in an over of Mr Ramsay's. That bowler then handed the ball to Mr Smith. Mr Peake, however, was not at all disconcerted, and the third delivery he drove grandly for three.

After this runs came for some time at a very tardy pace. Three hours' play realized 157. Another variation in the attack had to be resorted to before a separation could be effected, Mr Paravicini receiving the ball from Mr Smith at 163. Nothing further had been gained before Mr Peake was bowled by Mr C T Studd, and with the addition of a couple of runs Mr Robinson was served in the same way and the innings closed. Total 165. Time 5.15. Five bowlers had been engaged. Mr C T Studd claimed seven wickets . . .

On behalf of Cambridge Messrs G B and J E K Studd were first sent in. The bowling at the outset was divided between Messrs Robinson and Peake. Eight overs were delivered for a dozen runs. This progress was arrested, however, shortly afterwards, Mr J E K Studd being bowled - middle stump. The Hon M B Hawke came in and gave a rather lofty chance to leg, which was missed, and four were recorded for it. Mr Shaw in the meantime had relieved Mr Robinson. By careful play the batsmen took the score to 38, when Mr Patterson superseded Mr Peake. Mr G B Studd batted steadily. The total had reached 51, when Mr Hawke played under a ball, which slip secured. Two down.

Mr G B Studd gave an opportunity to slip, which was not accepted. Having seen the downfall of Mr Lacey (caught at slip) and Mr C T Studd (secured in hitting round to leg), Mr G B Studd at the close of the day remained unconquered.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 June, page 12)

Yesterday's fine weather enabled a most interesting day's cricket to be played at Lord's. A very large number of spectators were present to witness the continuation of the University match. Mr G B Studd played an innings which has only been once excelled in a match between Oxford and Cambridge, and compensated, in a great measure, for the disappointment he has occasionally caused. At the drawing of stumps the game was left so even that most interesting play may be expected to-day. It may be noted that, in spite of the wear it had to undergo on Monday, the wicket played as true as possible.

The game was resumed soon after half-past 11, Mr G B Studd (the not-out with 31) having Mr Wright for his companion. Mr Robinson, pavilion, and Mr Peake, nursery wicket, were intrusted with the early bowling. The latter

gentleman, in his opening over, had a ball sent to leg for four. Only singles were gained in the next half-dozen deliveries, and at 76 Mr Shaw relieved Mr Robinson, who crossed over. Runs were obtained far too quickly to suit the attacking party, the most noteworthy hit being a cut for four by Mr G B Studd, off Mr Robinson. At 90, therefore, Mr Patterson superseded this bowler, and Mr Shaw, having been driven for four, had to make way for Mr M'Lachlan, the Oxford captain. The announcement of 100 runs with only four wickets down was warmly greeted. Three later Mr Robinson came on again instead of Mr Patterson, and soon afterwards Mr Wright played a ball of his on. Half the wickets for 107.

The vacancy was supplied by Mr Ramsay. Mr G B Studd hit a ball of Mr Peake's to square-leg among the crowd, and the new batsman sent a long hop to leg clean to the boundary for four. He had only added a single, however, when the top of his wicket was struck. Mr Henery appeared and, at a quarter to 1 o'clock, a cut for two by Mr G B Studd brought up the total to 130. Mr Henery then made a remarkably clean drive to the on for three, and a like number was gained by the Light Blue captain by a cut. Mr Peake's bowling had been rather freely dealt with, Mr Henery, among other hits, driving him well ton the on for four. With the total at 145, Mr Shaw displaced Mr Robinson, and two runs later Mr Thornton went on in lieu of Mr Peake.

In the first over of the latter change Mr Henery sent the ball to square leg for four. At 10 minutes past 1 an off drive for three sent the score beyond the Dark Blue total, and, at 169, Mr M'Lachlan superseded Mr Thornton. Mr Henery continued to bat well, driving a ball of Mr Shaw's well to the off, which reached the boundary, and hitting the first ball from Mr Robinson, who had relieved Mr Shaw, to square leg also for four. Mr G B Studd then raised his score to 83 by a leg hit to the spectators. The anxiety of the attacking side naturally increased, as, during the two hours' play, 128 runs were put on at the cost of only two wickets.

Mr Peake then supplanted Mr M'Lachlan. The "200" was immediately afterwards hoisted. Mr Shaw came on again at 219. Two fours were scored by Mr G B Studd in Mr Shaw's first over, by an off-drive and a leg hit, which raised his score to 100. Mr Henery gave a chance to the wicket-keeper, which was not accepted. Mr G B Studd then made a couple of drives to the off side for four. Mr Thornton having taken the place of Mr Shaw, Mr Studd gave an opportunity to point, which was neglected. The very next ball, Mr Henery was out - leg-before-wicket. Luncheon now intervened.

After the customary interval, Mr de Paravicini proceeded to the wickets with Mr G B Studd. Mr Thornton having completed his over, Messrs Peake and Robinson were intrusted with the attack. At 10 minutes to 2, 250 runs were registered. At length Mr G B Studd, having added four to his score by an off drive, was well taken by third man. His innings included 13 fours, three threes, 16 twos &c. Eight for 255. The two outstanding wickets were captured for an addition of 20 runs. Mr Smith was caught at wicket and Mr Gaddum run out. Mr Peake took five wickets . . .

Oxford, in a minority of 110 runs, started their second venture with Messrs Shaw and Whiting. Mr C T Studd and Mr Ramsay led the attack. Five runs came from four overs, and then Mr Shaw was easily stumped. Mr Leslie came in and narrowly escaped being run out. The score reached 38, and then Mr Smith handed the ball to Mr Ramsay. The batsmen continued to show steady defence. The hitting was of a most moderate description, until Mr Leslie drove a ball of Mr Gaddum's to the off for four. With the score at 70, Mr J E K Studd relieved his brother, Mr C T Studd. Mr Leslie sent a ball to

square leg for four. At 84 Messrs C T Studd and Smith relieved Messrs J E K Studd and Gaddum. An excellent piece of fielding at mid-off caused Mr Whiting to be run out. Two down. A single only had been added when Mr Leslie was bowled.

Mr Thornton came next on the list, and at 93 Mr Smith gave up the ball to Mr Ramsay. At half-past 5 the "100" was signalled. The deficiency was rubbed off at 20 minutes to 6. Mr Smith and Mr de Paravicini were soon afterwards intrusted with the attack. Still no wicket came, and at 130 Mr Gaddum was put on. In his opening over Mr Thornton put his leg in front of the wicket and paid the penalty. Mr Kemp effected an off drive for four from Mr Gaddum. The changes in the attack were now very frequent. Mr Peake was bowled at 173, and by a bad piece of judgment Mr Hamilton ran himself out. Seven down. Mr M'Lachlan might have been caught on the off-side of the wicket had not Mr J E K Studd slipped. He was Ulyett clean bowled, when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 June, page 6)

Whatever doubts may have been felt as to the result of the University match were speedily set at rest yesterday when the Light Blues, who required 148 to win, began to bat. The attendance at Lord's was again large, and those who cared to see good cricket had a treat in the batting of Mr C T Studd. The Dark Blues fielded in good style and their defeat was by no means discreditable. The ground from first to last was in excellent condition.

Play was resumed at 25 minutes to 12, when Mr Kemp (not out with 41) proceeded to the wicket, accompanied by Mr Patterson. Mr C T Studd and Smith conducted the attack. Mr Kemp cut a ball well for four, and at 20 Mr Lacey relieved Mr Smith. Speedily afterwards, five were placed to the credit of Mr Kemp, four of these being due to a very bad overthrow by Mr Hawke from cover point. When the score had reached 220, Mr Ramsay displaced Mr Lacey. The separation, however, came from the other end, Mr Patterson failing to stop a ball of Mr C T Studd's. Nine for 221.

Mr Robinson arrived, and Mr de Paravicini at once relieved Mr Ramsay. This did not have the desired effect, and at 228 Mr Smith came on again. Mr Kemp cut a ball of Mr C T Studd's for four, and sent a ball of Mr Smith's to leg with the same result. Mr Lacey displaced the last-named bowler soon afterwards. His opening over was pretty freely dealt with by Mr Kemp, who scored seven by an off-hit and a cut. Mr Gaddum came on at the nursery wicket, and his second ball went off Mr Kemp's body on to the stumps, but did not remove the bails. This escape did not make much difference to the ultimate result, as, with the addition of a single, Mr Kemp played the ball easily back to the bowler. Total 257. Mr Kemp's 82 was a fine innings, played at a time when runs were badly wanted. As many as seven bowlers had been put on . . .

The Light Blues now required 148 to win, and at five minutes to 1 they sent in Messrs J E K and C T Studd to commence this task. Messrs Robinson and Peake bowled. Five runs came from three overs and then Mr J E K Studd was bowled. The Hon M B Hawke, who took his place, made a late cut for three from Mr Peake, and Mr C T Studd also cut the same bowler for four. Mr Hawke continued to hit Mr Peake's bowling very freely, securing two fours by an on-drive and leg hit; and after Mr C T Studd had made four by a lucky hit through the slips, he gained another four by an on-drive. The score having mounted to 53, Mr Hawke was easily taken at short slip in hitting round to leg.

Mr Lacey, the next on the list, joined Mr C T Studd, who sent a ball of Mr Robinson's to square leg for four. At 71 the bowlers crossed over. No satisfactory result came from this change, Mr C T Studd cutting both bowlers - one for three and the other for four. A most complete change was tried shortly afterwards, Messrs Shaw and Thornton taking charge of the attack. In spite of these changes, however, Messrs Lacey and C T Studd were still in possession at the luncheon interval.

Mr C T Studd did not seem at all incommoded, and after he had cut Mr Peake for four, a square leg hit for a couple by him brought the 100 on the board at five minutes to 3. Mr Lacey then made a couple of on-drives for four from Mr Robinson. This gentleman gave way to Mr Shaw at 111. The last ball of the opening over Mr Lacey drove to the off for four. Both batsmen continued to hit with such confidence that it was thought they would be able to secure the requisite number of runs. Mr C T Studd, however, was secured somewhat easily at the wicket. Among his hits were seven fours, a three and a dozen twos.

Mr Wright arrived, and a hit by Mr Lacey secured the victory for Cambridge. Four bowlers had been tried . . . The complete score attached will show that Cambridge were victors by seven wickets.

26 June: UNITED ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2584.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 June, page 10)

The colonists scored very largely at Chichester yesterday in a match against a weak team under the captaincy of Mr W G Grace. The game would no doubt have been interesting had the English side been as good as it at one time seemed likely to be. As it was, the Australians did pretty much as they liked with the bowling, for Jones had not yet recovered from his strain and Woof had not arrived.

Mr Grace won the toss, but was obliged to put the Australians in to bat, as some of his eleven were absent. This gave the visitors a great advantage, of which they fully availed themselves, keeping at the wicket all day and scoring 250 runs for only three wickets. Mr Massie's hitting was very brilliant, ten fours, a three and four twos being his chief figures. Mr Horan and Mr Bannerman batted with great caution, and yet hit whenever the bowling was loose.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 June, page 12)

The batting of the Australians yesterday at Chichester was remarkably good all through, and there was only one score on their side, that of Mr Palmer, the not-out, of less than 20. The bowling of the United Eleven was decidedly poor, and the fielding in most instances indifferent.

The Australians, who had lost three wickets overnight for 250 runs, completed their innings for 501 runs. The most remarkable achievement of the day was the batting of Mr Horan, who made 112 out of the 277 scored while he was at the wickets. He has never before been seen to such advantage in this country. His principal hits were 13 fours, one three and six twos. Bannerman's 88 was a faultless performance, and Messrs Bonnor, Garrett, Giffen, Spofforth and Blackham all hit with great freedom . . .

The United Eleven commenced their innings just before 5, and made a most unfortunate start. Dr W G Grace was caught at short mid-off for four, and Dr E M Grace was bowled for two. Mr Cranston was caught at cover-point at 31, but when Mr Gilbert joined Read some capital cricket was shown. The professional scored much faster than his partner, and at the call of time had made 43 out of a total of 67 . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 June, page 6)

Yesterday's cricket at Chichester was remarkable for the spirited and excellent batting of Morris Read, the Surrey professional, whose 90 is the second highest innings made against the Australians this season.

The United Eleven, who had lost three wickets for 67, went on batting, and finished off their innings for 166. Mr Gilbert and Read played with great freedom and put on 90 runs while they were together. Only one other member of the eleven got into double figures. Read's 90 included 12 fours, two threes and seven twos. Mr Spofforth took four wickets . . .

Going in a second time, the United Eleven fared much worse than before. Messrs W G and E M Grace again failed to make anything of a stand, and Morris Read was, unfortunately, run out when he appeared to be getting set. Messrs Gilbert and Cranston played fairly well, but received little assistance, and the whole side were out for the poor total of 72. Thus the Australians were left with a most decisive victory by an innings and 263 runs. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer bowled unchanged throughout the innings . . . It will be seen from the following score that the United Eleven only batted ten men.

26 June: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2585.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 June, page 10)

At Sheffield yesterday, the home team were batting all the afternoon, their score at the call of time being 259, with the last two men still together. Nottingham won the toss, but as the ground was heavy from recent rain, the captain decided to send Yorkshire in, an error of judgment which had serious consequences.

Lockwood and Ulyett played almost faultless cricket. Ulyett's 56 included seven fours, two threes and two twos, while Lockwood's chief hits were eight fours, four threes and seven twos. Bates also hit finely, and very useful support was accorded by Hall, Emmett and Grimshaw. Altogether the day's play was of a very high class.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 June, page 12)

The Yorkshire men had all the best of yesterday's cricket at Sheffield in their return match with Nottinghamshire. Yorkshire, who had lost nine wickets for 259, finished their innings for 264 . . .

In their first innings the Nottingham men could make very little stand against the splendid bowling of Bates and Peate. Scotton, Oscroft and Selby all played good cricket, but only one other member of the eleven got into double figures. The last wicket fell for 143. Bates . . 6 wickets . . .

Nottingham, being 121 runs to the bad, had, of course, to follow their innings. A very bad beginning was made, and at the close of play five of the best wickets were down for 56 runs. Nottingham still want 65 runs to save a single innings defeat, and have only five wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 June, page 6)

As had been expected after Tuesday's play, Yorkshire yesterday at Sheffield gained an easy victory over Nottingham, winning by eight wickets. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday Nottingham still required 65 runs to avert a single innings defeat, with only five wickets to fall.

Yesterday morning Shaw and Gunn played excellently, and it was chiefly due to their efforts that the total reached 148. The two great Yorkshire bowlers, Peate and Bates, were in their best form. The former bowled . . seven wickets . . .

In making the required 28, Yorkshire lost two good batsmen, Hall and Bates. This is the first defeat that Nottingham has suffered during the present season . . .

26 June: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2582.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 June, page 10)

Very little play took place yesterday at Derby in the return match between these counties. The game began at half-past 12, and soon after the luncheon interval a thunderstorm broke over the ground and rendered further cricket impracticable.

Lancashire went in first, and such good use was made of the available time by Mr Hornby and Barlow that 101 runs were scored without the loss of a wicket. Each batsman had some luck, but Mr Hornby's hitting was very brilliant.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 June, page 12)

Some remarkably good bowling on a heavy wicket was witnessed at Derby yesterday, when the home county were beaten by Lancashire in a single innings with 47 runs to spare.

Derbyshire were got out for 77 and 55, Crossland taking nine wickets for 55 runs and Watson eight for 56. Mr Hornby did not increase his overnight score of 79. Foster, in Derbyshire's first innings, made 52 out of 74 runs from the bat.

Wednesday 28 June, page 12: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v THE AUSTRALIANS

A proposition to play a return match between the Australians and the Gentlemen of England, at Lord's, has not been received with favour. According to the present arrangements the visitors will meet a team of Marylebone Club and Ground on July 10 and following days.

29 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2586.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 June, page 10)

The Players were successful in the toss and sent in Ulyett and Barlow. Mr Steel bowled from the pavilion wicket and Mr Rotherham at the other end. An on-drive for a couple was made in the first over, but, with a single only added, Barlow obstructed his wicket. Barnes arrived, but at 12.25 rain caused a retirement.

A cessation of an hour and five minutes ensued. Ulyett then cut a ball of Mr Steel's for four, and the same number was made from this bowler by Barnes by a square-leg hit. A straight drive for four by Ulyett caused Mr Rotherham to give up the ball to Mr W G Grace. By luncheon time 35 runs were recorded.

After the customary interval Messrs Steel and Rotherham took charge of the bowling, and in the fourth over Ulyett was caught at mid-on. Two for 43. Bates filled the vacancy, and the total having arrived at 57 Barnes was clean bowled. Lockwood made his appearance, but was soon caught at the wicket. Morris Read came next on the list, and runs continued to come at a steady pace. Bates drove a ball straight to the pavilion and sent another to square-leg for four. From the very next delivery, however, he was taken at long-on. Half the wickets were now down for 80.

Midwinter came, but at once lost the company of Morris Read, who was easily taken at mid-off. The arrival of Flowers to the aid of Midwinter caused the bowling to be kept in check for some little time. Mr Grace relieved Mr Rotherham, and Mr C T Studd came on for Mr Steel at 94. At 118 Mr Rotherham bowled in place of the Gloucestershire captain, and wickets fell rapidly, the innings ending at 5 o'clock for 135. Mr Steel was the most successful bowler; he took four wickets . . .

At 20 minutes past 5 the Gentlemen sent in Mr Lucas and Mr W G Grace. Peate and Hill were deputed to open the attack. The last-named batsman soon became busy, making a dozen runs by a couple of on-drives and a square-leg hit. At 23 Bates came on. With the total at 32, Mr Grace was caught at point. Mr Patterson came next, but speedily played the ball into the hands of slip. Two for 32. Mr Read followed, and at 40 Barlow displaced Peate. The new-comer made an off-drive for four, and at 50 Ulyett was tried. Mr Read made a square-leg hit for four, but he was soon afterwards clean bowled by Barnes . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 July, page 12)

Play in this match was continued at Kennington Oval yesterday. Mr Lucas (the previous evening's not-out with 18) was accompanied to the wickets by Mr C T Studd. Barnes had to complete his over, and his first ball the fresh batsman sent to square-leg for four. Peate went on at the other wicket, and, after he had sent down three maidens, Mr Studd drove a ball of his to the on for another four. Having supplemented this with seven runs in one over from Barnes, that bowler had, at 81, to make room for Bates, and four runs later Hill superseded Peate. The total having travelled to 93, Mr Studd was taken at short-leg.

Lord Harris made one solitary four, and was then taken at short-leg. Half the wickets for 97. Mr Steel came in, but was almost immediately clean bowled. Mr Leslie joined Mr Lucas, who had been at the wickets an hour and four minutes without scoring. The collapse was now very rapid. Mr Leslie was caught in the slips and Mr Lucas was driven on to his wicket, the total being 105. Hill claimed five wickets . . .

Having a balance of 30 runs in hand, the Players started their second innings with Ulyett and Midwinter. Messrs Studd and Rotherham were intrusted with the attack. Without having gained a run, Midwinter was taken at point. Barlow came in, and, having made an off-drive for four, should have been taken in the slips by Mr Rotherham. Thirteen runs came from eight overs, and then Mr Steel displaced Mr Rotherham. In his second over Ulyett drove him to the on for four. He then sent a ball from Mr Studd's in the same direction over the stand by the side of the pavilion, and followed it up with a similar hit to the boundary, and another four by a leg hit from Mr Steel. Mr Patterson came on for Mr Studd at 65, and Ulyett's career was soon afterwards closed by a catch at long-off. Two for 70.

Barnes arrived and Mr Studd at once resumed. Two wickets now fell at 80, Barnes being stumped and Bates clean bowled. Half-a-dozen runs only were added and then Lockwood's leg stump was struck. Five down. Flowers joined Barlow, who continued to bat well. The new comer cut Mr Studd for three and sent a ball to square-leg for four. These batsmen continued to play so well that frequent changes had to be tried before they were separated. At length, however, with the total at 151, Flowers was well taken at cover-point, low down.

Read came in and Barlow continued to hit well, driving a ball of Mr Rotherham's splendidly to the off for four. Dr Grace, having relieved Mr Steel, succeeded in taking two wickets in an over, Barlow being secured at cover-point, while Pilling hit his wicket. The former's excellent innings was made up of six fours, two threes, nine twos &c. Hill and Read were now together. Hill, having made 14, was caught, and Peate came in, and the innings closed at 6.20 by Read driving the ball into the hands of mid-on. Five bowlers were engaged: - Mr Studd claimed five wickets . . .

A most feeble start was made by the Gentlemen, who went in with 237 to win, three wickets being captured for the poor total of eight runs. Mr Lucas was taken at slip, Mr Tylecote at wicket and Mr Studd was stumped.

Day 3 (report from Monday 3 July, page 12)

There was a fairly large attendance of spectators at Kennington Oval on Saturday to witness the conclusion of this match. The Gentlemen batted better in their second venture, but the efforts of Lord Harris and Mr Hornby and Mr Steel were not well supported, and the Players secured a somewhat easy victory.

Play was continued precisely at noon. Dr Grace was accompanied to the wicket by Mr Read. Bates and Peate took change of the attack. Before a single had been made, Dr Grace played the ball back to the bowler. Four for 8. Mr Steel arrived, and sent a ball of Peate's to square leg for four, which Mr Read supplemented by an on-drive with an equally satisfactory result. Soon afterwards, however, he stopped the ball with his leg. Lord Harris made his appearance, and Mr Steel hit the ball to square leg for four. With the score at 45 Hill relieved Peate, who soon

afterwards left the field, having injured his ankle. Mr Steel drove a ball to the on from Bates, and at 45 Flowers displaced Hill. Eight maidens were sent down in succession; then Mr Steel was caught at wicket. Six for 45.

When Mr Hornby joined Lord Harris the Gentlemen had a possible chance to win. These batsmen hit with great vigour, and at one time it seemed almost likely that they would succeed in turning aside defeat. The bowling had to undergo various changes. The "100" was hoisted at a quarter to 2, and at the luncheon interval the total stood at 114.

Only 10 runs were added after the game was resumed, when Mr Hornby's useful innings was closed by a catch at mid-off. Lord Harris was eventually clean bowled, and with the collapse of his wicket all hope of saving defeat was at an end, the last batsman being dismissed for 150. Eight bowlers had been engaged. Flowers took four wickets . . . The complete score attached will show that the Players were the winners by 87 runs.

29 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105694.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 June, page 10)

There was some remarkable cricket yesterday at Leicester, where the Australians were all dismissed for 106. Only twice since the beginning of their tour have they been out for a smaller total. It is curious that they should have done so badly against so poor a county as Leicestershire. Parnham bowled with extraordinary success, and they could do very little against him.

At half-past 12 the Australians, who had won the toss, sent in Messrs Massie and Bannerman to the bowling of Parnham and Rylott. Mr Massie at once began to hit hard. When the total stood at 18 he was missed twice in the slips and at the wicket from successive balls. At 30, however, he was caught at deep slip and Mr Murdoch came in. The Australian captain was missed from a hard return by Parnham, but in the same over was taken at slip. Two wickets for 36. Mr M'Donnell followed, and after he also had been missed he was caught at long-on at 44. Messrs Bannerman and Horan then came together. The play for a time was very slow, and after the last named had driven Parnham for five, he was clean bowled. Mr Bonnor was taken at mid-off after scoring a couple, and directly Mr Blackham came in. Mr Bannerman was smartly stumped for a patiently played 17. Six for 60. Messrs Blackham and Giffen took the score to 77, and then the adjournment for lunch took place.

On resuming Mr Giffen returned a ball to Parnham, who caught it close to the ground. Two runs later Mr Palmer was bowled, and Mr Spofforth joined Mr Blackham. Principally by the plucky hitting of the new comer the record was raised to 104 before the ninth wicket fell. Mr Spofforth was stumped just afterwards, Mr Garrett was caught at slip, and the innings terminated for 106, Mr Blackham carrying out his bat for a steadily played 20. Parnham was very difficult on the slow wicket. He took nine wickets . . .

At a quarter past 5 Leicestershire sent in Mr Crofts and Lord Curzon to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. The start was a bad one, Lord Curzon being bowled with the total at four, and Wheeler dismissed directly afterwards. Messrs Crofts and C Marriott stayed together some time, but at 23 the former left. Mr G S Marriott was bowled by the first ball he received, and Turner was also dismissed. With the exception of Mr C Marriott the others did little, and the innings closed at 25 minutes to 6 for 43, having lasted an hour and 20 minutes. Mr Palmer obtained five wickets . . and Mr Spofforth five . . .

The Australians went in a second time for a few minutes' batting, and when stumps were drawn had lost one wicket for eight runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 July, page 12)

Among cricket surprises during the present season it would be difficult to point to anything more remarkable than the match which ended yesterday at Leicester. Only last week the Australians beat the Gentlemen of England in a single innings, and yet against Leicestershire – a team which has never claimed to be in the front rank – they were only successful by 74 runs. Considering how heavy was the task in which they were engaged and how

hopeless their chances of success were thought to be, the County players showed admirable courage and a fair amount of skill. Parnham's bowling was the feature of the match, as he took 15 wickets for 129 runs.

Play began at a quarter-past 12, the Australians continuing their innings, the score of which stood at 8 for one wicket. Parnham and Bottomore were in excellent form, and the former followed up his first innings' success by taking six wickets for 61 runs. Bottomore took two wickets for 18. The best batting was shown by Messrs Horan and M'Donnell, who made 53 out of the total of 116.

The county team had 180 runs set them to win. They batted very fairly, but the Colonial bowling was too strong and they were all out for 105, thus being defeated by 74 runs. Wheeler's 38 was an excellent innings, and Mr C Marriott played patient cricket for 14. Spofforth bowled remarkably well, taking seven wickets . . .

3 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2587.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 July, page 10)

The second of the annual matches between Gentlemen and Players was commenced yesterday, at Lord's in the presence of a large company of spectators. The teams were, as usual, different from those who met last week at Kennington, the Rev V Royle, Messrs G B Studd, P H Morton and Leatham taking the places of Messrs W H Patterson, W W Read, E F S Tylecote and H Rotherham, while a corresponding number of replacements were made in the Players' side, Selby, Shrewsbury, Fothergill and Scotton being engaged instead of Read, Midwinter, Hill and Peate, the last-named not having recovered from an injury received at the Oval.

The Gentlemen retained possession of the wickets during the whole of the day, and were not then conquered, having shown some of the most brilliant batting shown this season. Mr Lucas and Mr C T Studd were at the wickets for more than three hours, the former scoring 107 and the latter 100 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 July, page 12)

At Lord's yesterday a large number of spectators witnessed the continuation of this match, which is now left in a far more interesting state than at one time seemed likely to be the case. Three balls brought the innings of the Gentlemen to a close, Mr Leatham being clean bowled. Total 374. As many as eight of the professionals had been put on to bowl. Flowers secured four wickets . . .

Barlow and Ulyett started the batting on behalf of the Players, who were all disposed of for 163. They commenced their second innings at 3.35, and when stumps were drawn for the day had scored 227 runs at a cost of five wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 July, page 6)

The adverse elements at Lord's yesterday appeared at one time to be quite likely to rob the Gentlemen of a victory, which they quite deserved. For four continuous hours rain prevented their obtaining the 77 runs they wanted to win; but, fortunately, it ceased in time to admit of their securing them.

At 11.35 the Players continued their second innings. On the previous day they had scored 227 runs and lost five wickets. Selby and Shrewsbury now continued the batting to the bowling of Messrs Steel and Morton. The innings, which was not marked by any feature of interest, closed at 12.55 for 287. Half-a-dozen bowlers were tried . . .

The Gentlemen then sent in Dr Grace and Mr Leslie to the attacks of Bates and Flowers. Dr Grace had only made seven runs when he was smartly caught at wicket; Mr Leslie tried to drive a ball and skied it into the hands of slip. Two for 36. Messrs Lucas and C T Studd then went in and raised the score to 77, thus winning the match for the Gentlemen by eight wickets. Only three bowlers were put on . . .

3 July: AUSTRALIANS v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (with A Shaw – not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105672.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 July, page 10)

At Northampton yesterday, on the Race-course, the Australians commenced their match against the county. Northamptonshire won the toss and went in to face the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. The brothers Pigg, Alfred Shaw and Mr Winch were the only batsmen who reached double figures.

The Australians were first represented by Messrs Bannerman and Murdoch. When stumps were drawn for the day the Colonists were 20 runs to the good, with six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 July, page 12)

Yesterday the Australians gained a hollow victory over the county at Northampton by an innings and 80 runs. The colonists, who had lost four wickets overnight for 142, yesterday increased their score to 270 before they were all dismissed. The chief scorers were Messrs Bonnor and Giffen, who hit hard and well for 58 and 51 respectively.

Northamptonshire, being 148 runs behind, began their second innings very badly, losing three wickets for 12 runs. as in the first innings, however, the brothers Pigg made a invaluable stand, and before they were separated added 45. After they left the county batsmen could do nothing with Mr Palmer's bowling, and the match rapidly terminated.

3 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2588.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 4 July, page 10)

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 5 July, page 12)

6 July: MIDDLESEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2590.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 July, page 10)

The first match of the present Australian eleven at Lord's opened yesterday under very depressing influences as to weather. The ground, however, suited Mr Garrett very well; it will be seen that the five wickets placed to his credit were all bowled.

After many delays the Australians turned out into the field. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer led the attack against Messrs A J Webbe and Walker. Six runs were made in five overs, and then rain caused a retreat to the pavilion. Twenty minutes later the game was continued. Mr Walker made a late cut for three from Mr Spofforth. After four byes had been registered, Mr Webbe drove a ball of Mr Palmer's to the off for four. With the score at 21 Mr Walker was well taken at slip. Four runs were made in five overs, and then Mr Scott, the new-comer, drove Mr Palmer to the on for three. Immediately afterwards Mr Webbe played the ball on to his wicket. Two for 34.

Mr Leslie arrived to the aid of Mr Scott, and made a late cut for four from Mr Palmer. With the total at 42 rain once more stopped the match for three quarters of an hour. Four more byes were obtained before Mr Scott drove a ball of Mr Spofforth's for three. At 53 Mr Garrett superseded Mr Palmer. The total having reached 57, Mr Scott was well taken at mid-off with one hand, Mr Jones running from cover-point to secure the ball. Three for 57.

Mr C T Studd appeared, and hit the third ball he received to square-leg for four. The score continued to advance steadily, and it was hoped by the partisans of Middlesex that they would be able to make a lengthy stand. These anticipations were, however, dispelled when at 71 Mr Leslie was clean bowled. Four down. Mr G B Studd's stay was brief, caught at slip. Half the wickets for 84.

Mr Pearson and Mr C T Studd only raised the total to 88, when the latter was clean-bowled, having gained the highest score of his side. Six down. The collapse of the four outstanding wickets was speedy - Mr J E K Studd, Mr Pearson, Burton and Captain Borrowes all being clean-bowled. Total 104. Time 5.20. Three bowlers were engaged; Mr Spofforth and Mr Garrett divided the wickets . . .

The Australians started their batting at 20 minutes to 6 with Bannerman and Mr Massie. Burton led off from the pavilion wicket and Mr C T Studd from the other end. In the former's first two overs Bannerman made an on-drive for three and another for four. Mr C T Studd's fifth ball Mr Massie returned to him. One for eight.

Mr Murdoch came next on the list, and a single only resulted from the half-dozen overs which ensued. The colonial captain then made an on-drive for three off Burton. Mr C T Studd now sent down nine overs for a couple of singles. Bannerman relieved this slow scoring with two fours by off and on drives from successive balls, which caused Mr Robertson to come on, but only for an over. Bannerman cut the ball into the hands of point, having secured 23 runs of the 34 gained up to this time. Two down.

Mr M'Donnell arrived and Mr C T Studd resumed bowling. Mr Murdoch, when he had scored seven, gave a very hard chance low down to Mr Walker at slip. Before another run could be added, however, he lost the company of Mr M'Donnell - caught at cover-point. Three for 37. Mr Horan joined Mr Murdoch. No further wickets fell . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 July, page 12)

At one time yesterday there was a gleam of hope among the spectators at Lord's that Middlesex would be able to hold their own against the Australians. There was only a narrow balance of 32 runs between the sides at the close of an innings each, the Australians only scoring 136. Middlesex, however, who were 32 runs to the bad in their first innings, only succeeded in putting together 91 in their second.

Wanting only 60 runs to win, Bannerman and Mr Massie started to get them at 10 minutes past 5. Burton and Mr C T Studd undertook the early bowling. At 18 Mr Massie gave a chance to Mr G B Studd at mid-off. Bannerman was soon caught at slip and Mr Murdoch was clean bowled. Messrs M'Donnell and Massie were then in company. The former secured several very clean off-drives, obtaining four fours from Mr C T Studd, and at 6 o'clock Mr Massie made an on-drive for three, which won the match for the Australians by eight wickets.

6 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2591.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 7 July, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 July, page 12)

Yesterday's cricket at Nottingham was all in favour of the bowlers. Flowers and Mills hit hard, but no one on the Lancashire side, save Mr Steel, did anything. It is not often, even on wickets injured by heavy rain, that a first-class county are all out for 52.

The Home Eleven had 64 runs the best of the match when they went in for the second time. They, however, fared worse than their opponents, for Mr Steel and Watson got them out for 42, the amateur taking six wickets for only 17 runs, and Watson four for 23. Shaw, in Lancashire's innings, took six wickets for 20 runs and Flowers three for 10, so there is but little to choose between the four bowlers. Lancashire will to-day go in for their second innings. They require to make 107 to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 July, page 9)

This match ended on Saturday, at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, in a somewhat unexpected victory for the home county. Lancashire, who only wanted 107 runs to win, began batting with Mr Hornby and Barlow, the bowling being shared by Shaw and Flowers.

The start was unfortunate, Mr Hornby being bowled by Shaw's second ball. Mr Steel followed, and rapidly made 21 before he returned a ball to Flowers. The retiring batsman thus far had made the whole of the runs scored. After he left a series of disasters followed, and seven wickets fell for 31. Crossland, the last batsman, gave unexpected trouble, and as runs came rapidly Barnes took the ball from Flowers at 63. Six runs later Crossland was run out for a well-hit 20, and the match terminated in a victory for Nottingham by 37 runs. Barlow carried out his bat, having gone in first and been at the wicket for two hours and a half. Flowers bowled with extraordinary success, obtaining seven wickets . . .

10 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2592.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 July, page 5)

The contest between these teams, which commenced at Lord's yesterday, has been generally looked forward to as a standard by which the merits of the Australians may be gauged. It has been generally admitted that the match with the first team of Australians, meritorious as the victory of the Colonists unquestionably was, scarcely afforded an adequate criterion of the merits of Marylebone. Yesterday's play at Lord's, in the presence of many thousand spectators, was excellent on both sides, and, indeed, it is doubtful whether Dr Grace ever played with such perfection as he did during his patient stay at the wickets, considering the skilfulness of the attacks directed against him.

About noon it became known that Marylebone had won the toss and had decided on taking possession of a drying wicket. Five minutes later, Mr Hornby and Dr Grace were placed on their defence. Mr Spofforth led the bowling from the pavilion end and Mr Palmer from the nursery. The first over was a maiden; but from the last ball of the second Dr Grace secured a single by an off-drive. From the fourth delivery Mr Hornby secured three by a couple of on-drives. Eight overs yielded ten runs. Some of Mr Hornby's hits were very risky; having cut a ball of Mr Spofforth's for four, he gave a very difficult chance to mid-off - Mr Giffen had to judge the ball from behind, and it dropped over his head. Profiting by his escapes, Mr Hornby made a very clean square-leg hit from Mr Spofforth, which brought the 50 on the board, after as many minutes' play. A few overs later Mr Hornby was dismissed by an excellent piece of stumping. One for 67.

Mr Lucas appeared, and after Dr Grace had hit Mr Giffen to leg for three, singles preponderated. The total had been conducted, by easy stages, to 102, when Dr Grace, who had played sound cricket, was clean-bowled. Messrs A P Lucas and C T Studd were then together, but at five minutes to 2 the rain, which had been threatening and had even fallen a little, caused an early adjournment to luncheon. During the interval rain fell so heavily as to completely swamp the wicket, and after various delays further play for the day was deemed impracticable. Stumps were therefore drawn at 4.15.

The match will be continued this morning at 11.30. At present it is a little doubtful whether Mr A H Evans or Mr W F Forbes will make the eleventh representative of Marylebone.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 July, page 10)

The heavy downpour of rain yesterday and the wet state of the ground caused play in this match at Lord's to be postponed until to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 July, page 10)

Although the wet weather of Monday afternoon and Tuesday dispelled all hopes as to the completion of this, one of the most interesting matches at Lord's, there were many thousands of spectators on the ground yesterday. Mr C T Studd played in a manner which has rarely been equalled. His

principal items were nine fours, three threes and 16 twos. The bowling and fielding of the Marylebone Club were very fine.

Mr Horan's steady innings of 42, Mr Spofforth's somewhat fortunate contribution of 28 and Mr Bonnor's useful score of 25 saved the efforts of the Colonials from the charge of mediocrity. As the subjoined score will show, Marylebone, when stumps were drawn, had far the better of the situation when the match was drawn.

10 July: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2594.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 July, page 5)

Some admirable batting was shown by Ulyett and Lockwood at Sheffield yesterday. Emmett won the toss for choice of innings and sent his side in. Ulyett was missed when he had only made six. His innings of 120 was a grand display of hitting. The innings of the home county finished for 277. Barratt took five wickets . . .

Surrey had lost one wicket for 24 runs at the call of time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 July, page 10)

Mr J Shuter, the Surrey captain, batted brilliantly yesterday at Sheffield for his county against Yorkshire. He made 57 in the first innings and 59 in the second. Yorkshire, already at a great disadvantage by the absence of Peate, was still further weakened by the absence of Bates, who had the misfortune to sprain his ankle and consequently could take no part in the day's play.

The game was resumed in dull and threatening weather soon after 12, the Surrey not-outs - Mr Shuter and M Read - opposing Hill and Peel. The visitors, with the exception of Mr Shuter, made but a poor show against the Yorkshire bowling. The innings closed for 123.

Mr Shuter, who went in first, was out eighth for an admirable 57, in which were five fours, six threes and six twos. Ulyett's figures are remarkable, his three wickets being obtained in four overs (two maidens) for four runs; Peel took four wickets . . .

In a minority of 154, Surrey, of course, followed their innings, Mr Shuter and Mr W W Read opening the batting. Both gentlemen hit freely and well before Mr Read was stumped for a useful 24. At this juncture rain fell heavily and stopped play for an hour. On resuming Mr Shuter was out leg before wicket. His well-hit innings of 59 included a six, a five, six fours, four threes and five twos. Mr Cattley and Morris Read were then together, but at half-past 5 another storm of rain prevented further progress being made in the game.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 July, page 10)

Owing to the rain at Sheffield yesterday, play in this match was not resumed until late in the afternoon, when Surrey continued their second innings. Pooley, Mr Horner and Barrett hit pluckily. The innings closed for 197.

Yorkshire, who required 44 runs to win, had only 30 minutes' play left in which to get them. Ulyett and the Hon M B Hawke were sent in, but by the call of time had only made 35. The home county thus wanted only nine runs to win when stumps were drawn, with ten wickets in hand. Yorkshire must be deemed very unlucky in only making a draw of it. Peel again bowled successfully, securing five wickets . . .

10 July: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2593.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 July, page 5)

At the County ground, Brighton, yesterday, Kent had the best of the day's play in their return match with Sussex. The latter went in first and made a very poor start, losing wickets in quick succession until seven were down for 70 runs. Mr C A Smith and H Phillips, however, came together, and chiefly by their free hitting the innings concluded for 195.

When Kent went in, O'Shaughnessy and the brothers Hearne batted remarkably well, and only one batsman was out when time expired. The visitors are 62 behind and have nine wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 July, page 10)

Owing to the inclement weather at Brighton yesterday, less than two hours' play took place in this return match. The feature of the batting was the admirable innings of O'Shaughnessy, who gave two chances only in his 98, and the free hitting of G G Hearne, who was not out at the call of time. Kent are now 60 runs to the good and have six wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 July, page 10)

There was a very fair day's cricket at Brighton yesterday, when this county contest was concluded. At one time Kent, who were 80 ahead on the first innings, had all the best of the game, but Mr Blackman, Bettesworth, Trevor and Phillips all hit freely for their side when the home county went in a second time, and the day's play resulted in a draw - neither having much advantage at the finish.

When stumps were drawn on Tuesday Sussex had completed an innings for 195, while Kent, with four wickets down, had made 255. Yesterday play was resumed at a quarter past 12, G G Hearne, not out, 90, and Lord Throwley, not out, 8, facing Lillywhite and Juniper. Without adding a run the professional was caught at slip. In Juniper's first over Lord Throwley was also caught at slip, and Mr Wilson was out, leg before wicket. Seven for 260. Five runs later Wood was caught at slip, and after this the innings quickly closed for 275.

Sussex in their second attempt made a bad start, quickly losing Messrs Greenfield and A P Lucas. Mr Whitfeld and Mr Trevor, however, carried the score to 69 before the latter was out. Mr C J Lucas was dismissed at 74, Mr Whitfeld at 75 and Mr Smith at 78. Messrs Blackman and Bettesworth then came together, and before they were separated put on 102 runs. Mr Blackman's freely hit but not faultless display included 11 fours and four twos. The innings terminated for 247. Wanting 167 to win, Kent went in, and had lost two wickets for 33 when time expired.

13 July: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2597.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 July, page 8)

The third match this season between the Colonials and the famous northern county was to have begun yesterday at Dewsbury. The wet weather, however, prevented any play, the captains agreeing about 3 o'clock to postpone the start until to-day. Bates is unable to play, but Peate resumes his place in the Yorkshire eleven. On the Australian side Blackham and Jones stand out of the eleven.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 July, page 12)

At Dewsbury yesterday play in the third contest between these teams – postponed from Thursday on account of the rain – was commenced in fine weather. Yorkshire won the toss and went in first of the soft wicket, Ulyett and the Hon M B Hawke facing the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Spofforth.

Ulyett was bowled at 8 and Mr Hawke at 12. Lockwood and Hall then came together and played freely and well. The first-named made four fours, and consequently at 38 Spofforth was superseded by Palmer. At 60 Hall was caught at short mid-on. Emmett was quickly dismissed, and then Lockwood was bowled for a splendid innings of 61. With the exception of Grimshaw the others did little, and the innings closed for 129. Mr Garrett obtained seven wickets . . . Mr Boyle, who made his re-appearance in the team after his accident, took two wickets . . .

Messrs Bannerman and Massie opened the Australian batting to the bowling of Peate and Peel. Mr Massie was caught at cover-point without scoring and Mr Murdoch came in. At 31 the bowlers changed ends, and as no wicket fell Emmett and Hill took up the bowling. At 47 the Australian captain was bowled off his pads. Mr M'Donnell was caught at mid-off at 71, and Mr Horan joined Mr Bannerman. Both batted very steadily though the new comer should have been caught at mid-off. At length Ulyett was tried in place of Hill, and at 110 Mr Bannerman was bowled for an excellent 34. Mr Bonnor was stumped without scoring, and with his dismissal play ceased for the day. Five wickets were then down for 111 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 July, page 12)

Heavy rain on Saturday at Dewsbury caused the third match of the season between the Australians and Yorkshire to end in a draw. On Friday Yorkshire scored a first innings of 129, and the Australians lost five wickets for 111.

The weather was very bad on Saturday and a start could not be made until after luncheon. The Australians continued their innings on a very soft wicket, and could do very little with the bowling of Peel, who clean bowled Messrs Spofforth, Giffen, Garrett and Palmer. The last wicket fell for 141, or 12 runs to the good; Peel . . . six wickets . . .

When Yorkshire went in a second time there was not the least chance of any definite result being arrived at, so the Australians put on Messrs Murdoch

and Massie, and afterwards Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell. Ulyett and Mr Hawke hit freely, but the former, after scoring 34, was bowled by Mr M'Donnell. Hall and Mr Hawke then played out time.

13 July: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2596.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 July, page 8)

So much rain fell at Manchester during the early part of yesterday that no start could be made in the first meeting this season of these counties. Weather permitting the game will begin at noon to-day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 July, page 12)

Wet weather at Manchester prevented any play in this county match on Thursday, but yesterday there was a full day's play, in which the home county obtained a considerable advantage. Going in first, Lancashire fared very badly for a time, and eight wickets were down for 60 runs. Crossland and Watson then got together, and, by determined hitting, added no fewer than 96 runs before they were parted. The innings closed for 156. Mr Roller was the most successful bowler, taking three wickets . . .

Surrey went in, but only scored 82. Nash had a wonderfully good analysis, taking four wickets in 15 overs (9 maidens) for seven runs. Lancashire then went in for the second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 July, page 12)

The first match this season between Lancashire and Surrey ended at Manchester on Saturday in a draw. Surrey with six wickets down required 207 runs to win, so that the result was decidedly in favour of the home county. When stumps were drawn on Friday Lancashire, on going in for the second time, had made 24 runs for no wicket.

On Saturday Mr Hornby and Barlow were opposed by Mr Horner and Johnson. The amateur hit freely, but after making 44 was easily missed. Before the first wicket was obtained the total had reached 67. Barlow was then bowled, and 20 runs later the Lancashire captain was out. Of the other batsmen Mr Porter and Robinson batted successfully, and in the end the total reached 174.

Surrey had no time to get the requisite number of runs, and in the time left for play fared badly. Mr Shuter left with his score at three, Maurice Read was bowled at 17, and shortly afterwards Mr Read was dismissed, the three best batsmen on the side being out for 26. The remainder of the cricket was without interest, and at half-past 6 the game ended, as above stated, in a draw.

13 July: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2595.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 July, page 8)

The first day's play at Gloucester in the only match this year between Gloucestershire and Somersetshire went all in favour of the home county, who when rain stopped the game were 130 runs to the good with seven wickets to fall.

Somersetshire went in first, but except for some free hitting by Mr Fowler scarcely any opposition was offered to the bowling of Dr W G Grace, who took eight wickets at a cost of only 31 runs. The Gloucestershire innings was remarkable for a splendidly hit score of 108 by Dr E M Grace. He went in first and was out with the total at 179, making no mistake until he had completed his 100. His chief hits were a six, nine fours, two threes and 15 twos. Mr Cranston played an excellent innings of 66. When rain interrupted the match, the score stood thus . . [Somersetshire 62; Gloucestershire 192/3.]

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 July, page 12)

At Gloucester, yesterday, Gloucestershire defeated Somersetshire in a single innings by 177 runs. Midwinter played a very freely hit innings of 107, not out. The Gloucestershire innings terminated for 348. Mr Townsend was absent; on the previous day he had scored seven, not out.

Somersetshire were 286 runs behind, and though Messrs Welman and Sainsbury scored between them 60, the other batsmen did so little that the innings only realized 109 runs. Woof bowled with very great success, taking seven wickets . . .

17 July: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2600.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 July, page 6)

Owing to the batting of Messrs Bannerman, M'Donnell and Giffen, and the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Spofforth, the Colonists had all the best of the day's play at Bradford yesterday in their fourth match with Yorkshire. Though the Australians were all out for the moderate score of 132, they dismissed no fewer than five of the county's best batsmen for 27. Thus at the close of the day's play, Yorkshire, with five wickets to fall, wanted 26 runs to save the "follow on."

The visitors won the toss, and sent in Messrs Massie and Bannerman at 25 minutes to 1, to the bowling of Peate and Bates. Mr Massie hit Peate for two and four and then played on, and Mr Murdoch, who followed, was caught at short mid-on without scoring. Mr M'Donnell came in and at once began to hit freely, making 31 before he was caught at cover-point at 51. Mr Horan joined Mr Bannerman, who was batting steadily.

After luncheon Peate and Bates bowled with almost immediate effect, as Mr Horan was caught at slip and Mr Bonnor at the wicket in one over of Peate's. Four and five for 72. Messrs Bannerman and Giffen came together, and for a time played capital cricket. Mr Bannerman was taken at slip for an admirable 42. The other batsmen were rapidly dismissed.

When Yorkshire went in, they made a most feeble resistance to the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Spofforth.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 July, page 12)

At the close of yesterday's play at Bradford, this, the fourth of the matches between the Australian Eleven and Yorkshire, was left in a very even condition, Yorkshire, with all their wickets to fall, requiring 121 runs to win. The wicket was all in favour of the bowlers.

When play ceased on Monday the game was in favour of the colonists, who had scored 133 and obtained five Yorkshire wickets for 27 runs. Yesterday Hall, not out, seven, and Grimshaw, not out, six, were opposed by Messrs Garrett and Spofforth. The innings closed for 68. Hall carried out his bat for 19.

Mr Massie and Mr Bannerman began the Australian second innings against the bowling of Peate and Bates. Mr Massie hit Peate thrice for four in one over, so at 14 Emmett was put on to bowl. Then occurred an extraordinary series of disasters for the Australians. At 19 Mr Massie was taken at point off Bates; three runs later Mr Bannerman was taken at slip, and the next ball Mr M'Donnell returned to Emmett. Mr Horan was quickly bowled and Mr Bonnor left in the same over. Five wickets were thus down for 34 runs, when Mr Giffen joined Mr Murdoch. The Australian captain hit Peate to leg for four, but then lost the company of Mr Giffen, who was caught at point. Mr Garrett had come in when rain stopped play for a quarter of an hour.

On resuming Mr Garrett was finely caught at third man. Mr Spofforth, who followed, gave two difficult chances, which were not taken. Peate bowled Mr Murdoch's middle stump at 48, and six runs later Mr Palmer was run out.

Mr Boyle came in last. Mr Spofforth hit hard and effectively, and almost entirely by his efforts the score reached 67, when a catch at cover-point dismissed Mr Boyle and finished the innings.

Yorkshire had 132 runs to get to win, and had scarcely ten minutes' batting before stumps were drawn for the day. Hall and Grimshaw went in and had made 11 runs when time was called.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 July, page 10)

Yesterday at Bradford the Australians gained a well-earned victory over Yorkshire by 47 runs. The wicket was still false and treacherous, and, of course, the chances were all against Yorkshire making the 121 runs left them to win. Nevertheless the Australians deserve great credit for their success. Mr Boyle bowled in splendid form and was backed up by most brilliant fielding.

Hall (not out 3) and Grimshaw (not out 8) went on with Yorkshire's innings at 12 o'clock to the bowling of Messrs Boyle and Garrett. Grimshaw, after increasing his score to 12, was caught at square leg. Ulyett came in, but at 26 lost Hall, who was easily caught at slip. The Yorkshiremen, with the exception of Mr Hawke, seemed unable to do anything with the Australian bowling on the difficult wicket. Lockwood was caught at short mid off, for the second time in the match failing to score. Ulyett was caught at long on, and four wickets were down for 43.

Bates joined Mr Hawke, and Mr Spofforth took the ball from Mr Garrett. The change soon took effect, Bates being caught at slip. Mr Landon did not score, and then, at 78, Mr Hawke was unfortunately run out for an admirable 27. After this the innings came quickly to a close, Hill and Emmett being bowled, and Hunter caught at slip, the last wicket falling at 20 minutes past 2 for 84. Thus the Australians won as above stated by 47 runs. Mr Boyle took six wickets . . .

17 July: MIDDLESEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2598.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 July, page 6)

There was a rather poor attendance at Lord's yesterday to witness the first contest of this season between these counties. Middlesex won the toss. Their early wickets were not very productive, Crossland at the outset bowling with great effect. The first three batsmen, Messrs Webbe, Walker and Leslie, were all somewhat summarily dismissed of by the bowler named. Mr G B Studd was taken at slip without having scored.

The Hon A Lyttelton arrived and batted in really grand style. Prior to luncheon he saw the downfall of four of his companions. Mr C T Studd was captured by the wicket-keeper and Mr Pearson was clean bowled. Mr Vernon (after a long partnership with Mr Lyttelton) also fell to Pilling, and Mr Tuke was clean bowled. Mr Lyttelton was ultimately stumped, having put together 49. His chief hits were four fours, five threes and two twos. The innings was soon afterwards brought to an end for a total of 123. Five bowlers had been engaged: - Crossland took five wickets . . .

Lancashire started their batting with Mr Hornby and Barlow. Each batsman hit with his usual characteristics, the former batting with wonderful freedom and the latter with his wonted caution. In spite of all the efforts to separate this pair, it was not until he had scored 131 that Mr Hornby lifted the ball into the hands of long-field-off. His principal contributions consisted of 16 fours, eight threes and 11 twos. Mr Steel joined Barlow, and at ten minutes to 6 rain stopped play for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 July, page 12)

This match was resumed at Lord's yesterday, the Lancashire not-outs (Barlow and Mr A G Steel) continuing their innings. The start of the northerners was not encouraging, as Barlow succumbed without having augmented his score. The total reached 243. Six bowlers were engaged. Clarke secured 5 wickets . . .

With a balance of 120 runs against them, Middlesex went in a second time. The Hon A Lyttelton and Mr G B Studd first occupied the wickets, Watson and Barlow took charge of the bowling. All the variations brought to bear against them were net at nought by this pair, who were not separated until 122 runs had been made, when Mr G B Studd was disposed of leg-before-wicket. At 135 Mr Lyttelton was caught at long on. The former's hits included 11 fours, four threes and ten twos, and the latter's one five, four fours, two threes and 11 twos. The last wicket fell for 168. Five bowlers were put on. Mr Steel and Crossland divided the honours between them . . .

Only 49 runs were now required by Lancashire to win, and these were readily obtained. The subjoined score will show that Lancashire won by nine wickets.

17 July: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2599.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 July, page 6)

In the return match against Surrey, commenced at the Oval yesterday, the defeat experienced by Sussex in the earlier part of the season seems quite likely to be followed by a victory. Throughout the whole of the day they retained possession of the wickets, and at the cost of only seven batsmen had accumulated 294 runs. With only two exceptions, those who went in reached double figures.

Having won the toss, Sussex sent in Mr Whitfeld and the Rev F J Greenfield to the bowling of Jones and Caffarey. The latter batsman was caught in the slips, and Mr M P Lucas, who followed him, played on. Mr Whitfeld, who was in over an hour for four runs, was ably assisted by Mr Bettsworth. The latter eventually hit the ball into the hands of slip, after playing a smart innings of 56, composed of five fours, four threes, seven twos &c. Mr Newham appeared, and another sturdy resistance was offered, until at luncheon the total stood at 106.

Soon afterwards, Mr Whitfeld returned the ball and Mr Newham was taken at wicket. Both Messrs Smith and Blackman batted well, and when rain caused stumps to be drawn earlier than usual, Humphreys and Phillips, who had been treating the bowling in the most liberal manner, were still in.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 July, page 12)

When play ceased in this match at the Oval on Monday, Sussex had kept their opponents at bay, and had lost seven wickets for 294. The three outstanding wickets yielded only three runs more. Total 297.

When Surrey went in Mr Shuter played in a very fine manner until on hitting round to leg he fell to slip. Half the wickets collapsed for 124. Mr Roller played a good innings for 26. The home county failed to save their "follow on" by 15 runs . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 July, page 10)

Although Sussex succeeded in defeating their old rivals at the Oval yesterday, the match was not as one-sided as at one time seemed probable. At the conclusion of Tuesday's play Surrey had followed on, and in their second venture had lost six wickets for 109 runs.

The game was resumed at 12.5, when Pooley (not out 2) was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Powell. Juniper and Hide were the bowlers. With the addition of only eight runs Pooley, who had not added to his overnight score, failed to keep a ball of Hide's out of his wicket. Seven for 117. Caffarey was speedily caught at point. Eight down. Jones arrived to the aid of Mr Powell. For a few overs these batsmen played well, until the latter was clean bowled, and, half-a-dozen runs being put on, Jones cut the ball into point's hands. Total 132. Four bowlers were tried, and all of them were effective. Hide secured four wickets . . .

Sussex now only required 38 to win, and at ten minutes to 1 sent in Messrs Greenfield and Whitfeld to get them. Jones and Mr Horner led the attack. A single only had been made when the first-named batsman was clean bowled. Very shortly afterwards Mr Bettsworth was easily secured at point. Mr Lucas joined Mr Whitfeld, and for a time both showed some steady defence. The former was clean bowled at 17, while Mr Whitfeld played on after eight runs had been added. At the same total Mr Blackman was clean bowled. The winning hit was made by Mr Smith . . . The subjoined score will show that Sussex won by five wickets.

20 July: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2603.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 July, page 6)

The fifth match this season between the Australians and Yorkshire was commenced yesterday at Middlesborough in fine summer weather and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The wicket was in excellent condition and some capital all-round cricket was shown.

Messrs Bannerman and Massie began the Australian innings to the bowling of Bates and Peate. Three runs only had been scored when Mr Bannerman played a ball on to his wicket. Mr Murdoch came in and Mr Massie hit with great brilliance. He sent Bates for three fours and Peate for two fours. Just previously Hunter missed a chance of stumping Mr Murdoch. Hill and Emmett took up the bowling, and the former dismissed Mr Massie for a brilliant innings of 35. Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell made a long stand, causing several changes of bowling. Mr M'Donnell hit splendidly and scored much faster than his partner. In two overs from Bates he hit five fours. When the total was up to 142 Mr Murdoch was bowled off his pads for an admirable 44.

After the luncheon interval a great change came over the game, and the Australian wickets fell rapidly, Peate and Ulyett bowling with great success. Mr Horan was bowled for three, and at 167 Mr M'Donnell was caught and bowled for a first-class innings of 82, including 11 fours. The remaining batsmen did not give much trouble, and the innings closed at a quarter-past 4 for 222. Ulyett took five wickets . . .

Yorkshire had about an hour and three-quarters' batting, and in that time fared badly, losing five of their best wickets for 57 runs. Hall batted steadily and well, but received little assistance. Mr Garrett bowled very finely.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 July, page 12)

Grimshaw played two invaluable innings against the Australians at Middlesborough yesterday, and it was in a great measure due to him that the county averted what appeared at one time an almost certain one-innings defeat. As it is the Australians, with nine wickets in hand, now require 45 runs to win. When time expired on Thursday, it will be remembered that the Colonists, with a score of 222, had obtained five Yorkshire wickets for 57.

At a quarter past 12 yesterday Grimshaw was accompanied to the wickets by Emmett, Messrs Garrett and Palmer bowling. At 82 Mr Palmer bowled the Yorkshire captain, and at 90 Mr Sidgwick was caught at mid-off. Hill joined Grimshaw and both hit freely for a time. At 109 the former was bowled and Peate came in. The record was carried to 124, when Mr Boyle superseded Mr Palmer. After this the innings was quickly terminated, Peate being caught at the wicket and Hunter bowled. Grimshaw, who had gone in fourth wicket down, carried out his bat for a splendid 30.

Being 93 runs behind, Yorkshire, of course, had to follow on, and accordingly Grimshaw and Ulyett began batting to Messrs Garrett and Boyle. Ulyett quickly made 10 out of 13 and was then bowled. At 22 the Hon M B

Hawke joined Grimshaw, and it was not until 74 that the partnership ended, the amateur being unfortunately bowled off his pads for an admirable 30. No fewer than 52 had been put on since the last wicket fell. Just afterwards, Lockwood and Bates were bowled by consecutive balls from Mr Palmer. Emmett and Grimshaw took the score to 92, when the latter, who for the second time had batted finely, was caught at slip. Peate and Hill made a useful stand before the innings closed for 140.

The Colonists, who wanted 48 to win, sent in Messrs Massie and Bannerman a few minutes before time.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 July, page 10)

The Colonists scored their third victory over the county of Yorkshire on Saturday and Middlesborough. It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Friday evening the Australians, with nine wickets to fall, required 45 runs to win. Play was resumed on Saturday shortly after 12 o'clock, Messrs Murdoch and Bannerman opposing the bowling of Ulyett and Peate.

Mr Bannerman played a ball on to his wicket. Mr M'Donnell joined his captain, who, however, was caught at the wicket with the addition of four runs. Mr Horan followed, and, after being missed at slip by Bates, played steadily and well, while his partner batted freely. At 41 Peate changed ends and Bates went on. At 10 minutes past 1 Mr M'Donnell made the winning hit . . .

20 July: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2602.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 July, page 6)

The return match between these counties opened at Lord's yesterday. Both teams suffered from the absence of a few of their best players. Only a moderate number of spectators were present to witness the batting of Surrey, who, having won the toss, sent in Messrs Shuter and Cattley. Burton and Mr C T Studd undertook the bowling.

Six runs only were obtained when Mr Shuter was bowled and made room for M Read. This professional had the misfortune to play on. Mr W Read and Mr Cattley batted so well that although the attack was varied it was not until 52 had been registered that the former was clean-bowled. Three down. An injudicious attempt to secure a run caused the departure of Mr Game. During the partnership of Mr Cattley and Abel 20 runs were obtained, when the amateur failed to stop a ball of Mr Walker's. Immediately afterwards Abel was secured by point and Mr Trollope was clean-bowled. Seven for 94. Pooley saw the downfall of the rest of his side, and the innings closed for 117. Time 3.30.

Against this by no means formidable innings Middlesex started their batting at 3.45. Messrs Walker and A J Webbe occupied the wickets, facing the bowling of Jones and Mr Barker. It was not until the total reached by the combined efforts of Surrey had been overtopped by 13 runs that Mr Walker was clean-bowled. Mr C T Studd joined Mr Webbe, who accomplished the rare feat of securing 12 runs by three hits in one over off Mr Game. At 143 Mr Webbe played under a ball which slip held. At 6.30 the 200 was signalled. Little else of importance occurred. At 220 Mr Pearson, Mr Vernon and Captain Borrowes were all disposed of. Stumps were then drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 July, page 12)

Yesterday, at Lord's, Middlesex a somewhat easy victory over their opponents by eight wickets, due in a great measure to the brilliant batting of Messrs A J Webbe, C T Studd and I D Walker, and the effective bowling of Mr C T Studd, who took nine wickets. Middlesex quickly concluded their first innings for 235, adding 15 runs for the last two wickets.

In a minority of 118 runs, Surrey began their second innings with Mr Shuter and M Read, to the bowling of Burton and Mr C T Studd. The Surrey captain again hit most brilliantly, but was caught at slip for 33. Mr Cattley joined Read, and again the score rose rapidly. At 76 Read was finely caught at point; while three runs afterwards Mr Cattley was also taken at point. After the interval Mr Trollope and Mr W W Read played splendid cricket, and in spite of numerous bowling changes added 83 runs before they were parted. Mr Trollope and Abel were then bowled by successive balls, and at 200 Mr Read was well caught at long-on for 70 – a splendid display, including nine fours, three threes and seven twos. After he left the innings was quickly finished off.

Wanting 92 runs to win, Middlesex went in at 20 minutes to 5. An unfortunate start was made. Mr Walker was bowled at 5, and the score had only reached 25 when Mr Leslie was also bowled. When Messrs C T Studd and Webbe got together, however, the result was soon put beyond all doubt. Mr

Studd ought to have been caught from a hard chance high up at slip by Abel, but apart from this no mistake was made by either batsman. The runs were hit off at ten minutes to six. Both gentlemen batted very freely.

20 July: LANCASHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2601.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 July, page 6)

Owing to the wet weather at Liverpool yesterday, play in this contest did not commence until after 1 o'clock. On a soft wicket, Mr Hornby, who won the toss, went in first, with Barlow, the Notts bowling being intrusted to Shaw and Morley. With the score at 21 the Lancashire captain was easily stumped, and with three wickets added two more wickets fell, Mr A G Steel being caught at short-leg and Mr D Q Steel bowled. At this juncture luncheon was taken.

On resuming, Mr Patterson was bowled, Robinson caught long-on and Mr Porter taken at slip. Six for 38. Pilling and Barlow, however, carried the record to 61 before the former was bowled. With the exception of Crossland, the others did little, and the innings closed for 93. Barlow, who went in first, carried out his bat for an admirably patient innings of 44. Shaw obtained 4 wickets . . .

When Notts went in they quickly lost three wickets. Shrewsbury and Flowers, however, played excellent cricket before the former was dismissed for 32. Six wickets were down for 70. Scotton and Butler then got together and played out time, when stumps were drawn for the day. Notts, with only six wickets down, were seven runs ahead.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 July, page 12)

Owing to rain there was very little play in this county match at Liverpool yesterday. In all only 120 runs were scored during the afternoon. When play ceased on the previous day Lancashire had completed an innings for 93, while Notts, with four wickets to fall, had made 100.

Yesterday play was resumed at 10 minutes past 12, Scotton (eight) and Butler (22), the overnight "not outs," facing the bowling of Mr A G Steel and Crossland. Butler was at length bowled for a freely hit 36. Directly afterwards Scotton was run out. The last two wickets gave unexpected trouble, both Shaw and Morley batting well before the innings terminated at 25 minutes past 1.

Lancashire, in a minority of 71, had a quarter of an hour's batting before luncheon, when Mr Hornby and Barlow scored 15 between them without the loss of a wicket. Heavy rain fell and prevented a resumption until 20 minutes past 5. Mr Hornby was bowled at 48, but no other wicket fell up to the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 July, page 10)

The return match between these two counties ended in a draw on Saturday at Liverpool. On Friday when stumps were drawn the game stood as follows: - Lancashire, first innings, 93; second innings, 56 for one wicket. Nottinghamshire, first innings, 164.

On Saturday when play was resumed the attendance was very small, though the weather was fine. The home side continued their innings with Mr A G Steel

and Barlow to the bowling of Flowers and Shaw. The score was raised to 77 when Mr Steel was bowled, middle stump, by Alfred Shaw. Mr D Q Steel, after making 15, all the runs scored while he was at the wicket, was bowled by Flowers. Mr Patterson came in, and a cut for two by Barlow from Shaw, which was misfielded by Selby, sent up 100. At lunch time the total was 103 for three wickets.

Soon after the interval Mr Patterson was clean bowled, Robinson was well caught at long-on and at 129 Barlow was run out. His 49 was a faultless innings, and included a four, two threes and five twos. After he was out Mr E H Porter, Pilling and Briggs played excellently, and the total was increased to 188 before the side were out. Flowers obtained four wickets .

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Nottinghamshire went in with 118 runs to get to win, and only 50 minutes to play. Mr A G Steel and Watson bowled excellently, and when time was called the Notts total was 23 for four wickets, Shrewsbury, who went in first, being not out 11 . . .

24 July: NORTHUMBERLAND v AUSTRALIANS (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105673.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 July, page 12)

A very weak team representing Northumberland were opposed to the Australians at Gosforth-park, near Newcastle, yesterday. The Colonists won the toss, and, notwithstanding that six wickets were down for 45 runs, Messrs Horan and Garrett put on 93 for the last wicket, and the total was up to 193 before the innings was over. The home side had a few minutes' batting, and when time was called had lost one wicket for five runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 July, page 12)

The Colonists concluded the 20th match of their tour at Gosforth-park, Newcastle, yesterday. Their opponents – a team representing Northumberland – could make little headway against the bowling of Messrs Boyle, Garrett and Palmer, and consequently suffered an easy defeat by an innings and 95 runs. On the previous day the Australians, having completed their innings for 139, had dismissed one batsman for five.

The county continued their batting yesterday at a quarter past 12 to the attack of Messrs Boyle and Palmer. The start was most disastrous, five wickets being down for 10 runs and six for 18. Bookless and Dr Abraham carried the score to 31, when the professional was bowled. Eventually the innings closed for 63. Mr Palmer took six wickets . . .

Northumberland, following their innings, scored 21 without the loss of a wicket up to luncheon, but on the game being resumed the most extraordinary downfall was witnessed, the wickets falling with startling rapidity until all were out for 35. Six batsmen failed to score, while only one reached double figures. Mr Palmer's five wickets were obtained in nine overs (four maidens) for six runs, and Mr Garrett's five in 15 overs and three balls (seven maidens) for 20.

24 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2606.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 July, page 12)

The first match this season between Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire began at Nottingham yesterday. The home side won the toss and sent in Oscroft and Shrewsbury to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Midwinter. Three wickets were down for 41 runs and then Barnes and Flowers made a determined stand. At length Dr E M Grace bowled Flowers for a brilliant innings of 47. The innings closed at a quarter-past 5 for 183.

At 5.40 Gloucestershire went in. The start was disastrous. Dr E M Grace did not score, at 2 Mr Pullen was caught at the wicket, and 5 Dr W G Grace was caught at long-on and at 6 Mr Townsend was clean bowled by Morley.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 July, page 12)

Yesterday play on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, was remarkable for the complete downfall of the Gloucestershire batting before the bowling of Morley, Shaw and Flowers. The visitors, who had lost four wickets overnight for 17 runs, continued their innings soon after noon to the bowling of Shaw and Morley. The latter's five wickets were taken in 34 overs (25 maidens) for 16 runs; Shaw's five were obtained in 34 overs and two balls (21 maidens) for 28.

In a minority of 134, Gloucestershire, of course, had to follow on, the brothers Grace again facing the bowling of Shaw and Morley. At 15 Dr E M Grace was caught at point, and eight runs later Mr Gilbert was taken at cover-point. Dr Grace and Midwinter then made an invaluable stand, bringing on Flowers in place of Morley at 50. Almost immediately the amateur was bowled for an excellent 37. Mr Townsend, Mr Greene and Midwinter were quickly dismissed, and Mr Cranston, who again batted well, received but poor support from the remaining batsmen. The innings closed just before 5 o'clock for 108, Nottinghamshire thus winning by an innings and 266 runs. Flowers claimed six wickets . . .

24 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2605.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 25 July, page 12)

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 July, page 12)

Kent's first innings occupied the greater part of yesterday afternoon's play at Maidstone. No sensational scores were made, but all the batsmen played well, no fewer than nine making double figures. Lord Harris, O'Shaughnessy and Mr Jones batted excellently, and were well supported by Messrs Foord-Kelcey and Kemp. Surrey tried seven bowlers . . .

Surrey went in a second time for a few minutes' batting, and at the close of play the game was left in a very even condition.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 July, page 6)

Surrey yesterday beat Kent at Maidstone by 54 runs. The wicket was very difficult, and during the day 19 batsmen were out for 108 runs. For Kent Mr Foord-Kelcey obtained seven wickets . . ., while for the visitors Mr Horner claimed eight wickets . . .

Surrey, who had overnight lost one wicket for 25 runs, were soon got rid of for 77, Maurice Read alone offering any resistance. Kent were left 11 to get to win. Only Messrs Tylecote and Kemp and George Hearne reached double figures, and the innings was over for 56, Surrey thus winning, as stated above, by 54 runs,

24 July: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2607.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 July, page 12)

There was very little play at Lockwood's benefit at Sheffield yesterday, owing to the heavy rain in the forenoon. A start was made after luncheon, when Lancashire, who had lost three wickets overnight for 61, continued their innings against the bowling of Peate and Bates. The innings closed for 152.

Ulyett and Hall began the Yorkshire innings to the bowling of Watson and Crossland. Ulyett at once hit vigorously, while his partner batted patiently, and, in spite of bowling changes, the pair had not been separated up to the time of drawing stumps.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 July, page 6)

Yesterday at Brammall-lane, Sheffield, this county match concluded in a draw. Yorkshire, with six wickets in hand, wanted 63 runs to win; thus it will be seen that neither side could claim an advantage. It will be remembered that the proceeds of the match are devoted to the benefit of Ephraim Lockwood.

24 July: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2604.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 July, page 12)

The Home County at Southampton yesterday gained a victory over Somersetshire by ten wickets. In their first innings Somerset scored 101 runs and in their second 118. Hampshire made 147 runs in their first innings and in the second obtained the 74 runs insuring them victory without losing a wicket.

27 July: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2610.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 28 July, page 11)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 July, page 11)

When play ceased for the day on Thursday in this match at the Oval, Yorkshire had completed an innings for 203, and Surrey had lost eight batsmen for 99. On resuming yesterday the two outstanding wickets were captured for the addition of half-a-dozen runs. Time, 12.15. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

With a deficit of 98 runs to make up, Surrey followed on. Mr J Shuter's innings of 93 was made up of an on-drive for five, 11 fours, four threes, five twos &c. The innings closed for 160. Of the six bowlers engaged, Peate was again the most successful, as he secured half the wickets . . . Emmett's analysis was exceedingly good . . . From the full score appended it will be seen that Yorkshire won by eight wickets.

27 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2609.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 July, page 11)

Yesterday, in their first match of this season with Gloucestershire, Lancashire, who went in first, had completed an innings for 170 when rain fell heavily, and the game had to be abandoned for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 July, page 11)

Heavy rain yesterday at Manchester greatly interfered with the second day's play in the first match of the season between Lancashire and Gloucestershire, and no start could be made until after luncheon. On Thursday Lancashire were at the wickets all day, scoring 172.

Dr W G Grace and Dr E M Grace began the Gloucestershire innings yesterday at 20 minutes past 3, to the bowling of Watson and Mr Steel. The score had only reached 13 when Dr E M Grace was caught at the wicket. Mr Moberly followed, and, after playing steadily for 12, was dismissed by Watson. Midwinter joined Dr W G Grace, who had been batting very finely. Crossland took the ball from Mr Steel - a change that was attended with great success. Mr W G Grace was bowled by Crossland at 57, and then Midwinter fell to Watson. After this the Gloucestershire batsmen, with the exception of Mr Gilbert, offered feeble resistance to the bowling of Crossland, and the innings was over for 88. Crossland bowled very finely, taking five wickets . . . and Watson obtained five wickets . . .

Being 84 runs behind, Gloucestershire had, of course, to follow their innings. At the call of time one wicket had fallen without a run being scored.

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 July, page 10)

On the Old Trafford Ground at Manchester on Saturday, Gloucestershire suffered an easy defeat from the home county.

27 July: DERBYSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2608.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 July, page 11)

Mr L C Docker and the professional colt, Chatterton, between them scored 108 out of the total of 232 made by the Derbyshire eleven yesterday at Derby in their return match with Sussex. The amateur hit freely, and was ably assisted by Mr Forman and Foster. Later on Mr Evershed and Mycroft rendered like aid to Chatterton. Rain stopped the game at half-past 5.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 July, page 11)

Yesterday Sussex received a severe defeat from the home county at Derby. The visitors, who had gone in overnight against Derbyshire's total of 232, had scored 30 without the loss of a wicket when stumps were drawn. Messrs Greenfield and Ellis continued their innings just after 12 yesterday, to the bowling of Mycroft and Platts.

Fourteen runs were added and then Mr Greenfield was dismissed. With the exception of Mr Newham and Humphreys, none of the other batsmen rendered Mr Ellis much assistance, and the innings closed for 95. Mycroft bowled with extraordinary success, taking seven wickets . . .

In a minority of 137, Sussex, of course, had to follow on, and this time fared even worse than before, Mycroft and Richardson dismissing the side for 83. Mr Newham hit well for 28, but the batting of the others was very feeble. Mycroft took five wickets . . . Derbyshire thus won by an innings with 54 runs to spare.

27 July: SCOTLAND v AUSTRALIANS (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/99/99663.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 July, page 11)

The 21st match of the Australian tour, which commenced yesterday at Edinburgh, did not excite any great amount of interest, as the Gentlemen of Scotland could not be expected to have a real chance against their powerful opponents. The best known cricketers in the Scotch team are Mr J M Cotterill, Mr J G Walker and Mr L M Balfour. Evidently thinking that they had an easy task before them, the Australians decided to leave out Messrs Bannerman and Spofforth.

Rain in the morning prevented a start being made until about half-past 12, when Messrs Massie and Murdoch began the Australian innings to the bowling of Messrs Craig and Thompson. Mr Massie, after quickly scoring 12, was clean bowled. Mr Horan joined his captain and a good stand was made. Several bowling changes were tried, but the total had reached 69 before Mr Horan was caught at the wicket for a splendid innings of 58, made without giving a chance. The innings closed for 159.

The Gentlemen of Scotland had about an hour's batting, and in that time fared very badly, losing six of their best wickets for 43 runs. Messrs Boyle and Palmer bowled very finely, and were backed up by admirable fielding.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 July, page 11)

Yesterday the Australians finished their 21st match in England, and gained their 15th victory. In only one match – that with Cambridge University – have the Australians been beaten; five games have been drawn. The weather at Edinburgh yesterday was particularly fine, and there was a good attendance of spectators.

The Scottish gentlemen were unequal to playing Mr Boyle and Mr Palmer, and were beaten early yesterday afternoon in one innings, with 18 runs to spare. Mr Balfour and Mr Wood hit well for a time in the second innings, but as soon as they were out the innings was virtually over. Mr J M Cotterill made 14, but no one else did anything worthy of note. Mr Palmer took ten wickets for 66 runs and Mr Boyle ten for 49. The match was so unequal as to render a detailed description of it unnecessary.

31 July: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2612.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 August, page 6)

Fine weather induced a large company to be present at the Oval yesterday. The home county, having won the toss, took possession of the wickets, sending in Messrs Shuter and Clarke to the attacks of Wootton and Mr Lipscomb punctually at 12 o'clock.

Mr W W Read played a very fine innings, including one six, 17 fours, three threes and 11 twos. Mr Game hit with great freedom, obtaining one seven, on five, seven fours and two threes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 2 August, page 10)

When play ceased in this return match on Monday evening at Kennington Oval, Surrey had finished an innings for 359, and three of the Kentish wickets were down for 28. Continuing their batting yesterday, the visitors were speedily disposed of, the seven remaining wickets only causing the overnight score to be doubled, total, 56.

With the wide difference of 303, Kent followed on, Lord Harris and Mr Tylecote going in to the bowling of Barratt and Jones. Twenty-one runs only were made when Lord Harris was finely taken at point. The fine batting of Mr Patterson and Mr Tylecote, with some valuable help from Hearne, alone saved the innings from being a disastrous one.

31 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2613.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 August, page 6)

At Sheffield, yesterday, the first match of the season between these counties was commenced in the presence of a large company of spectators. The wicket was slow and the scoring small.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 2 August, page 10)

Yesterday at Brammall-lane, Sheffield, this county match was continued, and when stumps were drawn for the day was left at a most interesting stage. Gloucestershire, with seven wickets to fall, now require 82 to win.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 3 August, page 4)

This match was concluded yesterday at Sheffield, when the home county defeated Gloucestershire, after an interesting match, by 29 runs.

31 July: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2611.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 August, page 6)

Yesterday, at Liverpool, the Australians were batting the whole of the afternoon against a strong local team. Included in the home side were nearly all the regular county players, Mr Hornby, however, being a notable exception. The visitors began badly, but Mr Horan and Mr Giffen soon changed the aspect of affairs, and the innings ultimately closed for a considerable score.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3 (report from Thursday 3 August, page 4)

Had there been a few minutes more play at Liverpool yesterday, the Australians must have won their match against the Liverpool Club and District, as when stumps were drawn the Colonists, with nine wickets to fall, required but four runs to win. It will be remembered that on Monday the Australians had scored a first innings of 240.

On Tuesday rain prevented any play, and the wicket yesterday was very soft. Garrett injured his finger and was unable to take any part in the match after the first quarter of an hour's play, and later on Spofforth was compelled to retire, having injured his thigh. Liverpool in their first innings scored 112. Being 128 runs behind, they had to follow on, and the second innings total reached 137, leaving the Australians ten runs to get to win. The match was left drawn.

3 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2614.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 August, page 10)

At Clifton, yesterday, the Australians had all the best of the day's play with the home county, whose entire innings only amounted to 108, while the visitors totalled 191 for the loss of the six wickets which fell before the drawing of stumps.

The local side won the toss and began with the brothers Grace, to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Garrett. The score was quickly taken to 19, when Dr W G Grace was bowled, and at 21 Mr Townsend was caught at long-on. Midwinter joined Dr E M Grace, and by steady cricket 17 runs were put on before the amateur was taken at slip. Mr Moberly followed, only to lose Midwinter at 60, the retiring batsman being caught at mid-off. Mr Gilbert partnered Mr Moberly, who was playing in excellent form. At 84 the last comer was bowled.

The Australians were first represented by Messrs Massie and Bannerman, to the bowling of Midwinter and Dr W G Grace . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 August, page 7)

Another extraordinary performance was accomplished yesterday by the Australians in their match against Gloucestershire at Clifton. On Thursday it will be remembered that they lost six wickets for 191. Yesterday the game was resumed in beautiful weather and on a wicket that played even better than on the first day.

The last four Australians wickets gave a tremendous amount of trouble, and the innings was not over till the score had reached 450. This is the third highest score made by the colonists during their present tour in England, the other two being 643 against Sussex at Brighton and 501 against the United Eleven at Chichester. Mr Horan, who was 34 not out overnight, was missed by Wood before he had added to his score – a very serious mistake for Gloucestershire. After his escape Mr Horan played very fine cricket, and was not out at the close of the innings with 141. This is by far the largest score that Mr Horan has ever made in England, and he is greatly to be congratulated on his performance. It is curious that such an innings should be played by one who was not thought good enough to represent Australia against the Gentlemen of England. Messrs Blackham, Boyle, Bonnor and Garrett all hit remarkably well. The Gloucestershire bowling was, of course, terribly knocked about. Midwinter was the most successful, taking four wickets . . .

Being no fewer than 342 runs behind, Gloucestershire went in a second time at half-past 4. There was hardly the least possibility of their winning the game, but the cricket was rendered interesting by the masterly batting of Mr W G Grace, who played in his very best form and hardly made a bad hit. At the call of time the score was 130 for five wickets, so that Gloucestershire are still 212 runs to the bad . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 August, page 7)

On Saturday, at Clifton, the Australians defeated Gloucestershire by an innings and 159 runs. Mr W G Grace again played good cricket, and was eventually dismissed in the manner least satisfactory to a batsman – leg before wicket. His 77 – the highest score he has made this season in a match of importance – included five fours, four threes and ten twos. Mr Gilbert in making his 21 displayed a care and steadiness which of late have been wanting in his play.

3 August: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2615.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 August, page 10)

With Yorkshire yesterday Lancashire had considerably the best of the opening day's play at Manchester. Barlow played a long innings, during which he hit rather more freely than is usual for him. Going in first with Mr Hornby, the pair put on 65 for the first wicket. The Lancashire captain was then out leg-before. Mr Steel, Mr Royle and Robinson were quickly out. Four for 88.

After luncheon, Barlow and Yates batted capitally, though the latter was missed. At 125 Yates was sent back. Pilling, who hit freely, was out at 173, and five runs later Barlow was bowled for a splendid 68, in which the principal figures were four fours, a three and 14 twos.

Yorkshire started badly against the bowling of Crossland and Mr Steel. Ulyett was bowled at 11, Mr Hawke splendidly stumped at 16 and Lockwood played on at 37. Five runs later Bates was caught and bowled, and then play ceased for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 August, page 7)

In bright and fine weather, the return match between these counties was resumed yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester. It will be remembered that when the stumps were drawn on the preceding day the home county had completed an innings for 218, while Yorkshire had lost four of their best wickets in obtaining 42.

Shortly after 12 Emmett and Hall, the overnight not-outs, resumed batting to the attack of Mr Steel and Crossland. Emmett was caught at the wicket at 57, and Grimshaw partnered Hall. As the score rose steadily, Watson superseded Crossland and sent down nine maiden overs in succession. Both Grimshaw and Hall were dismissed at 83, but Peate, after being badly missed at slip, batted with great confidence. At luncheon the total number was 123 for seven wickets. On continuing, the innings quickly closed. Mr Steel claimed five wickets . . .

For Lancashire in their second innings Barlow again batted admirably, but, with the exception of Mr Royle and Briggs, received very little support from his side. Peate took five wickets . . . At the expiration of time, Yorkshire, with all their wickets in hand, required [150] to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 August, page 7)

On Saturday, at Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, the home county won their return match against Yorkshire.

3 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2616.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 August, page 10)

In charming summer weather at Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, the home county commenced their first match against Sussex this season. The southern team, with the choice of innings, sent in Messrs Greenfield and Ellis to face the bowling of Shaw and Morley at 12.10.

Sussex began badly, losing four wickets for 24 runs. Mr Newham and James Phillips, however, by steady play had raised the score to 63 by luncheon time. Phillips was caught at slip on continuing, but Messrs Newham and Blackman made a long and determined stand before the last-named was out at 116 for a freely-hit 39. Humphreys followed, and again the score rose steadily. The amateur was dismissed at 147. Humphreys and Mr Smith added 23 runs, but the others did little, the innings closing at 5.15 for 186. Humphreys took out his bat for an excellent 31.

Notts began badly, Shrewsbury playing a ball on before he had scored, and Oscroft being bowled at 12. Barnes and Selby improved matters somewhat, but the latter was also bowled at 39. Barnes and Flowers, however, came together, and up to the expiration of time had not been parted, the score then standing 62 for three wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 August, page 7)

Excellent all-round cricket enabled the Nottingham men to win their match yesterday against Sussex on the Trent-bridge ground. The position of the game on Thursday was very favourable to the visitors, but yesterday Flowers hit hard and well for 55 and left Nottingham only 38 runs behind on the first innings.

Then Shaw and Morley got rid of Sussex for the poor total of 56, the latter taking five wickets for 35 runs, and Shaw four for 21. Going in for the 95 runs, Flowers and Shrewsbury hit in admirable style, the former winning the match, at ten minutes past 6, for Nottingham by six wickets.

4 August: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2617.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 5 August, page 7)

This match was begun at Lord's yesterday. Somersetshire went in first and made 134, Mr S C Newton being credited with 57, not out, and the Rev F Reed with 42. The Club followed, and, although Mr J S Russell, who went in first, made 56, the side was all out for 109. In their second innings, Somersetshire have made 125 for eight wickets, Mr Newton again distinguishing himself and leaving with 42, not out, at the close of the day.

Day 2 (report from Monday 7 August, page 7)

This match was concluded on Saturday at Lord's, and ended in a victory for Marylebone by a wicket only.

7 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

KENT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2619.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 August, page 8)

Rarely has so interesting a start to this old-established week been provided as this year. Yet the attendance on the St Lawrence Ground was not large. The Australians' good fortune in the matter of winning the toss again stood them in good stead, and they went in on a fast wicket. Messrs Bannerman and Massie were put on their defence at noon. Mr Foord-Kelcey and Wootton led the attack.

Twenty runs were the product of ten minutes' play. Runs having been obtained at the rate of about two per minute, a twofold change was made in the bowling, G Hearne and Mr Wilson being put in charge. A further change was tried at 81, Mr Wilson handing the ball to Mr Lipscomb. This caused a check in the run-getting, and when half-a-dozen had been added Mr Massie was neatly caught (one hand) at cover point. One for 87. Mr Murdoch was stumped without scoring. Mr M'Donnell was clean bowled and Mr Bannerman also fell to the dexterity of the wicketkeeper. Four for 121. Messrs Giffen and Horan took the score to 142, prior to the latter being taken at the wicket. Mr Giffen lost his wicket in attempting a bye. Six for 166.

Mr Jones joined Mr Blackham, and during their partnership they were struck by Mr Foord-Kelcey. Ninety-three runs were put on by them, and among other changes the Kent captain tried Mr Patterson, whose deliveries suited Mr Jones so well that he made two boundary hits in one over and three in another. The second hundred was signalled at 3.30. Fifty-nine runs were added, when Mr Jones fell a victim to venturesomeness. Mr Palmer's stay was short and unproductive. Mr Boyle and Mr Blackham put on 36 before the latter was out to a magnificent catch at point. He secured the top score of the innings, in which were five fours, five threes and six twos. Mr Boyle carried his bat for a carefully-played 27. Kent started badly, losing six wickets for 84 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 August, page 8)

The interest in yesterday's play on the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, centred in the question whether Kent would be able to avert a follow-on in their match with the Australians. There was a large company present. When stumps were drawn on Monday the Australians had completed an innings for 307 and six of the Kentish batsmen were disposed of for 84. Messrs Tylecote and Kemp, the not-outs, were confronted at 11.35 by Messrs Garrett and Palmer.

The first-named batsman gave a chance to the wicket-keeper, which was allowed to escape. With the total at 91, Mr Kemp had the misfortune to play the ball on. The vacancy was supplied by Mr Wilson, and amid loud cheers the hundred was signalled at five minutes to 12. at this point the batting was singularly and unexpectedly good. A double change had to be resorted to, Messrs Boyle and Giffen relieving Messrs Palmer and Garrett. The score still rose rapidly. Mr Wilson, after giving a hard chance to Mr Boyle at short mid-on, when he had obtained 35, narrowly escaped being run out. Two leg-hits for four from successive balls were made by Mr Tylecote

from Mr Boyle, which caused Mr Palmer to be put on, and at 176 Mr Jones was tried for Mr Giffen. An opportunity of being caught at slip (rather difficult and low down) was soon afterwards given by Mr Wilson. The 200 runs was completed at 1.10, but soon after Mr Wilson put the ball into the wicket-keeper's hands. Mr Lipscomb and Wootton both failed to score, and the innings terminated at 135 for 222. Mr Tylecote's grand 100 comprised 13 fours, three threes and nine twos.

Being in a minority of 85, Kent followed on, and at the luncheon interval had obtained three runs. afterwards Mr Tylecote and Wilson added ten, when the former was clean bowled. Mr Patterson came and a good stand was made. The hitting was hard and clean, and the defence careful. The single innings defeat was saved at five minutes past 4, but Mr Wilson was almost immediately afterwards bowled. Lord Harris was the next on the list, and at 4.25 a hundred runs were registered. Mr Patterson, who batted admirably, at length failed to stop a ball of Mr Garrett's. Lord Harris batted well but the others did little, the last wicket falling at a quarter to 6 for 165.

At five minutes past 6 the Australians went in with 81 to get for victory, and when stumps were drawn they had secured 21 without loss of wicket.

At the conclusion of the match against the Australians today, a scratch game will be played under the title of Band of Brothers v The World, the latter team including several of the Australians.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 10 August, page 10)

In weather fine though cloudy, but in the presence of only a small company of spectators, the first match of the Canterbury week was concluded yesterday - that between the Australians and Kent. On Tuesday evening the colonials had started the easy task for them of getting 81 to win, and more than a fourth of this number had been secured without mishap.

The game was continued yesterday at 11.40, Messrs Massie and Bannerman being opposed by Mr Foord-Kelcey and Hearne. Thirty-six runs were rapidly put on, and then Mr Massie cut the ball into point's hands. Mr Murdoch did not long enjoy the company of Mr Bannerman, who, with the addition of ten only, was secured at short leg. Two for 67. Mr M'Donnell's stay was brief; but, after Mr Horan had joined Mr Murdoch, the necessary couple were readily obtained . . . The Australians thus won by seven wickets.

A presentation to Lord Harris was made during the luncheon interval by the Earl of Darnley. The ceremony took place in front of one of the large tents and in the presence of sympathizing spectators, who, by their enthusiasm, seemed thoroughly to appreciate the great and successful efforts made by Lord Harris on behalf of cricket in the county. The presentation took the form of a pair of solid silver candelabra, appropriately engraved, and accompanied with a silver inkstand for Lady Harris. In acknowledging the gift, Lord Harris thanked the subscribers most heartily, and said that in all sincerity he felt that he had done nothing to deserve such a mark of their kindness. He had only played a game, the game he loved best, and, as he thought, the grandest game in the world; yet it was only a game. Still it must never be forgotten that it was to the love of manly sports that England owed the spirit of

independence and determination which animated her sons in every clime and on every sea.

7 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2620.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 August, page 8)

The Midland County made an excellent stand at the Oval yesterday against all the combinations of attack that Surrey were able to bring. Having won the toss, they took possession of an exceedingly good wicket at noon, Oscroft and Shrewsbury being placed in opposition to Barratt and Jones.

Twenty-six runs were registered when the first-named batsman fell to slip. Barnes arrived to the aid of Shrewsbury, and all the Surrey team were put on to bowl with the exception of Mr Powell and Pooley. An easy chance was given to Mr Shuter by Shrewsbury when the latter had made 30. Barnes, also, gave a difficult chance in the slips prior to being taken sharp at short leg. During his partnership with Shrewsbury no fewer than 289 runs had been put on, his chief hits being 17 fours, six threes and eight twos. Selby joined Shrewsbury and the pair played out time. The last-named batsman's principal items up to the close of the day are as follows: - one five, 21 fours, 9 threes and 16 twos.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 August, page 8)

The heavy score of 352 made by Nottingham at the cost of two wickets, at the Oval, on Monday, was further augmented yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 10 August, page 10)

Little hope remained at the close of the second day's play on Kennington Oval that Surrey would be able to avert a defeat. However, they made a better fight of it than one might have expected. Their second innings had been started with a deficit of 380 runs, and when stumps were drawn on Tuesday two of their wickets had fallen for three.

Mr W W Read played well yesterday, and Mr Game hit with the vigour that characterized his batting when at Oxford. He went in fourth wicket down and carried his bat out. His principal hits were nine fours, three threes and ten twos. The full score affixed will show that Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 189 runs.

7 August: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2618.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 August, page 8)

In their return match with Yorkshire at Derby yesterday, the home county went in first and scored 217 before they were all dismissed. Towards this score Foster, when matters were going badly for his side, went in and was not out until he had made 101. in spite of one chance early in his innings, his batting was excellent and at times brilliant. His principal hits were eight 4's, eleven 3's and nine 2's. He joined Platts after Mr Smith and Mr Docker were out, and before the first-named left the total had reached 60 for three wickets. Cropper and Chatterton also hit well. At 5.45 the innings closed . . .

Ulyett and Hall opened the visitors' innings, and after the former had been caught at the wicket play ceased for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 August, page 8)

In fine weather at Derby, yesterday, the home county resumed their return match with Yorkshire. The visitors continued their innings at noon with Hall and Mr Hill, to the bowling of Mycroft and Richardson. Both were out at 24. Bates and Emmett batted admirably, and the score was taken to 43 before the former was bowled for a freely hit 25. At luncheon eight wickets were down for 104. Later on Grimshaw and Peel, however, batted splendidly, and in spite of several changes, the total reached 181 before the innings closed, at 4.30.

Going in a second time with 36 runs in hand, Derbyshire made a bad start, and when stumps were drawn for the day had lost eight wickets for 56 runs. As will be seen from the score, the home team, with two wickets to fall, are only 92 runs on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 10 August, page 10)

Having at one period of the game had all the best of their home match with Yorkshire, Derbyshire yesterday were beaten rather easily by seven wickets. The result was due, in a great measure, to the extraordinary success that attended the bowling of Peate and to the brilliant batting of Ulyett. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday, Derbyshire, who had lost eight wickets for 56, were only 92 runs on. Yesterday the innings quickly terminated, Peate taking both the remaining wickets with the addition of only 12 runs to the total. In all, Peate obtained six wickets in 27 overs (20 maidens) for 12 runs - figures that speak for themselves . . .

Wanting 105 to win, Ulyett and Hall commenced Yorkshire's second attempt, to the bowling of Mycroft and Richardson. With the score at 12 Disney missed both batsmen at the wicket, and though he afterwards caught Hall, Derbyshire had to pay dearly for his blunders. Mr Hill on joining Ulyett batted carefully, the last-named making nearly all the runs before the new comer was also taken at the wicket. Bates failed to score, but on Ulyett being partnered by Emmett the required runs were obtained soon after luncheon without further loss . . . Ulyett batted very finely, although he

was missed, and his chief hits were a six, two fours, four threes and seven twos.

10 August: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2623.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 August, page 10)

The Ladies' Day at Canterbury passed off very satisfactorily yesterday, about 6,000 visitors being on the St Lawrence Ground in the afternoon, when the Royal Artillery and Cavalry Depot bands were playing. Though dull, the weather was fine, and the wicket was in good order. Thanks to Mr T S Pearson's sterling good play, Mr C I Thornton's determined hitting and the general batting excellence, Middlesex scored 338.

Kent have now lost three wickets for 81, as the score of the match will show. A county match is a novelty in the Canterbury week, and the meeting of Kent and Middlesex is the revival of an old fixture.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 12 August, page 7)

Yesterday the county match between Kent and Middlesex, which formed the second contest of the Canterbury week, was brought to an end, the visitors beating Kent by ten wickets. Lord Harris batted with remarkable freedom in both innings, scoring 72 in the first innings without fault, and 101 in the second innings out of 147. His lordship was enthusiastically applauded by the spectators. Only feeble support was accorded him by the other members of the Kent eleven, and the 46 runs required by Middlesex to win were scored in 20 minutes by some very free hitting.

Yesterday's cricket brought the week to a close. Kent has not been successful, but, nevertheless, the week is regarded as a great improvement upon its immediate predecessors. There has been no rain, and the visitors have in addition been pleasantly entertained at theatre, ball and concert.

10 August: PLAYERS v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2624.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 August, page 10)

Yesterday, Kennington Oval presented an animated appearance, and a remarkable day's cricket was witnessed. The English captain, having won the toss, elected to start the batting, and a very bad start it was.

The first four wickets fell for 37 runs, but upon Barnes, of Notts, and Read, of Surrey, becoming associated, a remarkable change occurred in the aspect of the game. Both men played exceedingly and put on no fewer than 158 runs before they were separated, Barnes being the first to leave, for 87. Read was not dismissed until he had accumulated 130, and so well were his efforts appreciated that a subscription on the ground resulted in his being presented with £41 7s. About 10,000 spectators were on the ground during the afternoon, and great interest was taken in the play, details of which are subjoined.

The first over was a maiden, but in the second Ulyett drove a ball to the off for four. The same batsman made another drive for a couple, and Shrewsbury, having cut a ball of Mr Palmer's for two, sent another to square-leg for four. This promising state of affairs was, however, stopped quickly afterwards by Shrewsbury being caught (right hand) in the slips by Mr Bonnor. Barnes filled the vacancy, and the excellent fielding of Mr Bonnor was nullified to a great extent by his missing him in the subsequent over. A curiosity was then furnished by Ulyett, who drove a ball of Mr Garrett's through the opposite wicket and broke one of the stumps. Having nicely sent a ball round to leg for four, the Yorkshireman was easily secured at mid-off. Two for 22. Bates remained for five overs without having scored and was then taken at mid-off. Lockwood came next on the list, and 30 runs were registered as the result of 40 minutes' play. Barnes cut a ball of Mr Garrett's for a quartet, but speedily afterwards Lockwood's off-stump was upset. Four for 37.

Read aided Barnes, and 50 runs were the result of an hour's play. Eight then came in an over of Mr Garrett's - four from byes to the pavilion and the remainder from an on-drive by Read. Barnes made the best hit up to this stage of the game - an exceedingly clean off-drive to the boundary, while he cut the next ball through the slips for three. A very sharp chance was then given by Barnes low down to Mr Bonnor at slip. After this he cut a ball forward for four, while Read sent another to square-leg with an equally satisfactory result. Mr Bonnor's fielding at slip was marked by another mishap, as he missed Read. A square-leg hit for four by Barnes brought the total up to a hundred. Five minutes later, and with two added, luncheon intervened. It may be noted that at 96 Mr Giffen superseded Mr Boyle, and Barnes despatched his first delivery to square-leg for four, this enabling the scorers to telegraph the hundred at three minutes to 2.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, Barnes completing his 50 with a single off Giffen. A single by Read was followed by Barnes driving Giffen to the on for four. Read then placed Garrett to leg for a like number and the other bowler for a trio; a hit in the same direction by Barnes only realized a single, the ball hitting the umpire. Read next cut Giffen late for three, and, with the total 125, Palmer resumed bowling at Giffen's end. Twice in one over of the last change Read made two square-leg hits for four each and Barnes drove him to the off for four. At 25 minutes past 3 150

were telegraphed. Several maiden overs were then delivered, but Barnes relieved the monotony by snicking Palmer to leg for four, and Read cut Boyle late for four. Bannerman took the ball from Palmer at 189, and this change brought about the desired separation, as the third ball of his second over (nearly a full pitch) displaced Barnes's wicket. The Notts professional had made 87 by good batting, but the innings was marred by three chances to slip. He was loudly cheered on his return to the pavilion.

The vacancy was filled by Flowers, and again runs were put on at a fair pace, Read doing the chief amount of execution. The Surrey player in one over of Bannerman's drove him to the on for four and hit him to square leg for two. At 32 minutes past 4 the second hundred was completed. After Flowers had driven the same bowler for two, he drove Garrett to the off for four, and at 217 Palmer again was tried in place of Bannerman, and Read sent him to square-leg for three and cut Garrett for two. That batsman was shortly after missed at long-on by Horan, off Garrett, his total then being 87. Profiting by the escape, the Surrey player hit Palmer to square-leg for four and followed this up by sending the other bowler to leg for a like number, and this brought on Mr Giffen in Mr Garrett's place at 237. Read continued to hit brilliantly, and a cut for two off Palmer completed his hundred, loud cheers acknowledging the feat. Flowers drove Palmer for four, and that bowler gave way to Mr M'Donnell at 258, and Mr Boyle went on at Mr Giffen's end at 261. In Mr Boyle's third over Flowers was bowled for a very useful 25, and six wickets were down for 264.

Emmett next joined Read, who gave a very hard chance to Mr Boyle at mid-on, which the fieldsman failed to hold. After some minor figures, Read hit M'Donnell to square-leg for two and drove him to the on for four in one over. Emmett but Boyle for three, and at 285 Garrett relieved M'Donnell. Emmett elicited loud cheers by driving successive balls of the last change for two fours, and at six minutes past 6 the applause was renewed when 300 appeared on the telegraph board. With three runs added, in attempting a dangerous run, Read was thrown out by Blackham, having then made the grand score of 130. As might have been expected, the young Surrey player was loudly applauded when he returned from the wickets, where he had been upwards of four hours and a quarter. His principal hits were 16 fours, six threes and 11 twos.

Peate, who followed in, soon lost the company of Emmett, who was caught by Bonnor running from slip, when he had made 21, the eighth wicket falling for 304. Sherwin filled the vacancy, and, with one run added, Peate was caught at mid-off for a single. Morley brought up the rear, and, with Sherwin, played out time, the total, when stumps were drawn at half-past 6, being 310 for nine wickets, Sherwin (2) and Morley (4) being not out.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 12 August, page 7)

Yesterday's attendance at Kennington Oval far exceeded that of Thursday, fully 17,000 spectators being present during the day. The cause of the vast increase upon the first day's company is not difficult to point out. With one exception, the Australians have, during their present visit, proved invincible, and the public have come to regard any match they are engaged in as only a question of time permitting the game to be played out for them to secure a victory; and it is not saying too much to assert that the grand innings of the Players of England on the present occasion has been to some a pleasant surprise.

It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Thursday evening that the home team had lost nine wickets for 310 runs, Morley and Sherwin, with four and two respectively, being not out. The second day's play was commenced punctually at noon, Morley and Sherwin continuing their innings to the bowling of Mr Garrett and Mr Palmer. After five singles had been made, Sherwin cut Mr Palmer for three and drove the other bowler to the off for four. Morley was then very cleverly caught by Bannerman. This brought the innings to a close at a quarter past 12 for the fine total of 322, Sherwin carrying out his bat for 10.

It was 33 minutes past 12 when Mr Bannerman and Mr Massie appeared at the wickets to commence the batting for the Australians against the bowling of Peate and Morley. The start was disastrous, as off Peate's third delivery Bannerman was well caught in the slips, and off the last ball of Morley's first over Mr Massie was splendidly caught by the wicket-keeper, and two wickets were down without a run having been scored.

Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell then became associated, and by slow degrees half-a-dozen runs accumulated, when Mr M'Donnell gave a very hard chance at the wicket, but the ball hit Sherwin in the face and caused a nasty bruise. Mr Murdoch then in one over of Morley's made seven runs by a leg-hit for two and on-drives for four and one. Mr M'Donnell next sent the same bowler to the on for four, and then Mr Murdoch despatched him to square-leg and leg for fours, and from the last ball of the over he made a single. This caused a [change], Ulyett relieving the Notts professional, and in his third over Mr M'Donnell was caught at slip for 12, the third wicket falling for 44. Mr Horan joined his captain, who did the greater part of the scoring until he had contributed 35, and was then bowled by a fine ball, which broke from the leg to the off stump. Four for 62.

Mr Horan's next associate was Mr Giffen, and on his advent Flowers took the bowling up in place of Ulyett. Several overs were sent down for a few singles, and when Mr Horan had increased his score to 18 he gave Flowers half a chance off Peate at mid-off, but it was not accepted. The luncheon interval then occurred, the score being 73 and four wickets down.

At a quarter to 3 play was resumed, Peate and Flowers again going on with the attack. Mr Horan hit Peate to leg for four and Mr Giffen drove him to the off for the same. Later on the first-named batsman drove Flowers well to the on for four, and when the score reached 94 that bowler retired in favour of Morley, and Emmett superseded Peate. From the first ball delivered by Emmett Mr Giffen was caught at slip for 12, and five wickets were down for 94. Mr Blackham filled the vacancy, and at a quarter past 3 cheers announced the appearance of three figures on the telegraph board.

Runs were now put on at a brisker rate, but at 125 Mr Horan was very well caught in the slips, and six wickets were down. He had hit hard for his 47, but the innings was far from faultless. Mr Bonnor, the new-comer, was applauded for driving a ball from Peate right out of the ground, and this he supplemented with a fine straight drive into the pavilion. Ulyett was again put in charge of the ball at 138 and clean bowled Mr Bonnor for nine, the seventh wicket falling at 140. The remaining batsmen only added ten runs, the score being 150 when the last wicket fell at a quarter-past 4.

Being in a minority of 172, the Australians followed their innings, and, after an interval, Mr Massie and Bannerman appeared, Morley and Ulyett dividing the bowling. Bannerman cut Morley for four and Mr Massie drove the other bowler for the same. A lofty hit over slip's head by Mr Massie went for four, and he followed this by making two fours in one over of

Ulyett's, and Peate came on. Gradually the score was raised to 41, and then Morley missed catching Mr Massie, and Bates relieved him at 45. With five runs added, Mr Massie was secured by Barnes at cover-point for 31. One wicket for 48. Mr Murdoch took his place. Bannerman was bowled at 53, and Mr M'Donnell came in. For a time the scoring became slow, but at 75 Morley resumed bowling, vice Bates, and Ulyett relieved Peate. Mr M'Donnell was splendidly caught at the wicket for 15, and then stumps were drawn for the day, and three wickets were down for 83, Mr Murdoch being not out (15).

The Australians have now seven wickets to ball, and are still 89 behind the Englishmen's first innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 August, page 8)

Given fine weather, little doubt existed at the close of Friday's play in this interesting match as to its ultimate result. Still a delightful morning caused several thousand spectators to assemble on Kennington Oval to witness the conclusion of it. Although the play lasted less than a couple of hours, the spectators were amply rewarded, as they had the pleasure of seeing the Players show such skill in bowling and fielding as is rarely equalled, which prevented the Australians reaching the number of runs registered by them in their first innings.

When play commenced at noon the colonists required 89 to avoid a single-innings defeat, and had seven wickets left. Mr Horan appeared as a companion to Mr Murdoch (not out with 15). Ulyett (pavilion) and Morley were intrusted with the attack, and ably did they acquit themselves. Having hit the third ball sent in the square-leg for three, Mr Horan was well taken from the concluding ball of Morley's opening over at mid-off. Four for 86. Mr Giffen appeared, and for a considerable time the batsmen had quite their work cut out to keep the ball out of their wickets, so true was the bowling. A bye was the solitary product of 11 overs. Mr Giffen then secured a single by a very lucky hit. Seven (only four from the bat) were the result of half-an-hour's play. Then Mr Murdoch was somewhat easily taken at point. Five for 90.

Mr Blackham filled the vacancy, and Morley having sent down 11 overs for a wicket and no runs, had four scored off him by a fortunate snick by Mr Giffen on the leg side. In the same bowler's subsequent over, however, Mr Blackham fell to one of the best catches of the season made at mid-on by Barnes, who took the ball as near the ground as possible. Six for 95. Mr Bonnor joined Mr Giffen, who gave a most difficult chance of being stumped off a leg ball. Runs continued to be obtained at a tardy pace, and eleven overs were bowled before the four requisite to complete the 100 were secured, this being done at 1 o'clock. Mr Bonnor now infused a little life into affairs by driving a ball of Ulyett's to the off to the Pavilion for four. A double change was resorted to, Barnes and Peate taking charge of the ball. Mr Giffen secured a straight drive from the Yorkshireman for four, and then gave a most difficult chance to that bowler, who, in trying to stop the ball, slightly injured his hand. Barnes was speedily successful, as in his second over he caused Mr Bonnor to be well taken at wicket, and in his third a splendid ball completely beat Mr Palmer and knocked his leg stump out of the ground. Mr Boyle was also soon disposed of - caught at cover-point. Seventh and eighth wickets for 110; ninth, 111.

Mr Garrett aided Mr Giffen, and for a little while they set the bowling at defiance. Three fours were made by them; an on-drive by Mr Garrett and a square-leg hit and off-drive by Mr Giffen. The original bowlers, Ulyett and Morley, then resumed. Mr Garrett secured a late cut for four, but, within a few minutes of 2 o'clock, Mr Giffen, who had batted carefully and well, was caught at forward cover-point. Total, 138. five bowlers were put on . . .

The Players, amid great enthusiasm, thus won by an innings and 34 runs. With the exception of the victory gained by Cambridge University in 1878 by an innings and 72 runs, this is the most severe defeat sustained by either of the three Australian teams who have visited England.

10 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2622.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 August, page 10)

On the College Ground at Clifton yesterday, Gloucestershire commenced their return match against Lancashire. The visitors won the toss, and, owing to the admirably patient batting of Barlow, who, for the fourth time this season, went in first and carried his bat through the innings, and the brilliant hitting of Robinson and Mr Haigh, they had considerably the best of the day's play.

Mr Hornby and Barlow went in soon after noon to face the bowling of Mr W G Grace and Midwinter. The opening was very unpromising, Mr Hornby and Mr Royle being out when only nine had been scored, and Mr Taylor being caught at point at 23. On Robinson joining Barlow, though, a determined stand was made, the new comer hitting with great freedom. In spite of numerous bowling changes, the 100 went up before they were separated. Shortly afterwards Robinson was caught at slip for 67, an innings which included 13 fours. Pilling was quickly out, but Mr Haigh hit in a most determined fashion, and, chiefly by his scoring, 104 runs were added before he was caught in the slips. His figures were 11 fours, four threes and seven twos. After he had left the innings quickly came to a conclusion for 240, Barlow not out for a splendid 58. Woof claimed five wickets . . .

The Gloucestershire innings was remarkable only for the magnificent batting of Mr W G Grace, who was not out at the drawing of stumps for 52. Mr Moberly batted well, and when time was called 119 had been scored for the loss of five wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 12 August, page 7)

Few better matches have been played during the present season than the one now in progress between Gloucestershire and Lancashire at Clifton. All round the cricket has been very good – batting and bowling alike capital.

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 August, page 8)

A stoutly-contested match between Gloucestershire and Lancashire ended at Clifton on Saturday, the result being a victory for the Northern county by only 13 runs. From first to last the game produced capital cricket. The ground was so good as to give the batsmen a full chance of doing themselves justice, but it is worthy of notice that of the 40 wickets that fell in the three days 14 were bowled down.

When play began on Saturday morning Gloucestershire had nine wickets to fall and wanted 206 runs to win. At one time it seemed that this task would be accomplished, for when the luncheon interval took place the score stood at 179, Dr E M Grace being not out 98. Then, with seven wickets to fall, only 83 runs were required.

Subsequently, however, the batting declined, the turning point of the match being the dismissal of Dr E M Grace. This famous cricketer, whose laurels were earned when most of the present players were at school, had scored 122, his hitting being as free and vigorous as in former years. Included

in his innings were 18 fours and 12 twos. Woof and Mr Cranston tried hard to save the game; but, as already stated, the verdict was in favour of Lancashire. Four bowlers were tried. Nash took six wickets . . .

11 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2625.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 12 August, page 7)

At Taunton yesterday Gunn, the Notts professional, played a fine innings of 188 against Somersetshire.

Day 2 (report from Monday 14 August, page 8)

In the two days' match at Taunton, between Somersetshire and the M.C.C., which ended on Saturday in a draw, 955 runs were made for the loss of 25 wickets – another instance of the high scoring which has followed the return of fine weather.

The M.C.C., on Saturday, only added 34 runs to their overnight total and the feature of the day's cricket was the tremendous hitting of Mr W H Fowler. The draw was altogether in favour of the club, Somersetshire being 57 runs behind with five wickets to fall. In the second innings it will be seen Mr Terry made 77 out of 163.

14 August: THE CHELTENHAM WEEK

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2627.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 August, page 10)

The cricket festival at Cheltenham may now be looked upon as an established fact. It was instituted four years ago, when "the county of the Graces" was strong enough to hold its own against most of the teams with whom it contested. The ground of the Cheltenham College, on which the matches are played, is, as a rule, very fast, and on one occasion as many as 90 runs were made within the hour. The wicket yesterday was in good order for the match between Gloucestershire and Middlesex. Fortunate in winning the toss, the western county sent in Drs W G and E M Grace. Mr C T Studd and Burton had charge of the early bowling.

At the outset, runs came at the rate of almost two per minute. With the total at 27 the Gloucestershire captain succumbed to a catch at the wicket, the decision, however, being received with some disapprobation. Two runs only were added, and then Dr E M Grace played under a ball, which slip secured. Two for 29. Mr Townsend and Midwinter were now companions. Eight, by a couple of drives, were made by the latter in an over of Mr Studd's, and a variation in the attack was resorted to; Mr Studd handed the ball to Mr Tuke and Burton crossed over. The change soon proved effective, Mr Townsend being clean-bowled, while Mr Moberly fell to the professional after having made a single.

Mr Cranston, with Midwinter, hit so vigorously that Mr C T Studd had to come on again. Midwinter Ulyett fell to a catch at wicket. Messrs Cranston and Peake both obtained 19, and the innings closed for 144. Mr C T Studd took four wickets . . .

Middlesex went in, and, at the cost of only half their wickets, overtopped their rivals' score. Mr G B Studd played a fine innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 August, page 8)

Play in the match between Gloucestershire and Middlesex was continued yesterday on the Cheltenham College ground. During the early morning there were sharp showers of rain, and at one time it seemed probable there would be no play. Towards noon, however, the prospect brightened, and at 12.20 a start was deemed practicable. On Monday evening, it will be recollected, Middlesex had by far the better of the situation, as their opponents were all out for 144, while only five of the visitors' wickets had fallen for 171.

Messrs Pearson and Webbe (the not-outs, with 30 and 0 respectively) were again placed on their defence. Dr W G Grace and Midwinter conducted the attack. Twenty-two runs were added to the overnight total, and then Mr Webb retired - clean bowled. Mr Vernon arrived, and at five minutes to 1 the "200" was signalled. The four remaining wickets were speedily captured for an addition of 28 runs. Mr Pearson batted exceedingly well, his principal hits being four fours, five threes and four twos. Total, 228. Dr W G Grace was the most successful bowler. He took five wickets . . .

With a deficit of 84 runs, Gloucestershire went to the wickets a second time. Their start was most disastrous. Drs W G and E M Grace were put in opposition to Messrs C T Studd and Tuke. The first ball proved fatal to the Gloucestershire captain, who was well taken at the wicket. Mr Townsend hit vigorously for a few overs prior to being caught at mid-off. Midwinter then arrived to the aid of Dr E M Grace, and a much better complexion was put on the game. The total reached 51 without further mishap, when rain, which had been threatening, came down and caused a temporary cessation of hostilities.

On resuming, 23 runs were added before Dr E M Grace lifted a ball into the hands of long-on. Three for 74. Midwinter was out soon afterwards, caught by Mr G B Studd, who was fielding at mid-off. Mr Moberly and Mr Cranston were next in; the former batsman hit well, and Messrs Gilbert and Pullen ably seconded his efforts. It was not until 176 had been obtained that the last wicket fell. Mr C T Studd's bowling was excellent, eight wickets being obtained . . . Play will be resumed to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 August, page 6)

At one time yesterday it seemed quite possible that adverse weather would cause the match between Middlesex and Gloucestershire, on the Cheltenham College grounds, to be withdrawn. Fortunately, however, the heavy rain, which involved a stoppage in the early part of the game, cleared off.

Middlesex started the day with the task of obtaining 93 runs for victory, and had an innings in which to get this number. An early commencement was made, Messrs Walker and Webbe facing the attacks of Dr W G Grace and Midwinter. Runs were obtained at the rate of two an over until 20 had been scored, when rain stopped play for a time. The game being continued, the hitting for a little while was so free that at 33 the captain of the home team handed the ball to Woof. Still runs came at a pace far too rapid to suit the attacking side, so Mr Gilbert displaced Midwinter. The total travelled to 74, when Mr Walker played the ball easily into the hands of cover-point. Among his hits were six fours, a three and four twos. One wicket, 74 runs.

Mr Webbe now had the Hon A Lyttelton for a companion. The latter, however, did not remain long - clean bowled. Two down. The Hon E Lyttelton appeared, and the requisite number of runs was gained without any further loss. Mr Webbe's unfinished contribution consisted of five fours, three threes four twos and six singles. The complete score, attached, will show that Middlesex were victorious by eight wickets.

14 August; ENGLAND ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2626.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 August, page 10)

After the very hollow victory which the Australians gained over Derbyshire last June, the County Committee took steps to get together a more formidable eleven to oppose the Colonists on the dates fixed for the return match, and the result has been that yesterday at Derby a powerful team was put in the field. The English side won the toss, and the Colonists, who were without the services of Mr Giffen and Mr Palmer, turned out to field.

Messrs Thornton and Tylecote went in first, and raised the score to 37 before the former was out. M Read then came in and some admirable cricket was shown. Despite all the efforts of the Colonists, 55 runs were added before the professional was caught at the wicket. At the luncheon interval Barnes and Mr Tylecote were together, the score standing at 104.

Rain prevented any more play until five minutes past 3, and then the wicket did not play so well as before. Mr Murdoch, standing some distance behind the stumps, caught both Barnes and Mr Tylecote. The latter, except for one hard chance, had played excellent cricket for 56, and was loudly cheered on his retirement. In the latter part of the innings there was some capital batting by Shrewsbury and Scotton, and the total in the end reached 230. Mr Spofforth, who had been absent from the eleven for some time past, proved the most successful bowler, taking five wickets . . .

The Australians went in for 20 minutes' batting, and in that time scored 11 runs for the loss of one wicket (Mr Garrett's).

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 August, page 8)

The weather was very stormy at derby yesterday morning and greatly interfered with the progress of this match on the county ground. The afternoon, however, turned out fine, and the cricket was watched by a large number of persons. It will be remembered that over night the English had made 230, while the Australians had lost one wicket for 11 runs.

There was only 10 minutes' play before luncheon, and in that time Mr Spofforth was dismissed by a catch at cover-point. When the match was proceeded with, at 10 minutes to 3, Mr Bannerman was quickly dismissed by a "bailer," the third wicket falling at 19. When, however, Murdoch joined Jones, a very different appearance was put on the game. Both played steadily, and Shaw and Flowers relieved Barnes and Mycroft. These two bowlers proved unsuccessful. Several chances were missed. Some bad hits were made, but nevertheless the score steadily rose. In all, 116 runs were added before Mr Jones was bowled for a decidedly creditable innings of 50, in which were five threes and 11 twos.

Mr Murdoch was soon afterwards finely caught by the wicket-keeper. He had played a steady and most useful 70. Mr Massie was quickly got rid of, and then Messrs Horan and M'Donnell played out time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 August, page 6)

At Derby yesterday the match between the Australians and the England Eleven ended in a draw very much in favour of the colonial team. The visitors, if time had allowed, would probably have gained another victory, as when stumps were drawn they only wanted 38 runs to win and had five wickets to fall.

The poor display by the England team may be possibly accounted for by the condition of the wicket, which was suffering from the effects of the rain which fell on Tuesday. When the England team went in the wicket was but half dry and very difficult. As the day wore on, however, it became much better, and the Australians commenced their second innings under decidedly more advantageous circumstances than their opponents. The weather yesterday was bright and pleasant, and there was a very large company present on the county ground during the afternoon.

The Australians at the end of the second stage of the match had scored 158 for the loss of six wickets. They completed their first innings for 180. Being 50 runs to the good, the England Eleven sent in Messrs Thornton and Tylecote to open their second innings. A capital start was made, as the score was hit up to 33 before a wicket fell. Then the batsmen fared very badly, as when the luncheon bell rang seven wickets were down for 54. Shrewsbury did not attempt to play at a ball he received from Mr Garrett, which broke back and bowled him.

On resuming, the remaining three wickets yielded 24 runs, and the whole side were disposed of for the poor total of 78. The Australians, with 129 to get to win, sent in Messrs Massie and Bannerman. The former hit recklessly and was bowled when he had made 14. Messrs Murdoch and Bannerman raised the total to 50, when the latter was caught by the wicket-keeper standing eight yards in the rear of the wicket. Mr M'Donnell made two, and was splendidly caught by Barnes, who ran hard sideways from long-on to secure the ball. Mr Horan was caught and bowled, and just before the call of time Mr Murdoch was clean bowled by Mr Thornton with a fast underhand ball. He had played sound, patient cricket for 32.

Some points in the bowling call for notice. In the first innings of the Australians, Barnes took seven wickets . . . Mr Boyle's figures were curious indeed - five overs (one maiden), eight runs and three wickets.

14 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2629.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 August, page 10)

The northern county had considerably the better of yesterday's play at Brighton, in the return match between Sussex and Yorkshire. The visitors went in first, the Hon M B Hawke and Ulyett making an excellent start. Afterwards Bates, who has been batting very indifferently of late, played in his best style and made the highest score on his side. Of the other members of the eleven, Emmett showed good form after he had been at the wicket a little time, and Hunter, who rarely does anything in batting for his county, played a useful 26 not out. The total reached 208. Hide obtained five wickets . . .

Sussex made a most disastrous start, four wickets falling for 17 runs. Humphreys then joined Mr Ellis and considerable improvement was made. The amateur played remarkably well, but was bowled at 67. Humphreys batted most patiently; but when stumps were drawn for the day the home county still needed 31 runs to avert a follow-on.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 August, page 8)

When play ceased at Brighton on Monday, it will be remembered that Sussex, with six wickets down, required 31 runs to avert a follow-on. Yesterday the game was resumed. J Phillips, Humphreys and Hide were quickly out, and when Juniper, the last man, joined Tester 25 runs were still required to save following their innings. Juniper, however, hit pluckily, and in the end the total reached 139. Ulyett took four wickets . . .

Yorkshire, with an advantage of 69 runs, began their second innings with Mr Hawke and Ulyett. The latter was soon dismissed by a fine catch at slip; but, on Bates joining Mr Hawke, the bowling was hit all over the field. Bates was bowled for 29, and Mr Hawke was afterwards dismissed for a finely played 46. Lockwood and Flaxington hit with great freedom, and, owing to some mistakes in the field, no fewer than 93 runs were added. Flaxington was bowled at 214 for a useful though lucky 57, in which were eight fours and three twos. Lockwood, who has been rather out of form lately, contributed 50, which included four fours, three threes and seven twos. Emmett and Hill gave more trouble to the bowlers, and when the former was at last got rid of stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 August, page 6)

In accordance with general expectation, Yorkshire yesterday easily won their match against Sussex at Brighton. The northern county, who at the end of the second day's play had scored 251 for the loss of six wickets, yesterday finished their second innings for 285. This left Sussex the formidable total of 355 to get to win, a feat which, as the result proved, was altogether beyond their strength.

On the home county going in to bat, two wickets fell for 21 runs, and then Messrs Ellis and Newham became partners. These batsmen carried the score to 99 before they were parted. Mr Ellis was then bowled for a brilliantly hit 61. Mr Ellis's figures were thirteen fours, one two and seven singles.

Of the remaining batsmen Mr Newham, who played sterling cricket for 43, was the only one who offered a successful resistance to the northern bowling. With the total at 134 five wickets were down. The last five batsmen only made 19 between them. Little excuse can be offered for such a collapse, as, although rain fell in the early part of the day and again during the afternoon, it was not sufficiently heavy to spoil the wicket.

14 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2628.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 August, page 10)

The return match between these two counties began yesterday at Taunton; Lancashire, as might have been expected, gaining a great advantage over their opponents. The visitors won the toss. Barlow did very little, but Messrs Hornby and Royle had useful contributions, and Mr Taylor, who has only lately resumed his position in the Lancashire eleven, played in admirable style. He gave one chance of stumping, but otherwise no fault could be found with his batting.

The home county fared very badly against the bowling of Crossland and Barlow. Messrs Fowler and Newton showed good form, but received no support, and the innings closed for 74. On following their innings, Somersetshire lost two wickets for 32 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 August, page 8)

The return match between Somersetshire and Lancashire ended yesterday at Taunton in a nine wickets' victory for the northern county. Over night the game stood in the following position - Lancashire, first innings, 178; Somersetshire, first innings, 74; second innings, 32 for two wickets.

Yesterday the weather was boisterous, and the home county on proceeding with their innings quickly lost two more wickets. Mr Roe and Mr Ramsay then got together and greatly improved matters. Both scored freely, and the total reached 96 before a separation was effected. Mr Roe was bowled at 109, having played capital cricket for 45. Later on Messrs Evans and Welman showed good form, and at the interval the score was 140 for seven wickets. The innings closed for 157. Watson was the most effective bowler, taking four wickets . . .

Lancashire had 54 runs to get to win, and, as usual, were first represented by Mr Hornby and Barlow. The former scored fast, and the total had reached 45 when Barlow was taken at point. Mr Royle came in, and the match ended in favour of the visitors by nine wickets . . .

17 August: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PAST AND PRESENT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2630.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 August, page 8)

Great interest was taken in the match which commenced at Portsmouth yesterday, the Australians being opposed by a very powerful team of past and present Cambridge cricketers. The presence of Mr A F J Ford, however, was wanted to make the side complete. This year's eleven furnished three of the players - Mr C T Studd, Mr G B Studd and Mr C A Smith - while of the famous 1878 team - the strongest Cambridge ever had - there were half a dozen representatives - the brothers Lyttelton, Mr A P Lucas, Mr A G Steel, Mr Whitfeld and Mr P H Morton. Mr C I Thornton, as cricket lovers will hardly need to be informed, was in the Cambridge eleven from 1869 to 1872 inclusive, and was captain in his last year. Mr C H Allcock has played conspicuously in the matches of the Long Vacation Club, but never succeeded in gaining his "blue." The Australians were at a disadvantage in having to leave out Giffen and Palmer.

The weather was dull and the wicket slow, so the Australians, after winning the toss, determined to put their opponents in - a policy which at one time threatened to have very disastrous results. Up to a certain point the batting of the Cambridge men was remarkably good, but unfortunately a brilliant start was very badly supplemented. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton and Mr Thornton opened the innings, and for a long time resisted all the efforts of the Australian bowlers. Messrs Garrett and Boyle opened the attack, but at 36 the latter gave way to Spofforth, and at 57 Mr Garrett was displaced by Mr Jones. Early in the game Mr Thornton ought to have been run out, and subsequently he gave a hard chance at point, but his hitting was quite worthy of his reputation. Both he and Mr Lyttelton were out through bad luck - playing balls on to the wicket when they seemed thoroughly set.

At lunch time the score was 75 for two wickets, and after the interval, Mr C T Studd became Mr Lucas's partner. With these fine batsmen, opposed by Messrs Spofforth, Garrett and Boyle, the cricket was of a very high order. Gradually the score rose and the game began to wear an appearance although favourable to the Cambridge team. At 127, however, Mr Studd was caught at the wicket, and after his dismissal the whole aspect of the play changed. At 132 Mr G B Studd hit the ball into the hands of mid-off, and the innings eventually closed for 196. Mr Spofforth claimed four wickets . . . The Australians went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 August, page 6)

Fine weather favoured the second day's play in the Australians' match at Portsmouth with the Past and Present of Cambridge University, and the cricket was watched with the closest attention. The wicket had not recovered from the rain that fell on Wednesday and was still rather slow. In these circumstances, long scores were not to be expected, the bowling and fielding on both sides being exceedingly good. The advantage gained by the Cambridge team on Thursday was fairly well maintained, and the game promises to produce a capital finish.

Play was resumed at a few minutes past 12, the Australians, who had lost one wicket for 27 runs, going on with their first innings. The batting by

no means came up to expectation, the highest individual score being Blackham's 35. Bannerman played with the care and steadiness that always mark his efforts, and was not got rid of till just before luncheon. Curiously enough, the three best batsmen in the team were seen to great disadvantage. Murdoch was clean bowled without getting a run; Massie only made a single; and Horan's score of 18 was disfigured by a palpable chance to the bowler. At the interval eight wickets had fallen for 115 runs, but, thanks to some plucky play by Bonnor and Boyle, the total reached 141.

Cambridge went in for the second time with an advantage of 55 runs, and a very fine display of all-round cricket followed. The Hon A Lyttelton never plays so well as when opposed by high-class bowling, and his hitting and defence against Spofforth, Boyle and Garrett showed that he has still few equals among English amateurs. At the call of time he was not out 59, the total score being 131 for six wickets. The Cambridge Eleven are thus 186 runs ahead, with four wickets to fall.

In the Australian innings Mr C A Smith was the most successful bowler, taking four wickets . . . Since the commencement of their tour the Australians have been engaged in few matches of greater interest.

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 August, page 5)

A most interesting and keenly fought out match, in every way creditable to both sides, came to an end on Saturday at Portsmouth. The result was a success for the English cricketers, the Past and Present of Cambridge University defeating the Australians by 20 runs. This was the third match lost by the Colonists since the commencement of their tour. From first to last the all-round play was excellent, though the condition of the ground gave the bowlers a slight advantage.

The Australians were without Messrs Palmer and Giffen - a serious loss - but Theunissen gained the valuable services of Mr Spofforth, who, it will be readily remembered, was not able to take part in the match against the Players at the Oval. That the great bowler still retains much of his old excellence is evident from the fact that he took nine wickets with a capital analysis.

Before describing in detail the cricket on Saturday it may be well to mention some points of special excellence in the play of the English eleven. Nothing could have been better as a display of defensive batting than the innings of 42 played on the first day by Mr A P Lucas, and for hitting and defence combined the 60 of the Hon A Lyttelton was deserving of equal praise. Mr Thornton also batted uncommonly well. In bowling the honours were divided between Messrs A G Steel, C H Allcock and C A Smith. Going on as a change late in the Australians' first innings, Mr Smith took four wickets at the small cost of 16 runs. Still more conspicuous was the success of Mr Steel, who took five wickets in the second innings and bowled the ball that finally determined the fate of the game. Mr Allcock had never played in such an important match before, and his steady bowling had a great deal to do with keeping down the runs and winning the game. The most remarkable feature of the match was, however, the hitting of Mr Bonnor, who scored 66 runs at the rate of about two a minute, his stay at the wickets extending over not much more than half an hour.

When play began on Saturday, Cambridge had lost six wickets for 131 runs in their second innings, and were in all 186 runs to the good. Very speedily the innings was brought to a close. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton was caught at

slip after adding a single of his previous fine score of 59, and the last three wickets all fell to Spofforth's bowling, the total amounting to 152. Four bowlers were tried for the Australians. Spofforth took five wickets . . and Boyle five wickets . . .

The Australians had 208 runs to get to win, and there was, of course, almost the certainty of a close struggle. The commencement was favourable for Cambridge, Mr Massie being bowled for the small score of six. The first wicket went down at 16. Mr Bonnor then joined Mr Bannerman, and during the partnership the Australians' prospects were highly promising. No greater contrast could well be imagined than that presented by the play of the two batsmen. Mr Bannerman was steadiness itself, while Mr Bonnor hit with a fierce energy that completely demoralized the bowling. A fair chance of catching Mr Bannerman at slip was disregarded, and two difficult chances at the same spot, given by Mr Bonnor, also fell harmless. Various were the changes tried by the Cambridge captain, but the score had reached 95 when Mr Bonnor was caught and bowled for 66 – an extraordinary innings, which included four sixes, six fours, three threes and a two. At lunch time the total was 99, Mr Jones being in with Mr Bannerman.

After the interval Mr Jones was soon bowled; but Messrs Murdoch and Bannerman offered a stout resistance and the chances of Cambridge grew gradually faint. Changes of bowling had no effect till, at 153, Mr Bannerman's patient innings, which had lasted two hours and a half, was closed by a catch at the wicket. With ten runs added, Mr Murdoch was caught at slip for 43, a display of batting quite worthy of his reputation. After this the character of the game entirely changed. Mr Horan was caught and bowled, Mr Blackham was caught at the wicket and Mr M'Donnell was easily caught at point.

With two wickets to fall 37 runs were wanted – a capital match. Mr Boyle was missed at extra mid-off by Mr G B Studd, a mistake which might have had a material effect on the result, and then the end soon came. Mr Garrett was caught at slip and Mr Boyle played a ball on to his wicket, the innings ending for 187 and Cambridge winning the match, amid scenes of great excitement and enthusiasm, by 20 runs. The figures of Messrs Steel and Allcock's bowling deserve to be given in full. Mr Steel bowled 41 overs (30 maidens) for 24 runs and five wickets – a fine analysis indeed, and Mr Allcock 30 overs (14 maidens) for 51 runs and four wickets . . .

17 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2633.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 August, page 8)

On the Trent Bridge Ground at Nottingham, yesterday, Mr C F H Leslie, playing for Middlesex in their return match against the home county, scored a magnificent innings of 141. He went in at the fall of the first wicket for nine, and with Mr Walker raised the total to 145; the latter was the caught at the wicket.

After he left the oxford batsman continued his brilliant batting. Mr Pearson was bowled at 173, but on Mr Vernon coming in the Nottingham bowling was again completely mastered. Coming after a long spell of ill fortune, Mr Leslie's success is the more welcome. His chief figures were a five, seven fours, 15 threes and 19 twos. After he left Mr Vernon continued to his vigorously, his 77 containing a six, six fours, seven threes and eight twos. Towards the close Clarke also batted well, and the innings terminated just after 6 o'clock for the unusual total of 352. Shaw was by far the most successful bowler, taking five wickets . . .

Nottingham only had a few minutes' batting, and at the call of time had scored eight without the loss of a wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 August, page 6)

Continuing their first innings at Nottingham yesterday, the home county were all dismissed for the paltry total of 117. This, of course, rendered a "follow on" necessary, and then the Nottingham batsmen showed to much greater advantage than before. At the close of the day's play, however, the game was still greatly in favour of Middlesex, Nottingham, with three wickets down, still requiring 88 runs to save a single innings defeat.

The feature of the cricket was the admirable batting of Alfred Shaw, who, with Morley for a partner, added 50 runs for the last wicket in the first innings, and afterwards made a splendid score of 88. He went in first with Oscroft at the second attempt, and before they were separated they had put on 75 runs. Oscroft was then caught at mid-on, but, on Barnes going in, another and invaluable stand was made. Shaw and Flowers were out before the drawing of stumps, when three wickets had fallen for 147 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 August, page 5)

Rain and Barnes's admirable batting enabled Nottingham to draw their match against Middlesex on the Trent-bridge ground on Saturday. The home county were at the finish 52 runs to the good, with three wickets to fall. Barnes deserves immense credit for his batting this season.

17 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2634.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 August, page 8)

The ill success of the Gloucestershire eleven during the present season has excited as much surprise as disappointment among cricketers all over the country. Except for a victory over Somersetshire every match but one has ended in defeat – a sad contrast to the records of former years.

Yesterday, however, the second feature of the Cheltenham week – the return with Yorkshire – opened with brilliant promise. Save for a few minutes before the call of time the Gloucestershire men were batting all day, their efforts resulting in the handsome score of 256. Mr W W Pullen, who is but a little over 16 years of age, made 71, with scarcely a mistake. Other features of interest in the day's cricket must be briefly referred to.

The brothers Grace went in first, and by free and vigorous hitting scored 73 runs in an hour before being separated. Each was dismissed when apparently set for a long score. Mr Moberly made 40, his innings being a model of correct and finished batting. Of the six Yorkshire bowlers Emmett was the most successful. He took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 August, page 6)

Yesterday the second match of the fifth annual Cheltenham week came to a conclusion by Gloucestershire scoring an unexpectedly easy victory over Yorkshire. Though the result was to a certain extent a surprise, it is gratifying to record, as previously this season Gloucestershire had won but a single match.

At 20 minutes to 12 yesterday morning, in bright and fair weather, Yorkshire, who had scored four overnight without the loss of a wicket, resumed their innings. Ulyett and Mr Hawke were opposed by Midwinter and Mr W G Grace. The wicket did not play nearly so well as on Thursday, and runs came but slowly. With the total at 19 the amateur was caught at slip, and Bates came in. Both batsmen played carefully, and Woof went on for Dr Grace. The change almost immediately proved effective, Bates and Ulyett being caught at mid-off and Lockwood at slip. Directly afterwards Emmett was also dismissed by a catch at slip. Flaxington and Hall then came together. The latter, after being missed at forward point, batted admirably, and, with Grimshaw for a partner after Flaxington had been caught in the long-field, raised the total at lunch time to 110 for six wickets. On resuming, however, the innings came to a speedy termination, the last four wickets only adding five runs. Woof bowled with remarkable success, taking six wickets . . .

Yorkshire being 141 behind of course had to "follow on," but they fared even worse than in their first attempt. Emmett, Ulyett and Lockwood batted well, but received very poor support, none of the other batsmen reaching double figures. Eventually the innings closed for 96, and Gloucestershire thus gained a single-innings victory with 45 runs to spare. Mr Gilbert obtained four wickets . . .

17 August: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2632.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 August, page 8)

In the Mote-park at Maidstone yesterday Lancashire began their return match against Kent. The visitors won the toss, and in dull weather began batting with Mr Hornby and Barlow at half-past 12. Wootton and Mr Foord-Kelcey shared the bowling.

The amateur at once began to hit vigorously, and, in spite of numerous bowling changes, the total was taken to 73 before Barlow was bowled. Mr Royle followed, and at luncheon time 79 had been made for the loss of one wicket. On resuming, the free hitting continued until the Lancashire captain was caught at point for 67, which included seven fours. With the fall of the second wicket at 122, Robinson came in and commenced an extraordinary batting performance. He hit all the bowlers freely, and out of the 154 made while he was at the wickets he scored no fewer than 102. He was run out tenth and last. He gave one chance early in his innings, but otherwise batted grandly. His figures were 15 fours, two threes and 12 twos. The innings closed for 276. Wootton proved the most effective of the seven Kentish bowlers tried, as he claimed five wickets . . .

Messrs Patterson and Tylecote began the home county's innings to the bowling of Nash and Barlow. The first-named was caught at mid-on at nine, and with the fall of Mr Tylecote's wicket at 37, stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 August, page 6)

There was an excellent day's cricket on the Mote-park, at Maidstone, yesterday. G G Hearne, Lord Harris and Mr C Wilson batted in admirable form, and it was mainly by their efforts that Kent just contrived to save the "follow on."

Lancashire went in a second time, and at the drawing of stumps had scored 177 for the loss of nine wickets. The visitors are thus 153 runs to the good with one wicket to fall. Barlow, in Kent's innings, claimed four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 August, page 5)

Nash and Barlow, by splendid bowling, dismissed the Kent eleven at Maidstone on Saturday for the paltry score of 51, and so won the match for Lancashire by 204 runs. Barlow took six wickets for 20 runs and Nash four for 26.

21 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2636.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 5)

The play of Somersetshire in matches against Lancashire and Gloucestershire this season have been of so moderate a quality that it was impossible to feel any strong interest in the contest with the Australians which commenced yesterday at Taunton. Under no circumstances could the county hope to be successful. The Australians, however, were at a disadvantage, ill-health keeping away Messrs Palmer, Giffen and Garrett. To complete the eleven it was necessary to enlist the services of Mr C W Beal, the manager of the team. The Australians went in first, Messrs Massie and Bannerman opening the innings to the bowling of Mr Evans and Fothergill.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 August, page 7)

As might naturally have been expected, the Australians had a very easy task to beat Somersetshire at Taunton yesterday. The home batsmen batted nervously in both innings, and Messrs Spofforth and Boyle were unchanged throughout. In the end the Colonists won by an innings, with 19 runs to spare.

21 August: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2637.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 5)

The return match between these counties commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval. Fortunate in winning the toss, the Northern county took possession of an excellent wicket. Mr Hornby and Barlow were placed on their defence against the attacks of Mr Parfitt and Jones.

The Lancastrian captain hit with quite his old vigour for a considerable time, and, aided by the patient batting of Barlow, the total was conducted to 44 before the latter was beaten by a ball from Jones. The Rev V F Royle supplied the vacancy; but with the addition of eight runs Mr Hornby fell to the wicket-keeper. Two for 52. This excellent start was most ably followed up by the rest of the side, as, with a solitary exception, they scored to a man. The principal contributor of the rest of the team was Briggs, while Crossland trod closely on his heels. Half the wickets fell for 90, and the remaining five for the addition of 98. Jones was the most successful bowler, as . . he claimed half the wickets . . .

The Surrey club went in; but, beyond the efforts of Maurice Read, the batsmen made little headway against the attacks on the Northerners, especially those of Crossland. Some disapprobation was expressed by many of the spectators about this bowler's style, these critics having evidently overlooked the law which constitutes the umpires as judges of fair or unfair play. Five batsmen failed to score and the innings closed for 48. Crossland claimed six wickets . . . In arrears to the extent of 140, Surrey followed on . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 August, page 7)

An improvement was made by Surrey in their batting yesterday at Kennington Oval, but it did not prove of sufficient magnitude to alter the aspect of the game. When stumps were drawn on the previous day Lancashire had completed an innings for 188, and, mainly owing to Crossland's bowling, the home county had been once disposed of for 48, while in their second venture three of their wickets had collapsed for 47.

Yesterday's batting did not possess much attraction, with the exception of the efforts of Mr Roller and Mr Parfitt. Half the wickets fell for 82, seven for 113; but the remaining three added only six. Four bowlers were tried and all were successful. Crossland secured five wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Lancashire won by an innings and 21 runs.

21 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2638.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 5)

The cricket at Sheffield yesterday was considerably in favour of the Middlesex team, who not only dismissed Yorkshire for the small score of 114, but scored 105 for two wickets themselves. The ground was suffering from the effects of rain; but Burton and Mr C T Studd deserve great credit for their bowling. The latter took four wickets for 55 runs and Burton five for 38. Messrs Webbe and Walker batted particularly well, the latter's 63 consisting of seven four's, three three's, seven two's and singles.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 August, page 7)

Bates was very successful at Sheffield yesterday both with bat and ball, taking six wickets for 33 runs and scoring 50 in the second innings of Yorkshire. Mr C T Studd bowled six wickets for 71 runs, but the cricket was not otherwise remarkable. The appended score will show that Middlesex want 129 runs to win the match . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 August, page 4)

In showery and altogether unseasonable weather the return match between Yorkshire and Middlesex was yesterday brought to a conclusion at Sheffield. The result was a victory for Yorkshire by the narrow majority of 20 runs. On a saturated wicket some of the best of the Middlesex batsmen could do nothing against the Yorkshire bowling, Messrs C T Studd, G B Studd, C F Leslie and Pearson scoring between them only five runs.

Mr Webbe, however, played a remarkably fine innings of 62. He went in first on Tuesday and took out his bat. Among his hits were four fours, two threes and six twos. Had the support accorded him been less feeble the match would have had a different ending. A word of praise, however, is due to Mr Vernon, who stayed in some time with Mr Webbe and tried hard to save the game. Peate's bowling was exceptionally good; he delivered 36 overs (22 maidens) for 32 runs and eight wickets . . .

21 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2634.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 5)

Quite uneventful was the play at Clifton yesterday in the return match between Gloucestershire and Nottingham. The ground was not in a condition to aid the batsmen, and in the course of the day only 161 runs were scored.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 August, page 7)

Despite the small score made by Gloucestershire against Nottinghamshire at Clifton on Monday, the game was considerably in favour of the home county when, yesterday afternoon, rain stopped play. Mr E M Grace's excellent batting and the capital bowling of Woof and Midwinter were the chief causes of this condition of affairs. Woof took three wickets for 13 runs and Midwinter five for 43.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 August, page 4)

Owing to the heavy rain at Clifton yesterday, very little progress was made in this county match, and after an attempt had been made to resume play at the end of the luncheon interval, the match was abandoned as a draw.

The overnight not outs, Messrs E M Grace and Cranston, continued their innings at noon to the bowling of Barnes and Flowers. In the second over Mr Grace was out leg before wicket, having added a single only to his previous total. Mr Cranston was run out in the following over, and Mr Gilbert and Midwinter came together. On the wet and heavy ground the batsmen played with the greatest care, but Mr Gilbert was badly run out when he had made two, and Mr Pullen came in. Rain now stopped play for ten minutes; on continuing Midwinter was caught and bowled. Of the others Messrs Pullen and Taylor batted well, and the innings closed for 146 . . .

Nottingham wanted 160 to win, but after Oscroft and Butler had made 4 the unfavourable weather again stopped play, and eventually all idea of further programme was abandoned.

21 August: HAMPSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2635.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 August, page 5)

Hampshire had all the best of the day's play with the M.C.C. at Southampton yesterday, scoring 172 for the loss of nine wickets, against their opponents' complete innings of 105. For the M.C.C., W Hearn played an admirable 31, while Mr G Underdown, for the county, played the highest score of the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 August, page 7)

Yesterday at Southampton, Hampshire gained a decisive victory over M.C.C. and Ground, by an innings and 18 runs. In the second innings of the visitors Young bowled with extraordinary success, taking seven wickets at a cost of only 19 runs.

Thursday 24 August, page 4: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

The following 10 have been definitely chosen to play for England next Monday at the Oval: - Dr W G Grace, Hon A Lyttelton, Mr A P Lucas, Mr A G Steel, Mr C T Studd, with Ulyett, Barnes, Barlow, Peate and Maurice Read.

24 August: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2640.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 August, page 8)

Some very fair cricket was shown at Gravesend yesterday in the return match between Kent and Yorkshire. Each county had collected a strong eleven; and though on previous performances during the present season the chances seemed all in favour of Yorkshire, the Kentish players proved well able to hold their own. Having won the toss for Kent, Lord Harris went in first with Mr W H Patterson, the Yorkshire bowling being shared by Peate and Ulyett.

From the first Lord Harris played a most vigorous game and runs came at a great pace. Hill bowled for Peate and Emmett for Ulyett, but at the end of 35 minutes' cricket the score had reached 50. Then rain stopped play from 10 minutes to 1 until a quarter past. On a fresh start being made, runs again came freely, but Mr Patterson gave a difficult chance in the slips. Bates went on, but the score was up to 90 when a catch at slip got rid of Lord Harris. The Kent captain had made 51, his chief hits being two fours and 11 threes.

Ninety for one wicket was a wonderfully good beginning, but of course such an average could not long be maintained. G G Hearne and Mr Patterson were in together at the luncheon interval, but afterwards, with the score at 117, the amateur was caught at slip for a capital innings of 46. Hearne hit his wicket and Mr Tylecote was out leg-before-wicket, the score at the latter's downfall being 139. Unfortunately for Kent the last seven batsmen offered a comparatively feeble resistance and the innings closed for 174. Peate was the most successful bowler, taking five wickets . . .

Yorkshire had a great piece of good fortune on going in to bat, for Ulyett was missed before he had made a run. Afterwards the same player punished Kent's bowling with remarkable vigour. Emmett afforded him the most assistance, and when rain stopped the game four wickets had fallen for 76 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 August, page 6)

It will be remembered that Kent played very well at Gravesend against Yorkshire, and yesterday they considerably increased the advantage they had gained. The weather, however, was most unfavourable, and except for five minutes' play at half-past 11 no progress was made with the game until a quarter to 3.

Yorkshire, who had made 76 overnight for the loss of four wickets, could do little on the wet wicket with the bowling of Wootton and Mr Foord-Kelcey. The remaining six wickets fell for the addition of 30 runs, no one playing in anything approaching good style. The innings closed for 106, Wootton taking four wickets . . .

The home county were 68 runs ahead, but on going in for the second time lost two good wickets, those of Mr Patterson and G Hearne for 11 runs. Lord Harris, however, again batted in excellent style, and received considerable assistance from Mr Tylecote, who stayed with him for a long time. Before the Kent captain was caught at point the total had reached

102. His fine innings of 54 included a drive for six out of the ground, a four, six 3's and six 2's. Towards the close of the day's play Mr Wilson and O'Shaughnessy batted in good form . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 August, page 5)

In fine but cold weather at Gravesend on Saturday, Kent gained a somewhat easy victory over Yorkshire by 101 runs. Overnight Kent had all the best of the game, having only lost four wickets in obtaining 133, thus being 201 runs on. On Saturday Mr Wilson and O'Shaughnessy, not out, respectively 28 and 23, resumed the batting at 12 minutes past 11 to the bowling of Peate and Bates.

24 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2639.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 August, page 8)

The downpour of rain rendered cricket quite impracticable yesterday at Clifton. Should the weather permit the match will commence to-day at half-past 11.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 August, page 6)

There was more rain at Clifton yesterday morning and the commencement of the return match between Gloucestershire and the Australians had to be delayed till after luncheon. It will be remembered that the bad weather prevented any cricket on Thursday. Messrs Palmer and Murdoch stood out of the Australian team, neither being in good health. The condition of the ground – very soft and wet – made the choice of an innings a matter of great importance, and, fortunately for the Colonists, they won the toss.

Messrs Massie and Bannerman opened the batting, and the former hit at such a tremendous pace that in 20 minutes the score was up to 40. Having made 39 out of 48 with eight fours, Mr Massie was finely caught at long-off. Mr Bonnor, who followed in, played very much the same class of cricket as his predecessor, hitting with great power and freedom – one of his drives pitched clean out of the ground for six. The score had reached 77 when Mr Bonnor was dismissed by a wonderful catch at long-on, Midwinter taking the ball with his right hand just on the boundary. No finer piece of fielding has been seen this season, except, perhaps, the catch by Mr Lucas which got rid of the same batsman in the match between the Australians and the Gentlemen of England at the Oval.

Neither Mr M'Donnell nor Mr Garrett made any lengthened stand, and with the total at 105 Mr Bannerman's patient innings was closed by an excellent catch at point. Mr Giffen, after a chance in the long field, was also finely taken at point, six wickets being down for 129. During the partnership of Messrs Horan and Jones rain caused a delay of 40 minutes, and, on resuming play, the wicket was even more slippery than before. The two batsmen remained in till the call of time, when the score was 167.

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 August, page 5)

A full day's cricket was witnessed on Saturday at Clifton, by a large number of spectators. The heavy rain of Thursday and Friday had, of course, taken a great amount of interest out of the match, which, as had been generally expected, ended in a draw. The Australians, who had overnight scored 167 for six wickets, went on batting at five minutes to 12, and in a little over half-an-hour finished off their innings for 120, the last four wickets only putting on 23 runs. Dr W G Grace bowled extremely well, and took eight wickets . . .

Drs E M and W G Grace commenced the Gloucestershire innings at a quarter to 1 to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. From the first ball, Dr E M Grace should have been easily run out. Dr W G Grace was clean bowled at 15, but when Mr Townsend joined Dr E M Grace some capital cricket was shown. Both played steadily well, but Mr Grace should have been caught at

cover point. When the score was up to 44, however, he was caught at point for 24. Mr Moberly, after scoring nine, was dismissed by a splendid catch at point, low down with the right hand. At luncheon time the score was 65 for three wickets.

On resuming, Mr Townsend was bowled for an admirable 27. Then in quick succession Mr Cranston, Midwinter and Mr Pullen were got rid of, seven wickets being down for 83. Messrs Taylor and Gilbert played pluckily and virtually saved Gloucestershire from following on, as when Mr Gilbert was out the score was 107. Just after the "follow on" had been adverted Mr Peake was bowled. Woof and Mr Taylor put on 20 runs, and the last wicket fell at a quarter past 4 for 131 - 59 runs behind their opponents' total.

24 August: LANCASHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2641.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 August, page 8)

Owing to heavy and continuous rain it was found impossible at Manchester, yesterday, to commence the return match between Middlesex and Lancashire. The start will, consequently, be made this morning.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 August, page 6)

The Lancashire Eleven achieved quite a batting triumph at Manchester yesterday, when in their return match with Middlesex they remained at the wicket all day, scoring no fewer than 344 runs for the loss of seven wickets. The weather was dull and threatening, and the wicket was at first heavy, but rain during the luncheon interval and for half an hour afterwards kept it easy all day.

Having won the toss Lancashire, as usual, were represented by Mr Hornby and Barlow, Mr C T Studd and Clarke bowling. Only 17 runs had been scored when a catch at the wicket sent back Mr Hornby. Mr Steel followed, and some good cricket was shown, despite the fact that Mr Steel gave a hard chance at point. As runs were coming steadily, the bowling was twice changed, but the score was up to 64 when Barlow was well caught, low down, at the wicket. When Mr Steel and Mr Royle were together some admirable fielding was shown. Both batsmen, however, played the bowling easily, and the total reached 96 when the bowling was again changed. Mr Steel afterwards was twice let off – from an easy chance of stumping and from a hard one at mid off. At the interval the score was 109 for two wickets – Mr Steel, not out, 50; Mr Royle, not out, 25. Play was delayed until 10 minutes past 3.

On resuming, the batting was first class, the bowling steady and the fielding brilliant, but the score rose fast, although the Middlesex bowling was frequently changed. At last, however, a separation was effected, Mr Steel being easily caught at cover-point for 99. Despite his chances he had played most brilliant cricket. His chief hits were six fours, six threes and 17 twos. No fewer than 120 runs had been added since the fall of the previous wicket. Robinson came in, and at 211 Mr Royle was caught at point. He had played a grand innings of 63, in which were ten fours, three threes and three twos.

There was another stand made when Mr Taylor joined Robinson. The Middlesex bowling was quite worn out, and Robinson took full advantage of it. Among other hits, the professional made on drives into the press tent, into the pavilion and then into the reserved enclosure – all off Mr Walker's bowling. Robinson continued to score with great rapidity, but he was several times missed. At last, however, he was caught at mid-off. His splendidly hit innings of 101 was made up by 12 fours, five threes and nine twos. Mr Haigh and Pilling were quickly out, and then Watson and Mr Taylor remained until the call of time.

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 August, page 5)

On Saturday at the Old Trafford ground, Manchester, Middlesex suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the home county by an innings and no fewer than 271 runs.

Saturday 26 August, page 6: THE AUSTRALIANS v ENGLAND

The team to play against the Australians at the Oval on Monday next and subsequent days is now complete, and is as follows: — Mr A N Hornby (captain), Dr W G Grace, Hon A Lyttelton, Mr A P Lucas, Mr A G Steel, Mr C T Studd, with Barlow, Ulyett, Barnes, Peate and M Read.

Monday 28 August, page 5: MATCHES FOR THE PRESENT WEEK

To-day. — At Kennington Oval, the Australians v England. — The former team has not yet been made known, but it is feared that Messrs Bannerman and Palmer will be unable to play. The England team remains as previously announced — viz.,

Mr A N Hornby (Lancashire), captain; Dr W G Grace (Gloucestershire), Mr A P Lucas (Surrey), Mr C T Studd (Middlesex), Hon A Lyttelton (Middlesex), Mr A G Steel (Lancashire), with Ulyett and Peate (Yorkshire), Barlow (Lancashire), Barnes (Nottingham) and M Read (Surrey).

28 August: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2642.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 August, page 8)

Rarely, if ever, has there been so large an attendance on an English cricket-ground to witness a match as that which assembled yesterday at Kennington Oval, and the contest was quite worthy of the distinction it received. The third team of Australians have illustrated in a most marked manner their skill at the "noble game," and whether winning (which has usually been the case) or losing they have shown that thoroughness which gives to most pastimes their greatest charm.

A team representing the combined talent of England, both amateur and professional, had been selected to play against them, and the encounter has been looked forward to with warm interest. Many of the general public even who do not as a rule take much interest in cricket have concerned themselves about this match. Up to the present time the Australians have played 29 games; 18 of these have been placed to their credit, three they have lost and eight have been left in an unfinished state.

On a wicket which did not play so true as one could have wished, the Australians went in first, but the superb fielding of England (especially that of Dr Grace at point) and the destructive bowling of Barlow and Peate prevented them making much headway. The attacks of the Lancastrian were particularly effective, and his analysis is worthy of especial note, as he captured half the wickets at the cost of a little less than four runs apiece. The fact of an "England" team proving itself competent to dispose of the Australians for the meagre total of 63 was received with considerable gratification by the sightseers, who, by the way, were by no means grudging of their cheers at any noteworthy piece of play on the part of the Australians.

Far better things were expected of the English in batting than they accomplished. The early collapse of Dr W G Grace was the cause of much chagrin. Barlow played with his wonted care for some time. Ulyett, although he batted at the outset with a great amount of uncertainty, improved towards the end of what proved to be the highest innings of the day's play. Read's exploit in the latest contest between the Players and the Australians has caused him to be quite a favourite, and yesterday he justified his confidence, as he carried his bat for the second best score of the day. Mr Steel also hit with judgment.

Although the Australians were deprived of the services of Mr Palmer, their renowned player Mr Spofforth bowled in a style which showed that he has lost none of his skill. The English had by far the worst of the light, which towards evening was at times very deceptive. At the close of the first day the play may be considered to be left in a fairly even state. Altogether there were over 20,000 spectators present, 19,580 of whom paid for admission at the turnstiles.

At a quarter to 12 the bell rang to clear the ground, which was promptly done, and it soon became known that the Australians, having won the toss, had, as a matter of course, elected to go in. Ten minutes after noon the English team entered the field, and were soon afterwards followed by Messrs Bannerman and Massie. Peate led off from the gasometer wicket, the field to his bowling being distributed as follows: - Hon A Lyttelton, wicket-

keeper; Dr W G Grace, point; Mr Steel, slip; Mr C T Studd, extra mid-off; Ulyett, cover-point; Barlow, long-slip; Barnes, mid-off; Read, long-off; and Mr Hornby, mid-on short.

Ulyett was the other bowler, and to his attacks the Hon A Lyttelton kept wicket, Dr Grace was at point, Mr Studd cover-point, Mr Steel slip, Peate cover-slip, Barnes third man, Barlow mid-off, Mr Hornby mid-on, Mr Lucas short leg and Read long leg. The last ball of the opening over Mr Bannerman drove well to the off for three. Ulyett started with a maiden. A single from each batsman and a bye were scored off the next six balls, after which Mr Massie was bowled by Ulyett, the ball striking his leg-stump. The loss of so valuable a batsman was certainly a most disastrous commencement.

Mr Murdoch came in. His first hit was a very clean cut to the boundary off Ulyett. Ten runs were the result of nine overs. Soon after this Mr Murdoch made six by two square-leg hits and an on-drive, all from Ulyett. This bowler then gave way to Barlow, but runs still came. Fourteen maidens were now sent down in succession, and a single to Mr Murdoch was the sole result of 17 overs, and then the Australian captain had the misfortune to play the ball on to his wicket. Two for 21.

Mr Bonnor was well cheered on joining Mr Bannerman. The usual widening of the field was made to suit his hard hitting. This precaution, however, did not prove necessary, as in the third over after his arrival a very fast ball of Barlow's hit his middle and off stumps. Three for 22. Mr Horan came next on the list, and Mr Bannerman relieved the tardy run-getting by a late cut for three from Barlow. This proved his last score, as in the subsequent over a remarkably fine catch low down at point got rid of him. Four for 26 was not at all hopeful for the Australians. Mr Giffen made his appearance, but both he and Mr Horan were by no means at home with the bowling. Only four runs were added, and then both of them were dismissed. Mr Horan had his leg-stump taken by Barlow and Mr Giffen was clean bowled by Peate. Six for 30.

Messrs Blackham and Garrett became partners. Soon afterwards the bowling showed that a run had been obtained in ten overs for two wickets. Mr Garrett made four by an on-drive at each end. Forty runs were the outcome of 1 hour and 40 minutes' play. Soon after a twofold change was tried, Mr Steel going on at the gasometer wicket and Ulyett resuming at the Pavilion. A single only was secured in four overs, and then luncheon was announced.

The usual interval of three-quarters of an hour having elapsed, the game was continued. Peate and Barlow were once more intrusted with the attack. The last ball of the Yorkshireman's first over Mr Garrett lifted to deep long-off, where it was well judged and held by Read. Seven for 48. Mr Boyle's stay was brief, as after a couple of singles he returned clean bowled. Eight down. Messrs Blackham and Jones kept together for a few overs. The former cut a ball of Peate's for four, and drove one of Barlow's straight with a like result. This freedom soon received a check, for at 59 Mr Blackham skied a ball which point stepped back and easily secured. Nine for 59. Mr Spofforth made one solitary hit, an on-drive for four, but then lost the company of Mr Jones, who was easily caught by third man. Total, 63. Duration of the innings, two hours and a quarter.

The England batting was opened by Barlow and Dr Grace a few minutes before half-past 3. Mr Spofforth (gasometer wicket) bowled the first over. His field was disposed as follows: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Bannerman, forward-point; Mr Garrett, cover-point; Mr Bonnor,

slip; Mr Jones, cover-slip; Mr Massie, mid-off; Mr Boyle, short mid-on; Mr Giffen, long-on; and Mr Horan, short-leg. From the pavilion wicket the attack was opened by Mr Garrett, who was supported by his field as follows: — Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Bannerman, forward point; Mr Giffen, cover point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Horan, third man; Mr Spofforth, mid-off; Mr Massie, extra mid-off; Mr Jones, deep behind bowler; and Mr Boyle, short mid-on.

Four runs were made in as many overs. Eight (including a square-leg hit for a couple and an on-drive for three by Barlow) were then scored. This promising state of affairs did not last long, as at 13 Dr Grace was bowled, leg stump. One down. Ulyett gave a chance of being stumped before he had scored. The misfortune of losing the Gloucestershire captain was quickly followed by another, as Barlow was taken splendidly at forward point. Two for 18.

Mr Lucas aided Ulyett, who drove a ball of Mr Garrett's for four. The score was then augmented by four byes. A square-leg hit for four by Mr Lucas was the most important item until 40 was reached, this number having taken 50 minutes to obtain. A single later Mr Spofforth crossed over, and Mr Boyle superseded Mr Garrett. At half-past 5 the 50 was completed. Speedily afterwards the English team suffered a serious loss, as Ulyett, who had been getting a little too venturesome, got out of his ground and paid the penalty. With only two singles added in eight overs, Mr Lucas was caught at wicket. Mr Studd's stay was very brief; he was dismissed by a bailer without having scored. Half the wickets for 60 runs.

The vacancy was filled by Read. When the total of the Australians had been reached Mr Lyttelton had the misfortune to be caught at wicket off his hand. Barnes then joined Read, and it was hoped that this pair would repeat the success they achieved in the recent Players' match. But these hopes were soon dispelled, as, after making a deep square-leg hit for four and a single, and Notts batsman was bowled by Mr Boyle. Seven for 70.

This state of affairs was changed for a short while by Read and Mr Steel. Five overs produced three singles, when the Surrey representative made a very clean cut through the slips for three. This he quickly supplemented by an on-drive for four. Mr Steel having made six by two leg-hits, Mr Boyle, at 88, handed the ball over to Mr Garrett. In his first over Mr Steel cut him to the boundary and Read obtained four from Mr Spofforth by an on-drive. Before anything further could be done Mr Steel played on. Eight for 96.

Read cut a ball of Mr Spofforth's for three, and a single by the new arrival, Mr Hornby, caused the "100" to be registered at 10 minutes to 6. A single only was obtained, and then the innings quickly terminated. Mr Hornby was bowled, leg stump, and Peate well caught at mid-off. Total 101. Time 5.55. Play now ceased for the day; it will be resumed at 11.30 this morning.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 August, page 10)

Our Colonial visitors have added another match to their long roll of victories obtained during the present season, and this, too, the most coveted of them all. Few of the 20,000 spectators on Kennington Oval yesterday were prepared for such a result, even within less than an hour of its accomplishment. In spite of the fact that the rain, which had been falling at intervals during the early morning, had increased to a heavy

downpour by 10 o'clock, there was at this hour almost a complete belt of spectators round the field of play, who, protected by umbrellas, mackintoshes &c. maintained their positions throughout all discomfortures. Before 11 there was a break in the clouds and the rain ceased.

It was fortunate for the Australians that they had to go in first, as the wicket played far easier than it otherwise would have done. They did not obtain so many runs, however, as was expected of them. Mr Massie hit vigorously and his performance was very praiseworthy, in spite of his escape at the hands of usually so reliable a fieldsman as Mr Lucas. Mr Murdoch batted in his usual finished style and Mr Bannerman hit with great care. Beyond these none of the team did much. Mr Hornby seemed to know the bowling which would most baffle the batsmen and varied it accordingly, while he altered the disposition of the field with great judgment. Peate's bowling was again excellent.

The small total of 85 which England had set them to win caused the match to be regarded by most people as a foregone conclusion for them, and this confidence was increased when the third wicket fell for 51. Thus there remained seven batsmen to be dismissed and only 34 runs to get. The Australians, however, although defeat stared them in the face, played with that thoroughness which we pointed out yesterday as being one of their most admirable characteristics. Two more wickets speedily fell. Yet, with five to go down and only 19 to get, it seemed almost impossible even in the game noted for its surprises that the home team should not be able to get them. Every ball was watched with the keenest interest; but batsman after batsman succumbed with a rapidity that soon caused great anxiety on the part of the on-lookers, and at length, after victory appeared to be almost within their grasp, the English Eleven found themselves beaten by seven runs.

Mr Spofforth sustained the reputation which secured for him the title of the "demon" bowler, as in the double innings he claimed 14 wickets for 90 runs. It is needless to say that the excitement was intense and that the winners were warmly congratulated on their success. True, they had the best of the wicket, which played very treacherously during the English innings. Still the gallant manner in which they had played an uphill game when there seemed no hope of success will cause their victory to be a subject of lasting admiration.

With 38 runs on the wrong side of their account, the Australians started batting again at 12.10. Messrs Bannerman and Massie were their representatives. Barlow bowled the opening over from the Pavilion end. Mr Bannerman cut the first and last balls for two each. Ulyett conducted the attack from the other end. His second delivery Mr Massie drove to the off. Read saved the ball from reaching the boundary; but a possible, though difficult, opportunity of running Mr Massie out was missed, owing to the ball being returned, in the opinion of many, to the wrong end. This player then secured seven runs in two overs of Barlow's by a cut and a square-leg hit. Each batsman having made a single, a very fine hit round to long leg by Mr Massie for four caused 20 to be registered as the result of a quarter of an hour's play. This feat he speedily supplemented by a square-leg hit to the boundary, and at 25 Peate superseded Ulyett, and Mr Studd displaced Barlow.

Some very lively batting was now shown by Mr Massie. The first ball of Mr Studd's he hit finely to the on for four, and then drove Peate on either side of the wicket for like amounts, which caused the arrears to be rubbed out at 20 minutes to 1. Having secured another four from Mr Studd by driving him to the boundary, that gentleman gave way to Barnes. The first

ball sent down Mr Massie raised to long-on, but Mr Lucas failed to hold it. Mr Bannerman made a cut for two, which brought the total up to 50 at ten minutes to 1. Mr Massie continued his free hitting, and having obtained six runs by on and off drives from Peate, Mr Steel was tried in lieu of the Yorkshireman. For a few overs these variations did not seem to disconcert the batsmen. Mr Massie, however, having sent a ball of Mr Steel's to deep square-leg for four, was clean bowled by the next, the leg stump being knocked out of the ground. One for 66, as many as 55 having been obtained by the retiring batsman, whose chief hits were nine fours, two threes and three twos.

Those who expected to see some of Mr Bonnor's tall hitting must have been sorely disappointed. Ulyett resumed again in place of Mr Steel, and the change proved most happy, as the fourth ball struck Mr Bonnor's middle stump right out of the ground. Mr Murdoch came in, but did not long have the society of Mr Bannerman, who before another run had been obtained was easily caught at mid-off. Mr Horan remained while nine were obtained, but then played a ball tamely into the hands of Dr Grace at point, while from the next ball Mr Giffen, who supplied the vacancy, was served in the same manner. Half the wickets for 79 runs. Messrs Murdoch and Blackham were associated, the most notable hit for a little time being one to leg for four by the latter. The total having reached 99, rain fell somewhat heavily, and an adjournment for luncheon was made a quarter of an hour earlier than usual.

The interval over, Peate and Barlow proceeded with the attack against Messrs Blackham and Murdoch. Ill-fortune attended the colonists at the outset. From the last ball of the opening over from Peate Mr Blackham was well taken at wicket. Six for 99. Mr Jones supplied the vacancy. A square-leg hit for a single by the Australian captain caused the three figures to be signalled at ten minutes to 3. Mr Jones made six by cuts for two and four in an over of Barlow's. During the next nine overs Mr Murdoch monopolized the little run-getting that was shown. Seven were gained by him, all by on drives, the most important being one for three off Barlow.

With the score at 113, Mr Murdoch hit a ball to leg, which was fielded by Mr Lyttelton, who threw it at the wicket; the object was missed and the ball went to Dr Grace, who, as Mr Jones was out of his ground, put the wicket down, the batsman being adjudged run out. Mr Spofforth's stay was brief and valueless - clean bowled. Eight for 117. Mr Murdoch next had the companionship of Mr Garrett, and at 25 minutes last 3 120 runs were registered. After this the innings speedily terminated, both the remaining wickets being taken in an over of Mr Steel's. Mr Murdoch was run out in attempting a third run, while Mr Boyle was bowled, leg stump. Total, 122; time, 3.20.

With the apparently easy task of getting 85 to win, England started on their second venture at a quarter to 4. Dr Grace and Mr Hornby were placed in opposition to Mr Spofforth (gasometer end) and Mr Garrett. The opening over was a maiden, but a single by each batsman resulted from the second and the third overs. This moderate rate of run-getting was relieved by Mr Hornby driving a ball of Mr Spofforth's to the on for four, while in the same over he made a lucky "snick" to leg for two. Two overs subsequently, however, his off stump was struck, while Barlow, who followed, had his wicket upset by the first ball he received. One and two for 15.

Dr Grace and Ulyett were partnered, and for a time all went well. At ten minutes past 4 an off-drive for two caused 20 to be signalled. Dr Grace then made seven in an over of Spofforth's by two on-drives. A change was

consequently deemed desirable and this bowler crossed over, while Mr Boyle went on at the gasometer end. This alteration in the attack did not bear fruit for a considerable time. besides minor hits, Dr Grace and Ulyett were each accredited with one to deep square leg for four. The "50" was attained at 4.35. One only had been added to this number when Ulyett was splendidly caught at wicket. Three down. Mr Lucas came in, but without having much opportunity to score, he was separated from Dr Grace, who was easily caught at mid-off. Four for 53.

The Hon A Lyttelton came in, and started by scoring a single and three in an over of Mr Spofforth's. Two maidens followed, and then the new arrival obtained two somewhat luckily, and supplemented this by a very clean leg-hit to the boundary. Now followed a great display of patience on the part of the batsmen. Twelve overs were sent down without result, and a single only was obtained in 17. The 18th proved fatal to Mr Lyttelton, whose wicket fell to an excellent ball of Mr Spofforth's, which struck the top of the middle stump. Half the wickets for 66.

There were still, therefore, five to fall and only 19 to get for victory. Mr Steel joined Mr Lucas, and the latter elicited considerable applause by a late cut from Mr Boyle, which yielded four runs. This, however, was soon followed by misfortunes. The first ball of Mr Spofforth's next over Mr Steel returned to him, while Read, who succeeded, had his mid and off stumps struck by the third. Six and seven for 70. Only five runs were added, three of them byes, when Mr Lucas played the ball on. Eight for 75.

Mr Studd and Barnes joined partnership, when only ten runs were required - a task which such batsmen as these would have been expected to accomplish without difficulty. The professional, however, was speedily caught at point. Nine for 75. Peate, the last man, sent the first ball he received to square leg for a couple. This hopeful start was not followed up, and in the same over he was clean bowled. Total, 77. The Australians thus won by seven runs.

28 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2643.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 August, page 8)

The return match between the above counties was commenced yesterday at Portsmouth. Sussex won the toss and remained at the wickets until a quarter-past 5, the total of the innings being 227. Messrs Whitfeld and Smith batted admirably. Hampshire went in for half an hour, and when time was called had lost two wickets for 11 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 August, page 10)

Yesterday, at Portsmouth, Sussex easily defeated Hampshire by an innings with 21 runs to spare. Overnight the visitors had completed an innings for 227, while the home team had scored 11 for two wickets. Heavy rain fell during the night, and consequently the wicket played very dead. Hampshire, only making 81, had to follow on, and were eventually defeated as stated. Mr Seymour in both innings, Mr Wood in the first and Mr Longman in the second attempt alone showed to advantage.

31 August: UNITED ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2644.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 1 September, page 8)

Rain interfered greatly with the first day's play in the above match at Tunbridge Wells yesterday, and only seven wickets fell during the afternoon. The Australians, from whom Messrs Bannerman and Palmer were standing out, won the toss. The start was unpromising, five wickets being down for 38, but Messrs Giffen and Blackham batted well and totally altered the aspect of the game while they were together.

Play began at half-past 12, the Australians sending in Messrs Massie and Jones to face the bowling of Parnham and Mr Lipscomb. With the score at six only Mr Jones ran himself out. Mr Murdoch came in and hit Parnham twice in one over for four. Mr Massie sent the amateur well to square leg for four, and the score was carried at a rapid rate to 27, when Mr Massie was finely caught at mid-off by Mr Townsend, who took the ball with one hand. Mr M'Donnell came, and after his partner had been missed at point the new comer was bowled. Mr Horan made only four and was caught at the wicket. Four for 38. In the next over, before any addition had been made, the Australian captain was easily stumped for a by no means faultless 17. Messrs Giffen and Blackham were next together and played excellent cricket. As runs were coming steadily, Dr W G Grace took the ball from Mr Lipscomb at 57. When only one run had been added rain came down heavily and stopped the game at 25 minutes to 2.

The downpour continued for about an hour, and then the ground was so thoroughly saturated that play could not be resumed until 20 minutes to 5. Dr W G Grace and Parnham shared the bowling, which, on the wet wicket, was severely punished. At 80 Dr W G Grace changed ends and Midwinter went on. Mr Giffen was badly missed at point by Dr E M Grace, but otherwise the batting was admirable. In all 77 were added before a separation was effected. Mr Giffen was then caught at mid-off and Mr Blackham taken at the wicket. Messrs Bonnor and Garrett took the score to 131 before, at a quarter to six, rain fell heavily again and stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 September, page 10)

Owing to the incessant rain at Tunbridge-wells yesterday, no further progress was made in this match. Play was first postponed until after luncheon, when an inspection of the wicket was made. The game was then further deferred until this morning. The following is the present position of the match: - Australians, first innings, 131 for seven wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 September, page 8)

Despite the frequent interruptions from rain during the match at Tunbridge Wells, Saturday's play was remarkably good and full of incident. The main features of the day were the extraordinary dismissal of the Australians in less than an hour for 49 runs, and the splendid bowling of Parnham, whose exertions at this point of the game were rewarded with a success of which many a bowler of higher reputation has failed to obtain.

Parnham, a Leicestershire professional, has been singularly effective against the Australians. In the match between Leicestershire and the Colonists he obtained 15 wickets for 129 runs, and in the contest which ended on Saturday 12 wickets for 126 runs. Two such performances prove him a much better bowler than he has been thought and certainly entitle him to further trial.

Friday, it will be remembered, was so wet that no cricket was possible, and on Saturday the rain had given way to a very high wind. Nevertheless the attendance numbered several thousand when play began, at ten minutes past noon. The Australians had scored 131 for the loss of seven wickets when rain stopped the game on Thursday. On Saturday Messrs Bonnor and Garrett went on with the innings. Parnham and Midwinter shared the bowling, but the wicket was fairly easy and Mr Bonnor hit so hard that the total was up to 179 before a ball from Parnham dismissed him. The retiring batsman had made 45 by free but not faultless cricket. His hits were a six, three fours, two threes and two twos.

Mr Lipscomb then relieved Midwinter, and in three maiden overs dismissed the last two Australians. The innings concluded at a quarter to 1 for 182. Parnham took five wickets in 37 overs (nine maidens), but on the wet wicket of Thursday had been severely punished, 101 runs being scored off him. Mr Lipscomb, the young Kent amateur, bowled extremely well, obtaining four wickets . . .

Shrewsbury and Dr E M Grace began the innings of the United Eleven against Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. Twenty runs were soon made, and then Dr E M Grace, who had been missed from a hard chance at mid-on, was caught at long-on. Mr Townsend did not play well, and, after some slow cricket, was bowled. The batting improved when Dr W G Grace joined Shrewsbury. At the interval the score was 43, and afterwards the total was increased to 62 before a catch at deep mid-on dismissed Dr Grace for a well-played 23. Two overs later Shrewsbury, who had batted admirably, was bowled, the fourth wicket falling at 64.

For a time the United Eleven fared badly. Midwinter was taken deep on the on side and Mr Gilbert was caught at point from the first ball he received. When Read was joined by Mr Clarke some good cricket was shown. The Surrey professional hit freely and well, and the score reached 107 before he was out to a fine catch at long-on. Pooley and Parnham were quickly dismissed, and Mr Clarke, who had batted creditably, was bowled at 126, the innings finishing at 20 minutes to 5. Mr Boyle had a splendid analysis, taking five wickets . . .

No one anticipated more than the fall of two or three wickets when the Australians went in for the second time, and Mr Murdoch took the matter so carelessly that all the weak batsmen were put in before the better ones. The innings, however, proved of the most sensational description. Mr Boyle and Mr Jones went in, but only eight runs had been scored when Parnham finely caught and bowled the former, and then ensued a series of disasters. At 12 Mr Garrett was bowled, and Mr Spofforth was out from the first ball he received. At 14 Mr Bonnor was stumped, while eight runs later two more wickets fell, Mr Jones being bowled and Mr Giffen stumped. A splendid ball bowled Mr Murdoch for 0, and then Mr Horan retired a ball to Dr Grace.

Eight wickets were down for 25 runs, when Mr Massie joined Mr M'Donnell. A little free hitting was shown, but at 43 Mr M'Donnell was bowled, and after Mr Massie had driven Dr Grace out of the ground for six, he was finely caught in the long field. Thus in 55 minutes the famous Australian Eleven

were out for 49 – their lowest total during the tour. Parnham bowled magnificently, his analysis being 13 overs (three maidens), 25 runs and seven wickets . . . The result was, of course, a draw, but it was in favour of the United Eleven.

31 August: YORKSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2645.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 1 September, page 8)

The first important match of the annual cricket festival at Scarborough was commenced yesterday, in fine but cold weather. The M.C.C. had not such a good side as had been announced, the most notable absentees being Mr C T Studd and Mr A G Steel. The great weakness of the eleven was, therefore, in the bowling, as there was really no one to assist Morley and Barnes.

The M.C.C. won the toss and began batting at 20 minutes to 1 with Messrs Thornton and Walker, to the bowling of Peate and Emmett. The wicket was a trifle slow after the recent heavy rains. In Emmett's first over Mr Thornton was missed at long off by Mr Rhodes, and being encouraged by his good fortune, he hit out with a dash and brilliancy that reminded the spectators of his best days. One of his hits – an on drive for six – went clean out of the ground and through a neighbouring window. Having made 20 out of 40, Mr Thornton was bowled. Barnes and Mr Walker took the score up to 59, when the Middlesex captain was caught at slip for a capital 29.

At luncheon four wickets were down for 84, but on resuming matters went very badly and the whole side were out for 115. This rapid downfall was chiefly attributable to the splendid bowling of Emmett, who . . . took eight wickets . . .

Yorkshire made a wretchedly bad start, Mr Hawke, Mr Hirst and Lockwood being all out when only 21 runs had been scored. Then Bates and Mr Riley got together and put a much better appearance on the game. Mr Riley hit with great freedom and had scored 23 before he was dismissed by a catch in the long-field. Ulyett joined Bates, and the M.C.C. bowling was hit all over the field. Just before the drawing of stumps Bates played a ball on to his wicket, having made 40 in admirable style . . . Yorkshire are only 15 runs behind, with five wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 September, page 10)

In dull and threatening weather at Scarborough yesterday play was resumed in this, the first important match of this annual cricket festival. Over night, when stumps were drawn, the score stood thus – M.C.C. and Ground, first innings, 115; Yorkshire, first innings, 100 for the loss of five wickets.

At 20 minutes past noon Ulyett, not out, 24, and Mr Rhodes were opposed by Scotton, who finished his over, and then Barnes and Morley shared the bowling. Runs came steadily until the bowlers changed ends. With the total at 127, Ulyett was well caught at long-on for a well and freely hit 47. Hall joined Mr Rhodes, and again the score rose steadily. Rain fell, but [was] not sufficiently heavy to interfere with the play. Mr Schultz took the ball from Barnes, but it was from Morley's bowling that the amateur was caught at mid-off at 151. Emmett came in, and the club bowling, though frequently changed, was completely mastered. Up to the luncheon adjournment the batsmen were still together, the record then being 208 for seven wickets. Both Hall and Emmett had played admirable cricket.

During the interval rain came on in earnest, and though at one time it was hoped to continued play, the downpour had not ceased at 4 o'clock, when it was resolved to postpone the game until to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 September, page 8)

The second match of the Scarborough Festival terminated on Saturday in a decisive victory for Yorkshire over an eleven of the M.C.C. and Ground. The latter were a fairly strong batting team, but were decidedly weak in bowling - to which fact, the state of the ground when the club were batting and the all-round excellence of Emmett's play for Yorkshire, the defeat is mainly due. Emmett made 51, the highest score in the match, by excellent cricket, and in all obtained 13 wickets for 83 runs.

Yorkshire, who had lost seven wickets overnight for 208 runs, continued their innings at half-past 11. Hall and Emmett, not out with 31 and 36 respectively, were opposed by Morley and Barnes. Only two runs had been added when Hall played a ball on to his wicket. Hunter came in and with Emmett made runs steadily before a catch at point got rid of the latter at 241. Emmett's admirable innings of 51 included eight fours, a three and six twos. Peate came in, and the last wicket put on 24 runs before Peate was out leg-before. The innings closed at half-past 12 for 265. Barnes took five wickets . . .

In the formidable minority of 150, the M.C.C. went in a second time just before 1 o'clock. Mr Thornton and Mr Walker began the batting to the bowling of Peate and Emmett. Before he had scored Mr Thornton was out leg-before-wicket to the fast bowler, while off Peate Mr Walker was finely caught from a lofty hit at mid-off. One and two for three. Barnes and Mr Dale took the total to ten before the professional was caught at short leg, and Mr Schultz came in. The new comer drove Emmett to the on for three, and in the same over Mr Dale made a similar hit for four. At 27 Mr Schultz was caught at the wicket. Mr Vernon followed in and for a time the Yorkshire bowling was freely punished. As a separation was not effected, Ulyett went on for Emmett at 52, but after bowling one over the luncheon interval occurred, the score then being 53 for four wickets.

On resuming the game went all against the visitors, and the whole team were out for 80, the six wickets after luncheon only adding 27 between them. The innings terminated at ten minutes to 4 o'clock. Emmett again bowled splendidly, his five wickets being taken . . for 31 runs. Peate also claimed five wickets . . . Yorkshire thus won in an innings, with 70 runs to spare.

4 September: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2646.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 September, page 10)

The encounter between the Australians and Nottinghamshire, which was commenced on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, derived additional interest from the fact that no Australian team has ever beaten Nottinghamshire. The present encounter, too, is noticeable as the benefit of William Oscroft, a professional who has done splendid service for his county during the past 19 years, and deserves a substantial recognition of his efforts in the cricket-field. It is satisfactory to hear that between 7,000 and 8,000 people were present on the ground yesterday to witness the first day's play.

Murdoch, with that good fortune of which he has had such a liberal share, won the toss and sent in Massie and Bannerman at a quarter-past 12. Shaw and Morley shared the bowling, and upon the slow wicket little could be done with them. Eleven overs only produced four runs, and then Morley bowled Massie's middle stump. Murdoch came in, and for a long time the Nottingham bowlers' efforts proved ineffective. The batting was remarkably good, Murdoch making several fine hits off Morley. The scoring, however, was extremely slow, 20 runs taking 48 minutes to make.

Flowers took the ball from Morley at 22, but could not separate the batsmen, so Barnes took his place 10 runs later. Shaw was bowling extremely well, and nothing but singles were made from him. Murdoch, however, drove Barnes to the off for four – the first big hit in the game – and afterwards played the same bowler to square leg for the same amount. Wright went on for Barnes at 43, and six runs later Shaw gave way to Gunn. The latter change proved very unfortunate for the county, as Murdoch hit the first ball to square leg for four and drove the second to the on for four. The Australian captain, who was playing grand cricket, next hit Gunn to square leg for three and drove Wright finely to the off for four. Morley resumed in place of Gunn, but without success. Murdoch now gave Wright a hard chance of "c and b," but it was not accepted, and at lunch time the score was 68 for one wicket – Murdoch not out 54, Bannerman not out 12.

On resuming Morley and Shaw shared the bowling, and off the last ball of the former's first over Bannerman was badly missed from a "skyer" at mid-off. Profiting by this let-off Bannerman hit freely, but was soon neatly taken at point. Two wickets were down for 83, but now came a change. M'Donnell was soon taken at extra mid-off and Horan out l.b.w. without scoring. Four for 88. With Giffen in the score rose faster. Giffen twice drove Shaw to the on for four, and was then missed at long on by Wright. Afterwards he hit very finely, while Murdoch still played admirable cricket. Wright relieved Morley at 124, and in his second over Giffen was well taken at short leg. Five for 124.

An extraordinary collapse ensued, the last five wickets only adding seven runs. Bonnor was bowled for a single, and immediately afterwards Wright dismissed Murdoch. The Australian captain had played a splendid innings of 72, in which were eight fours, six threes and four twos. He was missed when he had made 53, but otherwise his batting was faultless. Garrett was well stumped, Blackham caught at mid-off and Spofforth bowled. The innings thus rapidly closed for 131 – a much larger total than the Australians

would have made had all the chances given been accepted. Shaw bowled splendidly, taking five wickets . . .

Nottingham had to bat in a bad light and, except for the fine defence showed by Shrewsbury, made a sorry appearance against the colonists. Shrewsbury and Oscroft started the innings at ten minutes to 5, Spofforth and Boyle bowling. Only three runs had been made when Oscroft played a ball from Spofforth hard on to his wicket. Barnes followed, but was bowled when he had made 12. Afterwards Selby was taken at the wicket, and Flowers and Scotton bowled, the three batsmen making as many runs between them. With the fall of Scotton's wicket stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 September, page 8)

Some excellent cricket was shown by both sides engaged in the match for Oscroft's benefit at Nottingham yesterday, though the weather was decidedly unfavourable. The county, who had fared very badly overnight, played up remarkably well, the last five wickets adding 70 runs. The Australians, however, had to bat on a wet wicket, and made good use of their advantage. Rain fell in the morning and the match was not continued until after half 12.

The county innings, in which 41 runs had been scored for the loss of five wickets, was then proceeded with, Shrewsbury, not out, 25, being joined by Gunn. Messrs Spofforth and Garrett shared the bowling. Only three runs had been added when Spofforth dismissed Shrewsbury. Shaw followed, and, with Gunn, put a much better appearance on the game. Both batsmen played good cricket, Shaw scoring much faster than his partner. Fifty went up at 10 minutes to 1. Runs still came fast, Shaw batting with considerable freedom. At 75 Mr Garrett gave place to Mr Boyle, but five runs later went on in place of Mr Spofforth. The latter change took effect, Shaw being well caught at forward cover-point for an invaluable 25. While together Gunn and Shaw had added 40 runs.

Wright was speedily dismissed, but Sherwin afforded Gunn considerable assistance. A good hit to square-leg for four by the latter sent up the 100 amid loud cheers. With a single added Mr Spofforth took the ball from Mr Boyle. When the score reached 017 rain interrupted the game at five minutes to 2 and prevented any more play until a quarter past 3. The innings then came to a speedy conclusion. Gunn, who had played fine cricket, was bowled for 26, and Sherwin caught at extra mid-off, the last wicket falling at 25 minutes past 3 for 111. Mr Spofforth, the most successful bowler, obtained six wickets . . .

At a quarter to 4 the Australians, with an advantage of 20 runs, began their second innings. Messrs Bannerman and Massie were opposed by Shaw and Morley. The score rose fast, Shaw having at first been severely punished. Mr Massie gave him what was just a possible chance of a return catch, and 30 went up after 20 minutes' play. Wright then relieved Morley, but Mr Massie hit him twice to leg for four. Afterwards the batting was steadier, and at 47 a neat catch at short-leg dismissed Mr Bannerman. Mr Murdoch came in, but immediately lost the company of Mr Massie, who was clean bowled by Shaw for a hard-hit 38, in which were three fours, two threes and five twos. Two for 53.

Mr M'Donnell followed, and some admirable batting was shown. The light was bad and the bowlers were placed at a disadvantage on the wet slippery ground. Nevertheless, the Australians are entitled to great praise. Mr

Murdoch batted with skill and judgment, while Mr M'Donnell played free correct cricket. Despite all the efforts of the Nottingham bowlers no separation was effected, and at the drawing of stumps the game stood in a very favourable position for the Australians.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 September, page 10)

The match at Nottingham for the benefit of William Oscroft came to an early conclusion yesterday, the Australians winning by no fewer than 184 runs. The colonists were mainly indebted for their victory to the magnificent bowling of Mr Spofforth, whose efforts were ably seconded by Mr Boyle, and to the batting of Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell. Yet they had the best of the wicket and would not have won so easily had the Nottingham fielding been as correct and safe as it usually is. The state of the game on Tuesday night will be remembered - Australians, first innings, 131; second innings, 114 for two wickets; Nottinghamshire, first innings, 211.

There was more rain yesterday, but about noon it was brilliantly fine. Ten minutes later play began. Mr M'Donnell (41) and Mr Murdoch (22), the not-outs overnight, were opposed by Shaw and Morley. Off the last ball of Shaw's first over Mr Murdoch was badly missed at mid-on by Barnes, and shortly afterwards Mr M'Donnell was let off by Gunn at long-on. Mr M'Donnell then hit away in fine style, making, among other contributions, a splendid on-drive out of the ground for six from Shaw. After obtaining 22 runs out of 27 scored since the resumption of play he was well caught at long-on for an admirable 63, in which were a six, two fours, two threes and 13 twos. Mr Horan came in, but in the same over Mr Murdoch was taken at extra mid-off, the third and fourth wickets falling at 141. Mr Giffen followed, and began with a splendid on-drive for six, while Mr Horan hit Morley to leg for four, Shrewsbury, who attempted to field the ball, injuring his hand so severely that he had to leave the field.

Shaw gave way to Wright at 151, but the score rose rapidly. At 174 Mr Horan was leg-before for the second time in the match. Mr Blackham, his successor, was missed by Selby at mid-off from the first ball he received, but was clean bowled next over. The next two wickets were quickly down, Mr Giffen being smartly stumped, and a similar fate befell Mr Garrett. Mr Bonnor, who had been missed being stumped off his first ball, was joined by Mr Boyle. Twenty-two runs were soon added before Wright sent back Mr Boyle. Mr Spofforth and Mr Bonnor added 14 runs before a catch at cover-point sent back Mr Bonnor, and finished off the innings at 212. Morley took five wickets . . .

After luncheon, Nottingham, on a difficult drying wicket, commenced the formidable task of getting 233 runs with Shrewsbury and Oscroft. Messrs Spofforth and Boyle shred the bowling, and so effective did they prove that the innings calls for little description. Only Scotton reached double figures, and in an hour and a quarter the innings finished with a miserable total of 48. The state of the ground rendered the county's task almost impossible, but it was surprising and disappointing for so powerful a team to be so easily dismissed. Mr Blackham kept wicket splendidly, while the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle was admirable. Mr Spofforth took five wickets . . and Mr Boyle five . . .

4 September: YORKSHIRE v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2647.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 September, page 10)

In bright and fine weather, and on an easy though rather soft wicket, the second important match of the Scarborough Cricket Festival was commenced yesterday. Yorkshire, who played an unusually large number of amateurs, were opposed by a strong batting team of I Zingari. Unfortunately the visitors were very weak in bowling.

In these circumstances the Yorkshire men, who were fortunate enough to win the toss, batted brilliantly, and, though the time of play only amounted to about four hours, they obtained no fewer than 299 runs for the loss of five wickets. All the batsmen up to the call of time made double figures. Bates in particular hit vigorously and well. He received invaluable support from Ulyett, Mr Hawke, Lockwood and Mr Rhodes.

Play was not commenced until nearly 1 o'clock, owing to the late arrival of some of the players. The county, with the choice of innings, began batting with Mr E T Hirst and Ulyett, to the bowling of Messrs C T Studd and Evans. The amateur cut Mr Studd for four and drove him to the off for four, but when he had made 15 Mr Evans bowled him, and Mr Hawke came in. Each batsman made a four, and then Mr Hawke gave Mr Studd an extremely difficult chance from a hard return, which was not accepted. With the score at 40 Lord Harris went on, and shortly afterwards Captain Middleton took the ball, but, as a separation was not effected, Mr C T Studd and Evans resumed bowling. Up to luncheon, however, the batsmen were still together, the score being 66 for one wicket.

After an interval of an hour the not-outs were opposed by Messrs Studd and Evans as before. At 75 Ulyett was caught at mid-off for a capital 36. Bates joined Mr Hawke, and the weak bowling was completely mastered. Mr Hawke made a four from each bowler, and the 100 went up amid cheering. Captain Middleton superseded Mr Evans. Three fours were hit in quick succession before Lord Harris replaced Mr Studd and bowled Mr Hawke for a splendid 42. Bates was joined by Mr Riley, and runs came faster than ever. Mr Studd and Mr Carter took up the bowling, but from one over of the latter's ten were scored, while each batsman made an on drive for four from Mr Studd. Then Mr Carter bowled Mr Riley, and four wickets were down for 180.

When Lockwood came in the free hitting continued. The new comer made two fours from Mr Studd and Bates scored two similar hits off Mr Carter, sending up the 200 at half-past 4. A double bowling change was tried, Lord Harris and Mr Evans going on, and off the former Bates was at length stumped for a brilliantly hit 76, which included 11 fours, two threes and nine twos. Five for 209. Mr Rhodes and Lockwood were next together, and freely punished all the I Zingari bowlers . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 September, page 8)

At Scarborough yesterday Lockwood played a splendid not-out innings of 104 for his county against the Zingari. His chief hits were ten fours, three threes and 14 twos. So delighted were the spectators with his grand performance that a subscription was immediately started on the ground, and

more than 111 got together and presented to him. Mr Rhodes and Hall also hit well yesterday, but the amateur bowling was very moderate. In all, the Yorkshire innings reached the formidable total of 407.

Against this the visitors started badly; but the excellent batting of the brothers Studd greatly improved matters before the close of the day's play. The weather opened dull and threatening, and rain stopped the game just before 1 o'clock until after the luncheon interval, but afterwards the prospect improved, and an enjoyable afternoon followed.

When stumps were drawn on Monday, Yorkshire, who had been batting all day, had lost five wickets in obtaining 299 runs. Play was resumed shortly after 12 o'clock. Lockwood and Mr Rhodes, each not out with 47, were opposed by Mr Evans and Lord Harris. The score rose steadily, Mr Rhodes making four and three from one over of Mr Evans's, and later on cutting him for four more, while Lockwood drove the Kent bowler to the off for a quartette. Mr Rhodes was then caught at short-leg for an admirable 63 – the sixth wicket falling at 328, or 119 since the previous batsman left. Hall came in and cut the Oxford bowler for three, while off Lord Harris Lockwood made a drive for four.

Rain, which had been threatening for some time, fell heavily at ten minutes to 1, causing the players to retire for shelter, the score standing at 348 for six wickets. After waiting for some time luncheon was taken, the game not being continued until a quarter to 3. Mr C T Studd, who shared the bowling with Mr Evans, began with "lobs" in place of his ordinary slow round-arm bowling. Lockwood did the chief part of the run-getting and hit Mr Evans twice to leg for four, but at 370 lost Hall, who was caught at the wicket. Emmett followed, and Lockwood just afterwards completed his 100 amid loud applause. The fourth hundred was put up shortly before 4 o'clock, and then the innings came to a rapid termination. Emmett was stumped, Peate bowled and Mr Leatham stumped – the total reaching 407. Lockwood carried out his bat for an excellent innings of 104.

The Zingari began batting at ten minutes past 4 with the Hon Alfred Lyttelton and Mr G B Studd to the bowling of Emmett and Peate. In the fast bowler's first over Mr Lyttelton was caught at the wicket without scoring, and Lord Harris came in. Mr Studd made a lofty hit, which fell harmlessly, and then by good cricket the score was taken to 30, when bates displaced Peate. Two runs later Lord Harris was smartly caught at point, and Mr C T Studd joined his brother, who cut Emmett splendidly for five and hit him to leg for four. At length Mr G B Studd was caught at the wicket for a well-hit 43. Mr Mitchell and the Hon E Lyttelton did little, but on Mr Marriott joining Mr C T Studd no further wicket was obtained up to the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 September, page 10)

Yesterday, at Scarborough, the second important match of the annual cricket festival ended in a well-deserved success for Yorkshire over I Zingari. The latter, who were all dismissed in their first innings for 126, started much better in their second attempt, but, as might have been expected, made a poor show against the home team's formidable total. The brothers Lyttelton hit vigorously and well, putting on 96 for the first wicket, but, with the exception of Messrs Studd and Mr Marriott, the others did little, and eventually Yorkshire won in a single innings, with 91 runs to spare.

At the expiration of time on Tuesday the game stood as under: - Yorkshire, first innings, 407; I Zingari, first innings, 105 for five wickets. Shortly before noon yesterday the visitors resumed their innings. Messrs C T Studd and Marriott, not out, respectively 29 and three, were opposed by Peate and Emmett. Mr Studd only added a single to his overnight score before being dismissed, and then the innings came to a rapid termination. Mr Carter, after making four, was caught at mid-off, and from the following ball Mr Law was taken at point. Mr Evans had not scored when he was driven on to his wicket, and Captain Middleton, after making a couple, was run out, the whole side being out for 126 by half-past 12. Peate claimed five wickets . . .

In the heavy minority of 281 runs, I Zingari, of course, had to follow on, Messrs Lyttelton being the first batsmen to face the bowling of Peate and Emmett. Both played remarkably well, and after a time completely mastered the county bowling. At 27 Bates replaced Peate and eight runs later Ulyett took the ball from Emmett. Mr E Lyttelton cut Ulyett for four, and made an off-drive and cut for four each from Bates. Then for a time the scoring proceeded at a much slower rate; still the batsmen kept together, and consequently Peate and Emmett resumed at 74. Mr A Lyttelton gave Peate a chance of catching him, but it was not accepted. At the luncheon interval the total was 88 without a wicket.

On continuing eight runs were added before Mr A Lyttelton was out leg-before-wicket, and Mr Marriott came in. The score was taken to 127, and then a great change came over the game. Mr E Lyttelton was caught at the wicket for a brilliantly-hit 56, one run later Mr Marriott was stumped, and Lord Harris was bowled at 131. The brothers Studd came together, and, as in the first attempt, made a valuable stand. At 155, however, Mr C T Studd was caught at cover-point, Mr Mitchell was bowled at 164, and Mr Law and Mr G B Studd both dismissed at 169. Of the others Captain Middleton alone made any opposition, and the innings closed for 190 at 10 minutes to 5. Peate took five wickets . . .

7 September: I ZINGARI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2649.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 September, page 8)

To meet the Australians at Scarborough yesterday, I Zingari got together a splendid eleven. Nine members of the team have at sometime or other played for Gentlemen against Players, while four – the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, Mr Lucas, Mr Steel and Mr C T Studd – represented England last week at the Oval. Fortunately the weather proved fine, and there was nothing to interfere with the enjoyment of the cricket. The attendance was large and fashionable.

Mr Murdoch won the toss for the Australians – a piece of good fortune which has often fallen to his share – and at 20 minutes past 12 Messrs Massie and Bannerman opened the innings to the bowling of Mr C T Studd and Evans. The early play was remarkable, Mr Massie being seen to the very best advantage. His hitting was marked by extreme brilliancy, and when at last Mr Forbes bowled him he had actually made 51 runs out of 57. His figures were seven fours, four twos and 15 singles. With the score still at 57 Mr Murdoch and Mr M'Donnell both played balls on to the wicket.

Further disasters for the Australians soon followed. Mr 64 Mr Bannerman was well caught at the wicket, and at 70 a very smart catch at point – close to the ground – got rid of Mr Giffen. With six of the best men on the side out for 70 runs the chances of the Australians looked far from favourable. Mr Bonnor became Mr Horan's partner, but before the score had been altered the bell rang for luncheon.

On play being continued, Mr Horan was badly missed at slip by Mr Mitchell, and later on Mr Bonnor had an escape at the hands of the Hon Edward Lyttelton. Apart from these two blunders, the fielding of I Zingari was exceedingly good. With the total at 95 Mr Bonnor was caught at long-off. Included in his 17 were two or three very fine hits. Messrs Horan and Blackham offered a stout resistance and caused several changes in the bowling. An accident to one of his fingers prevented Mr Evans from doing himself justice. A catch at long-slip dismissed Mr Blackham, and at 129 Mr Horan was brilliantly caught at mid-off. Mr Garrett did not stay long, but Messrs Boyle and Spofforth hit well, and as a result of their exertions the total reached 153. Five bowlers were tried for I Zingari. Mr Forbes took six wickets . . .

When I Zingari went in the Hon Alfred Lyttelton left at 14 – smartly caught at the wicket. Messrs G B Studd and Lucas then played the good bowling of the Colonists with excellent judgment. Except that Mr Lucas gave a sharp chance at slip, there was no fault to find with the batting, and at the call of time the total was up to 50 for one wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 September, page 10)

The eleven of I Zingari who are now encountering the Australians at Scarborough gained an immense advantage over the colonists yesterday, and the concluded of the match to-day will be awaited with widespread interest. Mr G B Studd played a brilliant though somewhat fortunate innings of 86, the highest score he has ever made against the colonists; and there was some admirable batting for the same side by Lord Harris, Mr R A H Mitchell,

Mr Steel and Mr C T Studd. The day's cricket was watched with keen attention by a large assembly and was favoured with beautiful weather.

When play ceased on Thursday evening the Australians had completed an innings for 152, while the home team had lost one wicket in obtaining 50 runs. Shortly before noon yesterday the not-outs, Messrs G B Studd and Lucas, continued the I Zingari batting to the attack of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. Mr Lucas opened with a late cut for four off Mr Spofforth, while from Mr Boyle Mr Studd made three drives for a three and two fours respectively – all splendid hits. Then Mr Lucas was badly missed at slip by Mr Murdoch, and just after Mr Studd gave a chance in the out field, where Mr Giffen, running at full speed, misjudged the catch and the ball went for four. At 80, however, Mr Lucas was bowled, and Mr C T Studd joined his brother.

The latter drove a ball back over Mr Boyle's head, only just out of that bowler's reach, and then Mr Spofforth changed ends and Mr Giffen went on. Just before 1 o'clock the 100 was put up. Mr C T Studd hit Mr Giffen to square leg for three and his brother cut Mr Spofforth late for three, causing the last-named to retire in favour of Mr Boyle at 107. Mr C T Studd, however, cut the new bowler brilliantly for four. Mr G B Studd jumped out to drive Mr Giffen, and, missing the ball, should have been easily stumped, but Mr Blackham did not avail himself of the chance – a mistake that proved very expensive. Each batsman made a four, and Mr Garrett went on for Mr Giffen. It was through Mr Boyle, however, that the parting came, Mr C T Studd being smartly caught low down at short slip for a faultless 21. Three for 125.

Lord Harris was the incomer, and at once commenced to bat vigorously. After hitting Mr Garrett to leg for two, Lord Harris cut him for four, causing Mr Giffen to resume. The Kent captain then made a four from each bowler, while his partner hit Mr Giffen to leg for two and four. The 150 went up at a quarter to 2, and immediately afterwards a splendid off-hit by Lord Harris for four sent the I Zingari score, for only three wickets, in front of the Australians' total, amid tremendous cheering. More bowling changes were tried, but up to luncheon a separation was not effected, the record at the interval standing at 172. The not-outs were enthusiastically applauded as they retired to the pavilion, their respective scores being – Mr Studd 77, Lord Harris 32.

On resuming Messrs Spofforth and Boyle shared the bowling. The former bowled Lord Harris with a "no ball," and then that batsman made a two from each bowler. Mr Studd scored two fours off Mr Spofforth, but in the next over was smartly caught at forward point, Bannerman jumping in and making the catch with his right hand close to the ground. Included in Mr Studd's long and brilliant innings were six fours, two threes and five twos. Four for 193. Mr A G Steel joined Lord Harris, and loud applause greeted the appearance of the second hundred on the telegraph-board at a quarter past 3.

At this time Mr Giffen hurt his knee and had to retire, while, to add to his side's misfortunes, Mr Blackham was struck in the mouth by a ball from Mr Boyle, the blow breaking two or three of his front teeth and cutting his mouth badly. These accidents caused two vacancies in the eleven, but Mr Jones and Mr Alfred Lyttelton came out to field, and Mr Murdoch took Mr Blackham's place behind the wicket. Lord Harris was at length caught at extra mid-off for a well-hit 47. Mr Edward Lyttelton did little, but Messrs Steel and Mitchell made another determined resistance until the former was caught at the wicket. Mr Marriott was taken at mid off and Mr

Forbes finely caught at deep mid-on by Mr Alfred Lyttelton, fielding as a substitute. Nine for 234. Mr Evans made an unexpected stand before another splendid catch by Mr Lyttelton dismissed Mr Mitchell for a highly useful 32, and the innings closed at 5 o'clock for 279, or 126 runs ahead of their antagonists. Mr Boyle took six wickets . . .

The colonists began their second attempt with Messrs Massie and Bannerman, but when only 23 runs had been scored the former tamely returned a ball to Mr Forbes. Mr Boyle came in, and shortly afterwards time was called. The Australians, with nine wickets to fall, are at present 96 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 September, page 8)

At Scarborough on Saturday the Australians accomplished one of the most remarkable batting performances of the season. When they commenced the day's play the game was all against them, but they succeeded in remaining at the wickets the whole of the afternoon and scoring no fewer than 423 runs for the loss of only six wickets.

The chief credit of this marvellous performance belongs to Mr Bannerman, who went in first and carried out his bat for a magnificent innings of 120, without a mistake. In all he was batting for six hours and a quarter, his figures including a five, 11 fours, three threes and eighteen twos. Messrs Murdoch, M'Donnell and Horan all afforded him useful assistance, but when Mr Bonnor joined him the batting that followed will be long remembered at Scarborough.

The partnership began when six wickets were down for 256, and in an hour and three quarters Mr Bonnor made no fewer than 122. He gave two chances in the long field, but otherwise his hitting was most brilliant. He made four sixes, all drives out of the ground, eleven fours, three threes, 18 twos and only nine singles. When time expired the game was left drawn, the colonists being 297 on with four wickets in hand.

When play was resumed on Saturday the game stood as follows: - Australians, first innings, 153, and second innings 30 for one wicket; I Zingari, first innings, 279. Thus, with nine wickets in hand the colonists wanted 96 to save a single innings defeat. Messrs Bannerman and Boyle continued the batting at half-past 11 to the bowling of Messrs Steel and Forbes. Each batsman hit a four, and then Mr Steel clean bowled Mr Boyle's middle stump. Two for 38. Mr Murdoch, who was loudly cheered as he walked to the wicket, joined Mr Bannerman. For a time play was very slow, the Zingari bowling and fielding very close. After a time, however, the rate of scoring improved, a straight drive for four by Mr Murdoch off the fast bowler sending up the 50 at 20 minutes past 12. Mr C T Studd took the ball from Mr Forbes at this point, and shortly afterwards Mr Evans relieved Mr Steel. Mr Murdoch hit Mr Evans finely to leg for four, and then another double change was tried, Mr A Lyttelton trying "lobs" and Mr Forbes resuming at 86.

The 100 was put up at a quarter past 1, and then runs for the first time came freely. The bowling was frequently changed, but in spite of all the efforts of the home team, the runs were knocked off by a quarter to 2 - the fact being greeted with loud cheering. This was renewed immediately afterwards, when Mr Evans bowled Mr Murdoch's leg stump out of the ground. The retiring batsman had played an admirable innings of 52. Three for 129. Mr M'Donnell, who came in, was missed from a lofty hit at deep mid-off, an extremely difficult chance that Mr Evans was unable to take advantage of.

Profiting by his escape, Mr M'Donnell hit Mr Steel three times for four, and drove Mr Evans to the off for four. At the luncheon interval the score was 154 for three wickets.

On continuing at 10 minutes to 3 the batsmen were opposed by Messrs Forbes and Steel. Runs came at a great rate. Mr Bannerman hit Mr Forbes to leg for four and cut Mr Steel for three, and Mr M'Donnell made two fours – one a bad hit just over cover-point's head. Mr Evans superseded Mr Forbes, and a single by Mr Bannerman was supplemented by an overthrow which went for four. Mr M'Donnell drove the new bowler for four, but was then bowled by him for a vigorously hit 42. Four for 181. Mr Bannerman's fifth partner was Mr Horan, who drive Mr Evans to the on for four. The 200 went up at 3.35. Then in one over of Evans, Mr Horan made three brilliant cuts, each for four, causing Mr C T Studd to take the ball. This change was quickly effective, as Mr Horan, in trying to hit to leg, was caught at the wicket. Five for 229. Mr Giffen followed in, having Mr Murdoch to run for him. The new batsman quickly added 15 before being finely caught at deep long-on at 256.

Mr Bonnor joined Mr Bannerman, and then followed some most extraordinary cricket. The new comer hit tremendously hard. In one over of Mr Lucas's he made no fewer than 20 runs by two drives, each for six, and two fours. From this point Mr Bonnor hit the bowling to all parts of the field, and in spite of numerous changes no other wicket was obtained up to the call of time, when the match was left unfinished . . .

7 September: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2648.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 September, page 8)

In fine weather these counties commenced their return match on the College ground at Clifton yesterday. The visitors were by no means representative, the absence of Mr A P Lucas and Mr W H Game materially weakening the side, but the home team had got together their best eleven. The features of the day's play were the splendid batting of Dr W G Grace and Mr W W Read for their respective counties, and the bowling of the former when Surrey were in. When stumps were drawn Gloucestershire, with five wickets in hand, were only seven runs behind their opponents' total.

The visitors won the toss and sent in Maurice Read and Mr Roller at half-past 12 to face the bowling of Midwinter and Woof. Both batted carefully at starting, but after a time Read cut Midwinter for two and drove him for four, while Mr Roller cut him for three. Dr W G Grace relieved Midwinter at 25, and in his second over bowled Mr Roller. Mr Shuter came in, but was almost immediately caught and bowled. One for 32 and two for 33. Mr Read followed in and some capital batting followed. At 48 Mr Gilbert replaced Woof, but the total was hit to 61 before the professional was caught at short leg. Jones was bowled just before luncheon, and at the interval the record was 76 for four wickets.

On resuming the batsmen were dismissed with startling rapidity. Mr Trollope, who had come in with Mr Read, was caught at the wicket for 82; Pooley was Southerton leg before wicket at 90; and Mr Parfitt was caught at point five runs later. Mr Colman came in, and at 103 Woof took the ball from Midwinter. Just later Mr Colman was driven on to his wicket and Barratt was bowled, the innings closing for 113. Of the 37 runs made after luncheon Mr Read made no fewer than 30. His splendid not-out innings of 50 contained two fours, two threes and 14 twos. Dr W G Grace took seven wickets . . .

The brothers Grace began the home county's batting to the attack of Barratt and Jones. Both hit freely until Dr E M Grace was caught at short slip. Mr Townsend, Midwinter and Mr Moberly did little, but on Mr Cranston coming in a stand was made, the latter being out just before the expiration of time. Dr W G Grace was then not out for an excellent 57.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 September, page 10)

Dr W G Grace yesterday at Clifton, in the return match between Gloucestershire and Surrey, increased his overnight score of 57 to 88 before he was splendidly caught at mid-on by Mr Roller. His batting was admirable, his principal hits being eight fours, two threes and 18 twos.

Gloucestershire had all the best of the first day's play, as when stumps were drawn they were only seven runs behind the Surrey total, with five wickets to fall. However, yesterday the visitors played up so well that at the call of time the match was left in a very open position, the home side, with nine wickets to go down, requiring 132 runs to win the match. Mr Read again played an excellent innings, including nine fours, one three and four twos, and Mr Cattley, Mr Shuter and Maurice Read rendered him valuable assistance.

Yesterday morning Dr W G Grace (not out, 57) was joined by Mr Taylor, Maurice Read and Jones sharing the bowling. As the Gloucestershire captain scored very freely, Mr Roller and Barratt were tried, and off the latter, at 139, Mr Taylor was caught at the wicket. Mr Gilbert was dismissed after scoring eight, and Mr Pullen came in. Then Dr Grace was beautifully caught at mid-on, and Mr Vizard was bowled without scoring. Woof, the last man, came in, and the total was raised to 193 before Mr Pullen was caught at long-off for 28. Mr Roller was the most successful of the Surrey bowlers, taking four wickets . . .

With 80 runs to the bad, Surrey commenced their second innings., Messrs Shuter and Coleman going first to the wickets. Mr Coleman was caught at long-on for two, and at lunch time the total was 36 for one wicket. After the interval Messrs Cattley and Shuter raised the score to 53, when the latter was bowled for a capital 22. Mr Read came in, but at 79 Mr Cattley was stumped for a most useful contribution of 45, including four fours, three threes and five twos. Maurice Read was the next batsman, and a capital stand was made. However, with the score at 149, the Surrey professional was bowled and Jones was caught and bowled. Shortly after Mr Read was stumped for an admirable innings of 56. Pooley and Barratt gave a lot of trouble, and the Surrey total reached 211 before they were all got rid of . . .

Gloucestershire had ten minutes left to bat, and when time was called had lost one wicket without a run having been made.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 September, page 8)

Gloucestershire finished up their season at Clifton on Saturday with an easy victory over Surrey by six wickets. At the conclusion of Friday's play, the home county, who had lost one wicket in their second innings, wanted 132 runs to win. Mr Cranston and Dr W G Grace were the first pair of batsmen on Saturday to face the bowling of Jones and Barratt at half-past 11.

By very slow play the total reached 16, and then Mr Cranston was bowled. Midwinter was soon afterwards taken at mid-off, but on Dr E M Grace joining his brother some splendid batting followed. Numerous bowling changes were tried in quick succession, and at one time it appeared as though the runs would be hit off before a separation was effected. At 105, however, Dr W G Grace was finely caught at short-leg by Mr Pullen, who was fielding as a substitute. Included in the Gloucestershire captain's brilliant 51 were two fours, three threes and five twos. Mr Moberly came in, and just before luncheon Dr E M Grace made the winning hit, and the match terminated. The last-named batsman's 49 contained three fours and 10 twos . . .

7 September: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2650.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 September, page 8)

Yesterday, at Brighton, Nottingham, notwithstanding the absence of three of their best men, had considerably the best of the day's play in their return match against Sussex. The latter county went in first, and chiefly by the admirable batting of Messrs McCormick and Greenfield, H Phillips and Tester, the total reached 165, out of which the four batsmen named made no fewer than 134 between them. Against this score Oscroft and Mr C W Wright went in and by excellent cricket had scored 66 without the loss of a wicket when time was called.

The home county won the toss and began batting with Messrs Whitfeld and Ellis, to the bowling of Shaw and Wright. The start was unpromising, Mr Whitfeld being bowled by Shaw without scoring and Mr Ellis dismissed at six. Humphreys and H Phillips were next together, and by steady cricket they took the score to 19, when the first-named was bowled. Mr Trevor ran himself out at 25, but on Mr Greenfield coming in an excellent stand was made. Attewell went on to bowl, but Mr Greenfield drove him for four and Phillips hit him twice to leg for four. Consequently Flowers took the ball, and in turn gave way to Wright again at 61. Later on Flowers resumed, and in his first over the amateur was caught at slip. Before another batsman arrived the luncheon interval occurred, the score being 79 for five wickets.

On continuing, Mr Smith joined Phillips; but after adding eight he was caught at the wicket, while, before another run was made, Phillips played on for an invaluable 32. Mr M'Cormick and Tester were then associated, and the score rose steadily once more. The 100 went up at 25 minutes to 4. The bowling was frequently changed, but it was not until the total had reached 154 that Tester was stumped. Seneschal and Hide did little, and the innings closed at a quarter to 5 for 165. Mr M'Cormick carried out his bat for an admirable 42, in which were six fours. Shaw claimed five wickets . . .

At five minutes past 5 Mr C W Wright and Oscroft commenced the Nottingham batting, and up to the expiration of time were not separated. Oscroft hit with great freedom, while the amateur played patiently and well. At the drawing of stumps they had made 66 between them.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 September, page 10)

Yesterday, at Brighton, Mr C W Wright, the Cambridge University cricketer, played a magnificent innings of 99 for his county, against Sussex. He went in first overnight, with Oscroft, and before the pair were parted they put on no fewer than 90 for the first wicket. Then Oscroft was bowled, but the amateur continued to hit brilliantly, until he was out, tenth and last. But for two chances his batting was excellent, his figures being a five, 16 fours, a three and six twos. Oscroft, Scotton and Walter Wright all batted well, and at the close of the day's play Sussex, who had lost two good wickets in their second attempt, wanted 61 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

Overnight the game stood thus: - Sussex. - First innings, 165. Notts. - First innings, 66 without a wicket. Yesterday, Oscroft and Mr Wright were opposed by Seneschal and Hide. As runs at once came freely, a double change was tried, Mr Smith and Fisher going on. At 90 Oscroft was bowled for a well played 62, in which were 11 fours, and three and two twos. Selby came in and rapidly made 15 before he was well caught in the slips. Gunn and Flowers did little, but on Scotton joining Mr Wright another and invaluable stand was made. No fewer than 70 runs were made before the professional was bowled at 187. Then several wickets fell quickly before Walter Wright came in at the fall of the ninth wicket. Runs came freely once more until Mr Wright was caught at mid off, and the innings closed at 10 minutes past 4. Seneschal took four wickets . . .

In a minority of 101, Messrs Ellis and M'Cormick began the Home County's second innings to the bowling of Shaw and W Wright. The last-named batsman was soon out, but when Mr Whitfeld came in the batting greatly improved . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 September, page 8)

On Saturday, at Brighton, these counties finished up their season, Nottinghamshire scoring an easy win with ten wickets in hand over the southern county. After the previous day's play any other result was hardly to be expected. Shaw and Wright bowled remarkably well, but the feature of the match was, undoubtedly, the fine batting of Mr C W Wright and Oscroft. At the expiration of time on Friday Sussex, who were 101 behind on the first innings, had lost two wickets in their second attempt for 40 runs.

Play was continued on Saturday at 10 minutes past 11, the not-outs, Messrs Trevor and Whitfeld, being opposed by Shaw and Wright. Mr Trevor made two threes from the last-named bowler to leg, and later on cut and drove him for four each, but at 57 a startling change came over the game. Wright bowled Mr Trevor's off-stump out of the ground. Mr Greenfield followed, but was bowled without scoring. Shaw then bowled Mr Whitfeld, who had not added to his over-night score, and Wright dismissed Phillips - all four wickets falling without any addition to the total.

With six wickets down for 57, matters looked very bad for the home county, but on Tester and Humphreys becoming associated the batting improved. The latter drove Shaw to the on for four, and Tester cut him for four and two. Then Humphreys drove Wright three times for four, causing him to give way to Attewell at 86. Six runs later Humphreys, jumping out to drive Shaw, was easily stumped. Mr Smith came in and Flowers relieved Attewell at 99. The new comer was immediately caught and bowled. Eight for 99. Hide joined Tester, and the single innings defeat was saved just after half-past 12. Hide was then bowled and Seneschal quickly run out, the whole side being dismissed by 10 minutes to 1 for 109. Tester carried out his bat for a capital 24. Shaw took four wickets . . .

Only nine were required by the visitors to win, and this number Flowers and Wright quickly obtained, Nottinghamshire thus winning the match at 20 minutes past 1 for 10 wickets.

11 September: A SHAW'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2652.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 September, page 10)

The encounter between the team of professional cricketers who visited Australia last winter and the Colonial eleven now in England had been anticipated with considerable interest, and yesterday there was a large attendance at the Holbeck Recreation Ground, Leeds, where the game was commenced. Though the scoring was small on both sides, the cricket was thoroughly good all round and excited keen attention among the spectators. Mr Palmer was still too unwell to play, and Mr Bonnor also stood out of the Australian team. Shaw's side was materially weakened by the absence of Shrewsbury and Peate, who were both suffering from slight accidents.

Play began in dull, cloudy weather, at 20 minutes past 12, Mr Murdoch, with his customary good fortune, having won the toss. There had been a little rain overnight, but the Australian captain elected to put his side in first, so Messrs Massie and Bannerman began batting against the bowling of Midwinter and Emmett. With his first ball Midwinter clean bowled Mr Massie, and Mr Murdoch, who followed, was quickly caught at mid-on. Mr M'Donnell came next, but soon lost the company of Mr Bannerman, who was caught at deep-slip, the third wicket falling at 15. Mr Horan, who followed, was bowled without scoring, and soon after Mr Giffen had arrived Mr M'Donnell was missed at long-off by Scotton. For this mistake the Englishmen had to pay dearly, for the young Victorian afterwards hit very finely, and indeed was the only one of the Australians whose batting calls for notice. After making 45 out of 46 runs scored while he was at the wicket, Mr M'Donnell was neatly caught at mid-off. His innings included two sixes, seven fours, a two and three singles. Five for 58.

Afterwards the innings came to a speedy conclusion. Mr Jones was taken at the wicket without scoring, and though Mr Blackham hit hard for a time, Mr Giffen was bowled by a good ball from Emmett. Mr Garrett was out, caught at the wicket, Mr Boyle was taken at long-on and Mr Spofforth caught at point, the innings finishing for 79. Emmett obtained six wickets . . .

Shaw's Eleven began batting with Ulyett and Barlow, Messrs Spofforth and Boyle bowling. Only four runs had been scored when Barlow returned a ball to Boyle, and at 22 Ulyett was taken at deep long-off. Bates and Lockwood, however, played remarkably well and greatly improved the state of affairs. Rapidly the total reached 51, when Mr Garrett relieved Mr Spofforth, and with six runs added, Lockwood, who had played excellent cricket for 30, was caught at slip. With only three wickets down for 57. it seemed as if the Australians' total would be easily headed, but after Lockwood's departure Bates could get no one to stay with him. Wicket after wicket fell to the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Boyle, and when the side were all out the score had only reached 79 - just equalling the total of the colonists. Bates played capital cricket and carried out his bat for 29. Mr Boyle . . . seven wickets . . .

Messrs Massie and Bannerman began the second innings of the Australians, against the bowling of Midwinter and Emmett. Mr Massie hit brilliantly, but after making 23 out of 29 was caught at mid-on, and soon afterwards Mr Bannerman was taken at point, while at 37 Mr Garrett was bowled. Stumps were then drawn for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 September, page 8)

This interesting encounter at Leeds came to a speedy conclusion yesterday, the Australians winning by 89 runs. The weather was fine but cloudy, and a large number of persons assembled at the Holbeck Recreation Ground to witness the finish of the game. Overnight neither side had much advantage, the first innings of each eleven having reached 79, while on going in for the second time the Australians had made 37 for the loss of three wickets.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes past 12 in fine but cloudy weather. Mr Blackham, not out, 6, had Mr Murdoch for a partner, Emmett and Midwinter bowling. Only ten runs had been added when a good ball from Emmett dismissed the Australian captain. Mr M'Donnell followed and soon began to score very freely. He hit the first ball he received grandly out of the ground for six, and the second to the off for four. These were both from Midwinter, who gave way to Ulyett. Mr M'Donnell, however, drove the Yorkshireman to the off and the on for four. Soon afterwards Mr Blackham was easily caught at mid-off. Five for 78.

Mr Horan came next, and hit Ulyett for four and Emmett for three. At 96 Emmett gave way to Barlow, and the 100 went up at five minutes past 1. Eight runs later a splendid catch by Emmett sent back Mr M'Donnell for a splendid 35, in which were a six, five fours, two twos and five singles. With Mr Giffen in, Midwinter resumed bowling, and at 114 Mr Horan was caught at short-leg. After this the innings came to a speedy conclusion. Mr Jones hit his wicket, Mr Boyle was caught at point and Mr Spofforth leg-before, the innings finishing at 25 minutes to 2 for 126. Emmett . . five wickets . . .

Shaw's Eleven had the task before them of getting 127 runs on a treacherous wicket. It would thus have been a creditable achievement to have got the runs; but, as the innings turned out, the Englishmen made a most sorry display against the splendid bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. To enter into details is unnecessary. Barlow and Ulyett made four runs before the interval, but afterwards the Australians carried all before them. Lockwood, who was top scorer, made one or two good hits, and Barlow was batting for an hour, but no one else did anything worthy of mention. The side were all out for the wretched total of 37. the Australians, as stated above, gaining a victory by 89 runs. It is a curious fact that, though the Englishmen played so badly, no one absolutely failed to score.

The Colonists are entitled to every praise for their fine play; but, in estimating the victory, it must not be forgotten that Shaw's eleven were playing without their two best men - Shrewsbury, probably unequalled as a batsman on a slow wicket, and Peate, the best bowler in England on a ground that is sticky and treacherous. Mr Spofforth took five wickets . . and Mr Boyle, five wickets . . . - figures which can scarcely be too highly praised.

14 September: NORTH v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2653.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 September, page 5)

In dull and cloudy weather yesterday, at Old Trafford, Manchester, the Australians commenced a match against an eleven of the North of England under the captaincy of Mr A N Hornby. In the absence of Mr A G Steel, Barnes and Shrewsbury, the English side was hardly representative, but it was notwithstanding a powerful eleven in all departments of the game. From the Colonists' team Mr Palmer and Mr Jones were standing out.

Mr Hornby was fortunate enough to win the toss, and, of course, elected to go in first with Barlow to face the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. The Englishmen were batting the whole of the afternoon, and at the drawing of stumps had scored 193 for the loss of nine wickets. The chief credit of this performance lies with Barlow and Lockwood, who got together at the fall of the third wicket and were not parted until they had added 84 runs, neither having made anything like a mistake. Later in the day there was some capital batting and free hitting by Emmett and Pilling.

Play, which was watched with great interest by some 12,000 spectators, began at 20 minutes past noon. Barlow having played a maiden over from Mr Spofforth, Mr Hornby cut Mr Boyle's first ball for four, and just later hit him to leg for four more. When, however, he had made 11 – the whole of the runs scored – the Lancashire captain was bowled off his pads. Ulyett came in, but at 28 was magnificently caught and bowled by Mr Boyle, who fell and rolled over in securing the ball. Mr Royle joined Barlow, who hit a full-pitched ball from Mr Spofforth to forward square-leg for four. Mr Royle opened with a drive for two and a square-leg hit for four, but after Barlow had added a couple of twos the amateur was bowled by a capital ball from Mr Spofforth, which broke in from the off and took the leg stump. Three for 43.

On Lockwood coming in he nicked Mr Boyle for four, and then runs came slowly for a time. The 50 went up at 27 minutes to 2 – the result of about an hour and a quarter's play. Lockwood, after cutting Mr Boyle for four, drove Mr Spofforth for two and four respectively, and then Barlow hit the last-named in front of point for two more. At 66 Mr Giffen took the ball from Mr Boyle, but up to luncheon a parting was not effected, the score then standing at 72 for three wickets.

During the interval that followed rain fell and prevented a resumption until 20 minutes past 3. Messrs Spofforth and Giffen shared the bowling as before. The Yorkshireman at once began to score freely. He made a two off Mr Giffen, a hit for four off Mr Spofforth and then cut the first-named splendidly for four. Barlow, in the meanwhile, made a three from each end. Another four off Mr Spofforth – a grand off-drive by Lockwood – caused Mr Garrett to go on at 99. The 100 was put up at 20 minutes to 4 amid loud cheering. From this point the total rose steadily, until at 120 Mr Boyle superseded Mr Giffen. This change quickly altered the aspect of the game, as at 127 Lockwood was at length caught at mid-off for a brilliant 53 – an innings without a mistake. His figures were six fours, three threes, three twos and singles. Bates, who followed, was almost immediately caught and bowled, and just later Barlow's faultless display was terminated by an appeal for leg-before-wicket being given against him. Five and six for 129.

Flowers was caught at the wicket without scoring, but on Emmett and Pilling becoming associated another and invaluable stand was made. At 147 Mr Spofforth replaced Mr Garrett, and with ten runs added Mr Giffen took the ball from Mr Boyle. Before the batsmen were parted, however, the record was carried to 172, when Emmett was dismissed. Pilling was then taken at mid-off for a vigorously-played 32. Crossland and Peate were next together, and up to the call of time were still in. Throughout the day the Colonists bowled and fielded splendidly, the only mistake being just before time, when Mr Horan missed Crossland in the long field.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 September, page 7)

On the Old Trafford ground at Manchester yesterday the North of England eleven had all the best of the day's play against the Australians. On the previous day the English team had only lost nine wickets in obtaining 193, and when play was resumed yesterday Crossland and Peate made a most unexpected stand for the last wicket. Both hit remarkably well, freely punishing the colonial bowlers until they had added 52 to the overnight total.

Against the formidable score of their opponents the Australians made but a poor show, Mr Massie and Mr Giffen alone showing to advantage. When the innings closed the Australians were 135 behind, and, having to follow on, had lost three valuable wickets for 59, when time was called at half-past 5. A large and enthusiastic crowd witnessed the game on both days, but yesterday the company was probably the largest that ever witnessed a day's cricket on the Lancashire County ground. Details of the play are appended:

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Shortly after 12 Peate, not out (nine) and Crossland, not out (seven), were opposed by Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. Runs at once came steadily, the 200 going up a few minutes after resuming. Crossland made a four from each bowler, and consequently Mr Boyle relieved Mr Spofforth. This change proved very expensive. The first ball was hit to leg for four, a leg-bye resulted from the second, and Crossland cut the third and fourth for four and two respectively. Mr Garrett having bowled a maiden, the Lancashire player scored another four from Mr Boyle, causing Mr Spofforth to resume at 235. The parting, however, was at length effected by Mr Garrett, who bowled Crossland for a vigorously-hit 35, the tenth wicket having added no fewer than 67 runs. Peate's not-out 29 was also well obtained. Mr Garrett took four wickets . . .

At five minutes past 1 the Australians began batting with Messrs Bannerman and Massie to the bowling of Peate and Crossland. Neither batsman at first appeared at all at home, but after a time Mr Massie commenced to hit with great freedom. When the score reached 24, Mr Bannerman was bowled. Mr Murdoch came in, but although several big hits were made, some brilliant fielding kept the scoring down. Barlow took the ball from Crossland, but at 29 Peate beat and bowled the colonial captain. Mr M'Donnell was splendidly caught at slip in the same over, and then Mr Horan joined Mr Massie. At luncheon the score was 54 for three wickets, Mr Massie having made the large proportion of 44.

On continuing at ten minutes to 3, Barlow and Peate shared the attack. In trying a third run for a hit of his own, Mr Horan lost his wicket through a brilliant piece of fielding by Messrs Royle and Peate. Mr Giffen came in, but immediately Mr Massie was grandly caught at cover-point. The outgoing

batsman had not added to his record since luncheon. His principal figures were six fours, a three and two twos. Four and five for 57. Mr Bonnor, who came to Mr Giffen's assistance, twice put the ball up dangerously, and then the last named drove Peate to the off for four. At 82 Mr Bonnor was easily taken at short leg. Mr Blackham and Mr Garrett were quickly out, both bowled at 90. Mr Boyle joined Mr Giffen, who, however, was caught at cover-point at 102. With the dismissal of Mr Spofforth eight runs later, the innings closed just before 4 o'clock for the poor total of 110. Peate and Crossland bowled remarkably well - the former claiming five wickets . . and the Lancastrian four . . .

It was 20 minutes after 4 when Messrs Blackham and Massie went in to begin the second attempt, to the bowling of Crossland and Peate. The opening was most unpromising, as Mr Massie was caught and bowled without scoring and Mr Blackham was bowled at 11. Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell made a stand until the latter, for the second time in the match, was taken at slip at 53. Mr Horan then came in, and up to the drawing of stumps no further wicket was obtained.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 September, page 8)

The home team gained a victory over the Australians at Manchester on Saturday by ten wickets, the credit of this performance belonging largely to Peate, Crossland, Barlow and Lockwood. Peate took ten wickets at an average cost of less than 11 runs, and Crossland eight at a cost of exactly 11 runs each.

There was great enthusiasm at Old Trafford on Saturday and the conclusion of the game, and quite 12,000 people were present on the ground. Fine and pleasant weather favoured the match, and the wicket was in excellent condition. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening the game stood in the following position: - North of England, first innings, 245; Australians, first innings, 110, second innings, 50 for the loss of three wickets.

Play began on Saturday at 7 minutes past 12 - Mr Murdoch, not out, 24, and Mr Horan, not out, 6, continuing the second innings of the colonists against the bowling of Peate and Crossland. At starting runs came slowly. Mr Horan, however, hit Cricketers for four, so the fast bowler gave way to Barlow at 79. In Peate's next over Mr Horan was bowled, the fourth wicket falling at 79. With Mr Giffen in, the game became rather slow, and only a single had been added when Mr Murdoch was out "leg before." The Australian captain had played most patient cricket for 33. Messrs Bannerman and Giffen batted fairly well, but Peate was bowling so finely that the score was not largely increased. Crossland resumed at 96, and off his second ball a brilliant catch at the wicket dismissed Mr Giffen.

The game now went all against the colonists. Mr Bonnor came in, and the 100 went up at 20 minutes past 1. Immediately afterwards Mr Bannerman was bowled by Peate, and Crossland sent back both Mr Bonnor and Mr Spofforth. The seventh, eighth and ninth wickets thus all fell with the score at 102. Mr Garrett, the last man, joined Mr Boyle, and a determined opposition was offered to the English bowling. Barlow again went on in place of Crossland. Runs, however, came freely, and just before the luncheon interval the innings defeat was averted. As the batsmen could not be separated Ulyett relieved Peate; but at 2 o'clock Messrs Boyle and Garrett were still together, the score being 140. Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, Peate and Bates bowling. The latter was twice driven for four in one over by Mr Garrett, and then gave way to Crossland. It was Peate, however,

who bowled Mr Boyle and finished off the innings and 10 minutes past 3 for 162. The last wicket had added exactly 60, and Messrs Garrett and Boyle are entitled to great credit for rendering the Australian defeat less severe than at one time it promised to be. Peate was again the most successful bowler.

Mr Hornby and Barlow were received with great cheering when they went in to get the required runs. Messrs Spofforth and Garrett were the bowlers, but so resolutely did the batsmen hit that eight overs and three balls sufficed to finish the match, only one maiden over being sent down. Barlow began by playing Mr Garrett to leg for three, and the next ball the amateur cut brilliantly for four, thus winning the match for the North of England, amid great excitement, by ten wickets.

18 September: A SHAW'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2654.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 September, page 7)

A large number of spectators took up their stations at an early hour yd on Kennington-oval to witness the final match between the Australian Eleven and a team under the captaincy of Alfred Shaw, which has met them on their own grounds in the Antipodes. The wicket, it may be mentioned, was in excellent order, and there was nothing to complain of in the arrangements generally. Unfortunately, Bates, having received a blow on the knee while batting, was unable to field – a serious loss to his side.

Contrary to the usual practice, the wickets were pitched in a line with the pavilion, and of these Shaw's Eleven, successful in the toss, took possession at five minutes past 12. Barlow and Ulyett were the first representatives. Mr Spofforth led off from the eastern wicket and Mr Boyle at the other end. The field to the deliveries of the former was Mr Blackham, wicketkeeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Giffen, third man; Mr Horan, short-leg; Mr M'Donnell, cover-point; Mr Garrett, mid-off; Mr Bannerman, forward point; Mr Boyle, short mid-on; and Mr Massie, long-on. To Mr Boyle's bowling the field was disposed as follows: – Mr Blackham, wicketkeeper; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Spofforth, mid-on; Mr Bonnor, behind bowler; Mr Giffen, long-on; Mr Horan, deep mid-on; Mr M'Donnell, slip; Mr Garrett, extra mid-off; Mr Bannerman, long off; and Mr Massie, deep mid-off.

Barlow opened fortunately, as from the first ball he secured a "snick" to leg for three. Two maiden overs followed, when Ulyett cut a ball of Mr Boyle's for a couple. Five singles were secured from the right subsequent overs; then came a leg hit for three by Ulyett off Mr Spofforth. Quickly afterwards both batsmen were dismissed – Ulyett very finely caught at short square leg by Mr Horan, who rolled over while securing the ball, and Barlow had his middle stump upset. One and two for 15.

Midwinter and Gunn joined company; but beyond a single from each batsman nothing came from the next five overs. Midwinter got a ball round to leg for three, which caused twenty to be completed, this number having occupied 40 minutes in its attainment. Five only were added before Midwinter was bowled – off stumps. Three down. Bates came in, and both he and Gunn played steadily. At the expiration of an hour it was found that runs had been gained at the rate of one every two minutes. Bates secured five by a couple of cuts in an over of Mr Boyle's. The next important feature was brought out by the fact that Bates skied a ball to deep mid-off; Mr Bannerman ran, but the ball fell behind him. Bates cut a ball for three; and at 46 Mr Boyle gave way to Mr Garrett. Fifty runs were recorded as the result of an hour and a half's play. Three runs later, Bates, who had been previously struck on the knee, was easily taken at point. Four for 53.

Scotton and Gunn were next companioned, yet slight headway could be made against the bowling until Gunn sent a ball to square leg for four, and in the same over Scotton, by a snick to leg, scored four. The total reached 65, and then Mr Boyle superseded Mr Garrett, while with the addition of four runs, luncheon intervened.

Play was resumed after an interval of about three-quarters of an hour, until Scotton was caught by Mr Bonnor, who ran from short slip to long

stop. Half the wickets, 79 runs. Selby filled the vacancy, and in conjunction with Gunn, caused 80 to be signalled at 3 p.m. With a couple of runs added, Gunn was clean bowled. Six for 82. Four runs only were further gained prior to Selby having his middle stump disturbed. Seven for 86. Emmett and Shaw played cautiously for some overs until at 93 the last-named was clean bowled. Eight down. Pilling came to the aid of Emmett, who made a magnificent hit to square-leg for four from Mr Boyle, while a cut for two by the same batsman caused 100 to be recorded at 3.35.

A cut for four by Pilling was the most noteworthy feature until 107 was reached. Then Mr Boyle handed the ball to Mr Garrett. Pilling augmented his score with a lucky four through the slips. Emmett then cut a ball of Mr Garrett's for a couple, and in the subsequent over the total shot up to 120. Mr Boyle now came on in lieu of Mr Spofforth. Emmett batted with remarkable vigour and obtained eight runs in three hits to leg (one of them for four), but was then splendidly captured at long-on. Peate's stay was brief and unproductive. Nine and ten for 129.

After an interval of 20 minutes, the Australians sent in Messrs Massie and Bannerman. Midwinter and Peate conducted the attack. The first ball delivered by the former was disastrous to Mr Massie - clean bowled. Mr Murdoch appeared, but soon lost the company of Mr Bannerman, who cut the ball into the hands of point. This occurred in an over of Peate's, and before it was completed Mr M'Donnell's middle stump was knocked down. Three wickets for two runs was a somewhat poor outlook for the colonists. Mr Horan companioned Mr Murdoch; but beyond a very fortunate late cut for four nothing of importance occurred until the last comer got out of his ground and paid the penalty. Four wickets, 10 runs.

Mr Giffen next took up his station in company with Mr Murdoch. The latter gave a difficult chance of being stumped; but three byes were the result. A deep-square-leg hit for four was the next item of importance, and at ten minutes past five 30 runs were signalled. Soon afterwards Ulyett supplanted Midwinter, but before this variation in the attack had much chance of taking effect, Mr Murdoch was dismissed. Half the wickets for 33 runs. Mr Giffen was soon afterwards bowled - leg-stump; and a catch by extra long-slip disposed of Mr Blackham. Seven for 38. Stumps were now drawn.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 September, page 4)

Inclement weather prevailed from early morning yesterday, and no cricket was possible. The game now stands: Shaw's team, 129; the Australians (seven wickets), 38. Weather permitting, the game will be continued to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 September, page 6)

At the Oval yesterday the return match between the Australians and Alfred Shaw's professional team ended in a draw. When stumps were finally pulled up the English had a very substantial advantage. With four wickets to fall in their second innings they were 232 runs ahead.

Tuesday was a blank day, rain falling with such persistency that not a ball could be bowled. Yesterday's cricket was witnessed by a large company, though the weather was unsuited to out-door sport. Rain was always threatening, but, except that a shower drove the players to shelter a few

minutes before lunch time, the game proceeded without interruption. The light, never good, was at times very trying, a thick mist hanging over the ground.

A start was made at a few minutes after 12, Messrs Bonnor and Boyle continuing the Australian innings to the bowling of Ulyett and Peate. The score was 38 for seven wickets. So wet was the wicket that the bowlers were at a manifest disadvantage. Mr Bonnor scored with characteristic freedom, and very soon the chance of a "follow on" was averted. The first and, as it proved, the only, change of bowling was Barlow for Ulyett. At 52 the Lancashire player shot down Mr Boyle's middle stump. Mr Garrett went in and, amid general applause, Mr Bonnor drove Peate twice for four. The second of these hits would have been an easy catch to Gunn if that fieldsman had stepped back instead of forward.

Mr Bonnor continued his rapid scoring till at 70 he was caught at long off. His 28 was the highest score on the Australian side. Messrs Garrett and Spofforth added 17 runs for the last wicket, and then the former was caught at cover point, having previously been missed in the same spot. The innings was over just after 1 o'clock for 87.

Barlow and Ulyett began the second innings of Shaw's Eleven, who had 42 runs in hand, at 20 minutes past 1. Messrs Spofforth and Boyle were the bowlers. Barlow was missed by Mr Murdoch at point before he had scored. The score was raised to 13 when a good ball from, Mr Spofforth sent back Ulyett. Midwinter had just come in when rain came on, and the luncheon interval was taken ten minutes earlier than usual. Rain fell steadily for the next hour and the light turned very bad; but the game was resumed at ten minutes to 3.

The wicket was then wet and easy, and runs came at a great pace. Twenty-seven were added in the course of ten overs. Midwinter played remarkably well and Barlow played much more freely than usual. Mr Bannerman relieved Mr Spofforth at 44, and six runs later Mr Boyle gave way to Mr Garrett. Mr Bannerman was freely hit, but got rid of Midwinter, who was caught at cover point from a ball which he did not properly get hold of. Two for 57. Gunn, who followed, seemed to play well, but the total had been increased to only 67 when, in attempting an impossible run, he lost his wicket.

Scotton came next and, with Barlow, offered so stubborn a resistance to the Australian bowling that 53 runs were added before the next wicket fell. Scotton, who had not previously done anything worthy of note against the Colonists, batted in excellent style, and Barlow played fine cricket, scoring with much greater freedom than is his wont. The wicket was, of course, very easy, but the batsmen were, nevertheless, entitled to great praise for the excellent defence they made. Messrs Garrett and Bannerman bowled well, but the 100 went up just before half-past 4; Barlow, among other hits, making two fine drives for four each off following balls. Mr M'Donnell was put on at 112, at three runs later the Australian captain himself took the ball. At last Mr M'Donnell bowled Barlow for 56 - a praiseworthy innings, which included two fours, five threes and nine twos. Four for 118. Bates, who followed, made two splendid drives, but was soon caught at mid-off, the fifth wicket falling at 140.

When Selby and Scotton were together runs were scored at a great pace. Messrs Boyle and Spofforth resumed bowling, but they were punished as freely as the other bowlers. Forty-eight runs were soon added, when Selby was caught at point. Though it was then nearly time Emmett came in, but after an over time was called, the score being 190 for the loss of six

wickets. Scotton was loudly cheered for his finely-played not-out innings of 49, and thoroughly deserved it.

21 September: SCOTLAND v AUSTRALIANS (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105674.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 September, page 5)

At Partick, Glasgow, whither they had journeyed overnight, the colonists yesterday began a match against an Eleven of Scotland. The soft wicket played most treacherously, and, as might have been expected, the bowling of Mr Spofforth and, in a lesser degree, of Mr Boyle proved almost irresistible. The first-named took eight wickets at an average of under one and a half – a most extraordinary performance in any circumstances.

Mr Walker, of this year's Oxford University Eleven, made the only double-figure score on the Scottish side. The complete innings amounted to 32 – the smallest total made against the present Australian team. For the visitors Mr Murdoch and Mr Horan batted very finely, the latter being out very unfortunately. Mr Garrett also hit well, and, as will be seen, these batsmen made no fewer than 100 out of the total scored by the team.

Having won the toss, the Scottish captain took first innings, sending in Mr J G Walker and Mr Asher to face the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle at a quarter-past 12. Mr Walker opened with a cut for four off Mr Spofforth, but with one run added that bowler dismissed Mr Asher with a "yorker." One for five. Mr Dunlop succeeded, and, having made a single, was out from a splendid one-handed catch low down at point by Mr Murdoch. Two for six. Mr sharp joined Mr Walker, who hit Mr Spofforth twice for two, but at 14 the last comer was taken at forward-point for a couple. At 16 two more wickets fell – Mr Walker sent back by a "yorker" and Mr Crachton smartly stumped. Watson and Mr Anderson stopped together until, at 19, the professional was bowled. Buchanan was caught at slip without scoring. With the exception of Mr Anderson, the others did little, and the whole side were out for the total of 32. Mr Spofforth's analysis is a most remarkable one. He took eight wickets in 19 overs and a ball (12 maidens) for 11 runs . . .

Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman began the Australians' batting, to the attack of Watson and Mr P H Morton. Mr M'Donnell was quickly bowled, but on Mr Murdoch coming in a stand was made, and by luncheon the score was hit to 16, of which Mr Bannerman had made 13. Play was resumed at 3 o'clock, the not-outs opposing the same bowlers as before. Mr Murdoch hit the amateur twice for four. Mr Bannerman added two, and then played a ball on to his wicket. Mr Horan filled the vacancy, and for a time the score rose but slowly, each batsman batting cautiously. After a time, however, the last-comer played Watson to leg for two, and Mr Murdoch drove Mr Morton finely to the on for four. Consequently Buchanan replaced the last-mentioned bowler at 44.

From this change runs came more rapidly than heretofore. Mr Horan made two splendid drives for four, and his captain then made a similar hit off Watson for three. At 79 Mr Murdoch was clean bowled for an admirable 30, no fewer than 51 having been put on since the fall of the previous wicket. Mr Giffen came in, but, having made six, was finely caught in the slips, Mr Walker falling and rolling over but retaining the catch. Four for 95. Mr Bonnor was dismissed by a good catch in the long-field, and just afterwards Mr Horan slipped in running and lost his wicket. His capital 45 contained three four and eight twos.

Watson was superseded by Mr Morton when Messrs Blackham and Jones were associated, but the separation was again effected by Buchanan, who bowled Mr Jones. Seven for 117. Mr Garret followed, and at once hit freely. Mr Blackham was run out. Messrs Boyle and Spofforth were then bowled, and the innings closed for 155 shortly before half-past 5. Buchanan's analysis is a more than creditable one, his five wickets being obtained . . . With the fall of the last Australian wicket stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 September, page 7)

As might have been expected from their unfortunate commencement on Thursday last, the Eleven of Scotland sustained a crushing defeat at the hands of the Australians at Glasgow yesterday. They went in with 123 runs against them, and only made 100. Thus the Colonists were left with an easy victory by an innings and 23 runs. The chief credit of this performance undoubtedly lies with Messrs Spofforth and Boyle, who were unchanged throughout both innings of the home side. Mr Spofforth's analysis during the match was a most Extraordinary one; his 14 wickets cost only 58 runs, an average of a trifle over four runs per wicket.

The weather was again dull and threatening yesterday, when the Scottish team began their second innings shortly after 12. The first pair of batsmen to face the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle were Messrs Sharp and Parsons. The first-named batsman cut Mr Spofforth for two, but with the addition of a single Mr Parsons was bowled without scoring. Mr Walker came in and, chiefly by his partner's hitting, the total steadily advanced. Among other hits, Mr Sharp made two fours to square leg from Mr Spofforth, and later on cut Mr Boyle for three. Runs, however, came slowly, the fielding and bowling of the Colonists being wonderfully close and good.

A couple of twos brought the record to 29, when a splendid ball from Mr Spofforth beat Mr Walker and removed his off bail. Mr Anderson came next, but only four runs were added when Mr Sharp, who had batted in excellent form, was bowled in trying to pull a straight ball. Mr Anderson was dismissed just afterwards, and Messrs Dunlop and Morton came together. The latter hit Mr Boyle for two twos and a three, and the score was up to 53 when Mr Dunlop, in trying a third run for a hit of his partner's, lost his wicket. Buchanan followed, and Mr Morton twice hit Mr Boyle for four before the professional returned the ball easily to Mr Spofforth. Mr Shanks filled the vacancy, and Mr Morton, amid loud cheering, hit Mr Spofforth for three fours in one over. At 86 the Cambridge batsman was clean bowled for an admirable 32, in which were five fours, a three and three twos. Watson joined Mr Shanks, and at the luncheon hour the record had been taken to 91 for seven wickets.

After the interval the game was continued at a few minutes before 3, the same bowlers as before sharing the attack. The last three batsmen made but a poor stand. Messrs Shanks, Asher and Crichton were bowled in rapid succession. The innings terminated before half-past 3 for exactly 100. Mr Spofforth's figures were again remarkably good - viz., six wickets in 26 overs (12 maidens) for 47 runs . . .

23 September: ENGLAND ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2655.html)

Day 1 (report from Monday 25 September, page 5)

At Harrogate, on Saturday, the Australians began the concluding match of their long and successful tour in England. Their opponents were an eleven captained, in the unavoidable absence of his brother, by Dr E M Grace. The wicket played very indifferently from the effects of the recent wet weather, and consequently there was no heavy scoring on either side. Owing, however, to the free hitting of Mr Bonnor and Mr Garrett, the colonists had all the best of the day's play, and when stumps were drawn were 62 ahead on the first innings, while the English team, who were put in for a few minutes' batting in their second innings, had scored a single without losing a wicket.

Dr W G Grace's absence from his side was, of course, a serious misfortune. Messrs Jones and Palmer stood out from the colonists' team. Dr E M Grace, having beaten Mr Murdoch in the toss, sent in Ulyett and Mr Hawke at a quarter-past 12 to face the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. For a time play was very slow, only two singles coming from six overs, while as the result of half an hour's play ten runs were scored. The ball got up a good deal from Mr Spofforth, and Ulyett was twice hit, though not badly. At length the batsmen played with more confidence and runs came steadily until, at 23, Ulyett was bowled.

Then matters went badly for the batting side. Maurice Read was smartly caught in the slips when he had made one, and at 31 Mr Hawke, who had batted patiently and well, played a ball hard on to his wicket. Dr Grace should have been stumped before he had scored, but the mistake proved of little consequence, as Lockwood was caught at slip and the amateur at point with the total at 32. Emmett and Mr Gilbert were next together, and made a useful stand before the latter was out at 44 - well caught behind the bowler by Mr Bonnor. Mr Riley was taken at slip after quickly adding 6, and at the luncheon interval 61 had been made for the loss of seven wickets. On resuming, the innings was quickly finished off by 5 minutes past 3 for the poor total of 72, Emmett carrying out his bat for an invaluable 23. Messrs Spofforth and Boyle bowled unchanged throughout, the former taking 4 wickets . . and Mr Boyle 5 . . .

At 25 minutes past 3 Messrs Bannerman and Massie began the Australians' batting to the attack of Ulyett and Peate. Mr Bannerman cut and drove the fast bowler for four, and Mr Massie drove Peate to the on for four more. Then Ulyett clean bowled Mr Bannerman. Mr Murdoch came in, but at 27 lost Mr Massie, who was caught at long-off. Mr M'Donnell joined his captain, and, after twice being nearly bowled by Ulyett, was caught at slip. Three for 40. Mr Horan followed, and Mr Murdoch gave a difficult chance to Dr Grace at point, which was not accepted. The newcomer made a four from each bowler, and was then caught at slip at 53. Mr Giffen partnered Mr Murdoch, and cut Ulyett twice for four, bringing on Emmett in the bowler's place at 67. The change was almost immediately successful, as Mr Giffen was easily caught at cover-point from the second ball. Mr Bonnor drove the first ball he received clean out of the ground for six, and the English total was passed by the Australians with five wickets in hand.

Two more batsmen, however, fell directly afterwards - Mr Murdoch clean bowled at 73 and Mr Blackham run out with one run added. Messrs Bonnor and

Garrett were next associated, and after the first-named had been missed at long-off from Peate, he twice hit that bowler for four. His partner also hit vigorously, making a three from Emmett and a four from the slow bowler. At this time the home fielding was decidedly loose, and Mr Bonnor received a second life in the long field, following up his let-off by driving Emmett finely for six. The 100 had just previously gone up at 20 minutes to 5. At 107 Mr Bonnor was well caught at long-on. Mr Boyle was smartly taken at forward cover-point when six had been added, but Mr Spofforth gave a lot of trouble. From one over of Peate's he made three fours, but was caught at the wicket from the fourth ball, the innings closing shortly after 5 for 134. Mr Garrett's not out 24 was a capital display of batting. Peate claimed four wickets . . . Messrs Gilbert and Hawke went in for a few minutes' batting before time was called.

Day 2 (report from Tuesday 26 September, page 10)

Yesterday there was a most interesting day's cricket at Harrogate. The Englishman, who had all the worst of the game on Saturday, played up most pluckily, and when stumps were drawn the Australians, who had lost four of their best wickets, still wanted 57 runs to win.

Emmett again greatly distinguished himself, his confident and at times vigorous batting having a great deal to do with the creditable aspect of the game. Mr Hawke, Mr Gilbert and Lockwood also played remarkably well, and, although the Gloucestershire batsman was decidedly lucky at starting, he, with Mr Hawke, put on 46 for the first wicket by some excellent cricket. The Australians, with one or two exceptions, bowled and fielded splendidly throughout the day, the catch that got rid of Maurice Read being most brilliant, Mr Bannerman taking the ball with one hand close to the ropes. A large company of spectators witnessed the play.

The English not-outs, Messrs Hawke and Gilbert, resumed the second innings at 10 minutes past 12, to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. Mr Hawke began with a two from each bowler and then drove Mr Boyle to the on for four. Mr Gilbert, however, seemed hardly at home at starting and gave first a hard chance to the wicketkeeper and then an easy one to Mr Murdoch at point. These mistakes proved very expensive. Chiefly by the Yorkshire amateur's hitting the score rose steadily; he hit Mr Spofforth to square-leg for four, causing that bowler to give way to Mr Garrett at 30. Mr Hawke drove Mr Boyle thrice for two, but at 46 he was well caught at short mid-on for 31. Lockwood filled the vacancy, and at once cut Mr Garrett for four. He next hit Mr Boyle twice for two and drove him finely for four, this last hit saving the single-innings defeat shortly after 1.

Mr Garrett changed ends at 66, and Mr Boyle was replaced by Mr Spofforth. Mr Gilbert cut the first-named hard for four and two, and Lockwood, after putting up a ball dangerously at short-leg, cut Mr Garrett for four. This proved his last effort, however, as at 79 he was caught at slip off the shoulder of his bat. Emmett joined Mr Gilbert and runs came as freely as before. The 100 went up at a quarter to 2, amid cheering, and then two misfortunes happened. The amateur was caught at mid-off for a well-played 36, notwithstanding the two mistakes, and Ulyett was bowled without scoring. Present score 104.

After luncheon Read joined Emmett in opposing Messrs Garrett and Spofforth. The Surrey batsman hit each bowler to square-leg for four and his partner cut Spofforth for four more, causing Mr Boyle to supersede Mr Garrett at 126. Only one run was added before Read was grandly caught in front of

square leg. Then came a series of disasters. Mr Grace was easily caught from a tame stroke at mid-off, and Messrs Riley and Roller were both caught at point. With eight wickets down Peate came to Emmett's assistance, and again a valuable stand was made. The newcomer made two fours off Mr Spofforth and Emmett a four from Mr Boyle. Mr Garrett went on in Mr Spofforth's place at 163, and with his first ball dismissed Emmett for a capital 36. Peate was run out soon after, and the innings closed at 4 o'clock for 165, thus leaving the Colonists 104 to get to win. Mr Garrett obtained five wickets . . .

Messrs Bannerman and Massie opened the batting in the Australians' second attempt to the attacks of Peate and Emmett, at 4.25. Only six runs had been scored when Mr Massie was caught at deep cover-point. Mr Murdoch came in, and chiefly by his hitting the total rose steadily. From 15 overs of Emmett only two runs were made. Then Peate drove Mr Bannerman on to his wicket. Two for 23. Mr M'Donnell joined his captain and drove Peate out of through ground for six and again for four. This caused the slow bowler to hand the ball to Ulyett at 37. Mr M'Donnell drove the latter for four, but was then bowled by him, while just before time Ulyett also bowled Mr Horan with the score at 47.

Day 3 (report from Wednesday 27 September, page 8)

Yesterday, at Harrogate, the Australians concluded the last match of their tour in England with a victory over a mixed team captained by Dr E M Grace. Overnight, when stumps were drawn, the colonists, who had lost four wickets in obtaining 47 runs, still wanted 57 to win.

Mr Murdoch and Mr Giffen resumed the batting yesterday at 10 minutes past 12, to the bowling of Emmett and Peate. At first the scoring was decidedly slow, but after a time Mr Giffen hit the slow bowler grandly to square leg for 6, the ball pitching clean out of the ground. Ulyett replaced Peate at 67, but, Mr Giffen having hit him twice for four, he gave way to Mr Roller, and Peate resumed instead of Emmett. Mr Giffen drove a ball from the Yorkshireman right out of the ground for 6, but was then stumped for a freely hit 31. Five for 90.

Mr Bonnor having joined his captain, Peate changed over, and at once dismissed Mr Murdoch, who was out leg-before-wicket. Mr Blackham came in, and then the Englishmen lost their last chance of winning the game, the new comer being missed at point from a rather hard chance, by Mr Grace, and just later Read missed Mr Bonnor from a skyer at long-off. After this the remaining runs were quickly made, and the Australians, at a quarter-past 1, had beaten their opponents by four wickets. Peate, though severely punished by Mr Giffen, bowled finely, taking four wickets . . . Emmett bowled well, but with bad luck.

Wednesday 27 September, page 8: THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS

The match that was concluded yesterday at Harrogate brought the interesting cricketing tour of the Australians to a close. In a round of engagements which comprised 38 matches they have met teams of the highest merit, and have been defeated only four times. As a team they are probably the finest that has ever been got together - a fact to which English players will most readily testify. To a powerful English Eleven they, in most cases, would probably have to bow; but they have shown, as we pointed out a few weeks ago, a thoroughness which is the great charm of our national game, and a

feature which is unfortunately too often absent in our own matches. Cricketers generally will not be slow to acknowledge the merits of their colonial friends.

They opened their tour in a most satisfactory manner at Oxford, where on Christ Church meadows they met the University Eleven. The interest shown was very great, and thousands of visitors, including many from the surrounding country, flocked to the ground. All round the scoring was heavy, and the free hitting of Mr Massie was a subject of general admiration. Going in first he was the sixth to leave, having in the meantime scored in a most marvellously rapid manner, an hour's batting by him producing 102 runs. The remainder of the Australian Eleven did little of importance and some disappointment was felt at the dismissal of their captain for nothing. The last wicket fell for a total of 362.

On behalf of the University Mr Shaw distinguished himself by playing throughout the innings and them remaining unconquered, having made 78 out of a total of 189. In the "follow on" the Dark Blues improved, and were not disposed of until they had obtained 234 runs, Mr Whiting with 55 and Mr Leslie with 56 being the chief contributors. The opposite side went in with 62 to win, which only cost them a wicket. Mr Massie secured 46 of the number and was then not out. Thus the Australians won their first match by nine wickets. Mr Spofforth's bowling did not come up to expectation, but Mr Giffen was most destructive.

The colonists were next opposed by Sussex at Brighton. Here Mr Murdoch more than compensated for his failure in the previous encounter, as going in first wicket down he batted throughout the innings for the handsome total of 286 and carried his bat. All the visitors scored, seven of them obtaining double figures (Mr Giffen 74, Mr Bannerman 60, Mr Horan 51 and Mr Massie 45). The innings realized 643 runs. Against this total the county batted very feebly - they suffered defeat by an innings and 355 runs. This was the most decisive victory gained by any of the three teams who have visited this country.

On the 22nd of May they played against the Orleans Club on their charming ground at Twickenham. A strong batting team was brought against them, and of these Mr A P Lucas played a fine not-out innings of 87, the complete total reaching 271. The Australians batted tamely and were all got rid of for 75. In the "follow on" Mr Murdoch hit with his usual vigour and obtained 107 out of 240 for nine wickets. Unfortunately, the match was limited to two days, and the Orleans Club was thus deprived of an almost inevitable victory.

The next appearance of the Australians was on Kennington-oval. In face of the poor resistance offered by Sussex, the most sanguine supporters of Surrey could scarcely have hoped for success. This, however, they at one time seemed to have within their grasp, as at the close of an innings each Surrey had 70 runs in their favour. Their second venture was most disheartening, the eleven only making 48. The visitors now had 119 to win, a task they proved themselves quite equal to, and Surrey suffered a most vexatious defeat by six wickets.

The hitherto successful career of the Australians received a rude check at the hands of the Cambridge University, and it may here be noted that whenever they have met them the Light Blues have defeated the colonists. Three days were devoted to the encounter, and in all the Australians in the double innings accumulated 430. But even this very respectable total was useless against the superb batting of the University. Mr C T Studd carried

off the palm with 118 – his innings being remarkable for clean crisp hitting. Both his brothers, Messrs J E K and G B Studd, also did well; in the two innings the former secured 72 and the latter 90. Ultimately, the University were victors by six wickets.

The Australians' next journey was to Manchester, where, on the Old Trafford Ground, they met the County Palatine. Here the scoring in the first innings of the Australians and the second of Lancashire was very heavy. Both Mr Massie and Mr Murdoch hit vigorously, while for the county Mr A G Steel and Barlow did well. The colonists were set 129 to win. Bad light and occasion showers of rain favoured the home team. Still, the visitors played with their usual care, and finally secured another victory by six wickets. In this contest it is curious that no fewer than five "l.-b.-w." decisions were given; Mr Bannerman and Mr Giffen were twice out in this manner and Mr Horan once.

Crossing over to Bradford, such adverse weather was experienced that on the opening day any play against Yorkshire was impracticable. This was most unfortunate, as the two ensuing days showed that the chances of success were most evenly balanced. The county required 118 to win when they went in a second time, and of this number they gained 30 at the cost of three wickets, when stumps were drawn and the game was discontinued; Lockwood was the chief scorer with 66.

Nottingham was the first ground on which an Australian eleven ever appeared, and their contest this season against the county on the Trent-bridge Ground attracted considerable attention. By some mishap the wicket was not up to its usual excellent character, and the weather, especially on the second day, was wretched in the extreme. The match was left drawn. The batting all round was of a disappointing nature.

The next match was with Derbyshire, who, however, offered a most ineffective resistance to the destructive attacks of Messrs Palmer and Spofforth. The latter took ten wickets for 57 runs. Mr Massie once more batted well, making 66; and the county had to put up with an innings and 109 runs' defeat.

A well-earned rest of three days was now indulged in by the Australians. After this they met the representatives of "the county of acres" for a second time on the Brammall-lane Ground, Sheffield. On neither side was the batting brilliant, the Yorkshiremen in their preliminary efforts only obtaining 92. The elements were so unfavourable on the third day that it seemed highly improbable that there would be opportunity to complete the match. Yet the visitors' good luck did not forsake them, as towards the afternoon the weather so far improved that the Australians were enabled to gain a victory by six wickets.

A picked team of the Gentlemen of England was the next to meet our visitors, the rendezvous being Kennington-oval. The keenest interest was exhibited in the match and enormous crowds thronged the Oval. In batting, the home team was undoubtedly strong; but the bowling did not possess the variations which should be introduced into an eleven. The Australians' good fortune in the matter of winning the toss attended them on this occasion, and, as it turned out, proved a most important item. All the visitors scored (Mr Bonnor, 74, Mr Murdoch, 57 and Mr Bannerman, 50, being the chief contributors out of the total of 334). The chances of success, so far as the Gentlemen of England were concerned, were now at an end; yet it was thought that the result might have been a drawn game. But the unerring attacks of Mr Giffen in the first innings (he took eight wickets

for 49 runs) and the bowling and fielding of the team generally enabled the Australians to score another victory by an innings and a run. Dr W G Grace played in something like his old form and obtained altogether 93 runs.

The next match against a "united team" was played at Chichester. Once more the Australians carried all before them. With a solitary exception (Mr Palmer, not out, three) they all made double figures - Mr Horan scoring 112 and Mr Bannerman 60. The gross total reached 501. The batting of Maurice Read, who secured 90, was the only redeeming feature in the resistance offered by the *soi-disant* "United Eleven," who suffered a most crushing defeat by an innings and 263 runs, ..

Leicestershire made a far better fight than had been generally expected. Parnham's bowling was peculiarly effective; in the double innings he captured 15 wickets for 129 runs. The Australians played with their characteristic pluck and scored another victory by 74 runs. Considering this long roll of successes, only slight interest was manifested in the match against Northamptonshire, in which the Australians were again the conquerors by an innings and 80 runs.

They made the first appearance at Lord's on July 6, against the County of Middlesex. The completion of an innings each did not show a wide difference in the results, the Australians only having an advantage of 32 runs. This form they improved on considerably and subsequently won by eight wickets.

Up to this point the Australians had played 14 matches and won ten, having only once been defeated. With this brilliant reputation, they entered on a match against a selected team of Marylebone. Considerable interest was taken in this encounter, as lovers of cricket had the memorable defeat of the representatives (both amateur and professional) of English cricket still fresh in their memories. For once the visitors lost the loss. Mr C T Studd batted in magnificent style for 114, and the last wicket did not fall until 302 had been made. The Australians only scored 138; but even now their good luck did not desert them, as rain fell so persistently that their probable defeat was averted.

The next three engagements were against Yorkshire, and considering the excellent cricketers the county has produced, it was naturally expected that at least one victory might be secured by them. Altogether they met the Australians five times. In the later games, they won at Bradford by 47 runs and at Middlesborough by seven wickets, while at Dewsbury the game was left drawn.

Travelling further north, the Australians met Northumberland at Gosforth-park. Here another one-sided match was played, the home eleven being defeated by an innings and 95 runs. The visitors next visited Edinburgh and met the Gentlemen of Scotland, whom they overthrew by an innings and 18 runs.

A drawn match played against Liverpool and District followed, on which occasion the Australians' good fortune forsook them, as when "Time" was called they only required four runs to win and had nine wickets to fall - one of the great hardships incidental to cricket.

Journeying to Clifton, the visitors carried all before them. Mr Garrett's bowling proved most effective. In the first innings of the county he took six wickets for 56 runs. Each member of the Australian team scored. Mr Horan eclipsed them all, as going in at the fall of the third wicket, he

saw the remainder of the team dismissed, having in the meanwhile put together 141. His batting was characterized by all the elements which an expert of the game could show, combining, as he did, sound defence with free, forward play. The last wicket did not fall until the grand total of 450 had been reached. Although the western county went in twice they proved unequal to the task of turning the game into a draw, and were defeated by an innings and 195 runs.

The time-honoured Canterbury week began with an interesting match between the Australians and Kent. The former opened in their customary brilliant style. Mr Murdoch, however, fell a victim to the wicketkeeper without scoring anything. Mr Blackham obtained 62 runs out of 307. On behalf of the county Mr Tylecote's not-out 100 was a noteworthy performance. This was so weakly supported by the rest of the team that they were defeated by seven wickets.

Now came an almost overwhelming reserve to the hitherto triumphal march of the Australians. The Players of England, who in days gone by were so powerful, revived on the occasion of the Oval match. Thousands were present to witness their play against the visitors, who found themselves within the grip of most powerful opponents. Certainly good fortune attended the English at the outset. Winning the toss they took possession of an excellent wicket, an advantage they turned to good account. Maurice Read, quite a young Surrey player, for a long time successfully defied the many tactics brought to bear against him. No fewer than 130 runs were obtained by him, and then he was run out. Added to this, Barnes batted well, and it was not until 322 runs had been obtained that the last wicket collapsed. The superb bowling of the Players prevented the Australians from equalling this score, and they received a most severe defeat by an innings and 34 runs.

An Eleven of England offered a far better resistance against the visitors than might have been anticipated, and the game was left drawn. A combined team of Past and Present Cambridge men defeated the Australians at Portsmouth by 20 runs, the scoring throughout being of a very level description. The strength of Somersetshire proved quite inadequate to resist the attacks of the Australians, who won by an innings and 19 runs. Rain interfered to so great an extent with the Gloucestershire return match at Clifton that it was left uncompleted.

The next match was at Kennington-oval against the combined amateur and professional talent of England. The attendance was very large. At the outset all went well with England. The Australians were first at the wickets, but made poor headway against the attacks of their rivals. The close of an innings each found the home team with 38 to the good. England, when they started their second venture, wanted 85 to win. This number the skilful bowling and fielding of the colonials prevented their obtaining, and, amid the greatest excitement, the latter won by seven runs – a feat which called forth the ungrudging applause of the spectators.

A match with the United Eleven at Tunbridge-wells was left drawn. In their return contest at Trent-bridge, Nottingham were beaten by 124 runs, Mr Murdoch having played a capital innings for 72. The Zingari match at Scarborough was left drawn, both sides showing some free hitting; the Australians in their second venture obtained the grand total of 423 for five wickets (Mr Bonnor and Mr Bannerman both not out with 122 and 120 respectively). On behalf of the Wanderers' Club Mr C T Studd made 86 and Lord Harris 47.

Shaw's Australian Eleven were defeated at Holbeck by 89 runs; but at Manchester a North of England team were so strong that they beat the Australians by ten wickets. Rain so seriously interfered with the play on Kennington-oval in the return contest with Shaw's Eleven that the match could not be finished, although, had opportunity been afforded, it is more than probable that the home team would have won.

Two days were devoted on the Partick Ground, Glasgow, to the match against an Eleven of Scotland. The game ended in favour of the Australians by an innings and 23 runs. At one time it seemed probable that in the last match against an England Eleven at Harrogate the home eleven would suffer a severe defeat. They made, however, a better stand than was anticipated, but did not prove skilful enough to avoid a defeat by four wickets.

The individual form on the Eleven was excellent, as a glance at the subjoined tables will show: -

[Full batting and bowling averages for the Australians follow. These include matches which were not first-class. The full correct averages can be found via:

http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Events/ENG/Australia_in_British_Isles_1882/Team_Averages.html]