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8 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2789.html)

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

With this match, which opens the season at Lord's and was opened yesterday, cricket at headquarters begins in earnest. Included in the Marylebone team was Pickett, who appears for the first time for them. The weather was dull and threatening but there was a numerous company present.

Marylebone first occupied the wickets, Messrs Hornby and Pearson being opposed by J Hide and Juniper. The start of the batting was poor, as three wickets only realized seven runs. Mr Vernon then played a brilliant innings, his total of 60 including 10 fours, two threes, four twos and half a dozen singles. The innings closed at 10 minutes to 2, after which there was an adjournment for luncheon. Four bowlers had been engaged. J Hide claimed four wickets . . .

The Sussex batting was opened by Tester and Mr Ellis. Flowers led off the attack from the Pavilion end and Pickett from the other. One run only had been registered before Mr Ellis was taken at slip. J Hide filled the vacancy, but with the score at 16 he was clean bowled. Now came a most determined stand. Humphreys joined Tester, and in spite of two variations in the bowling they caused the 50 to be signalled at 4 o'clock. Although difficult chances were given by each batsman, they kept possession of the wickets until an off-drive for two by Tester shot the score up to 100 at five minutes past 5. A change was now tried, and Flowers handed the ball to Mr Pearson at 101. This had the required effect, as only ten runs had been added when a ball from the last-named bowler struck the top of Humphreys's wicket. No fewer than 95 runs were put on between the fall of the second and third wickets.

Mr Whitfeld soon returned the ball to Barnes and Mr M'Cormick then joined Tester, who, with a single at 5.30, brought the total level with that of Marylebone. Having given a chance to Mr Parke when he had made 68, he was clean bowled by Flowers. His hits comprised one four, six threes and seven twos. Half the wickets were now lost for 140 runs. Quaife played a defensive but fruitless innings. Mr M'Cormick sent the ball into the lower part of the Grand Stand for four, and at ten minutes past 6 150 was announced. Twenty-four runs had been added by him when a splendid ball from Pickett dismissed him. He had made six fours, five twos and a single. Mr Sharp was joined by H Phillips, and the pair played out time.

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

The season at Lord's has furnished a most exciting contest at its outset. Although Sussex had the advantage when stumps were drawn on Thursday, they narrowly escaped defeat yesterday.

Play was begun at 11.40, when Mr C Sharp and H Phillips (not outs with seven and one respectively) resumed batting to the attacks of Flowers and Pickett. Mr Sharp fell an easy victim to the wicket-keeping of Sherwin and H Phillips saw the departures of A Hide and Juniper, the innings closing at 12.25 for 222. Five bowlers were engaged. Flowers secured five wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 109 runs Marylebone went in a second time, Messrs Hornby and Pearson being opposed by A Hide and J Hide. The start proved far better than in the opening venture, so it

was not until 31 had been reached that Mr Pearson was bowled. Three runs later, however, Mr Hornby fell to the wicket-keeper. Barnes and Flowers were now partners, and caused the "50" to be signalled at half-past 1. A catch at wicket dismissed Flowers at 61, and Mr Vernon came to the aid of Barnes. At the interval the score stood at 79.

On resuming, the batting was excellent, the most noticeable feature being a leg hit to the nursery by Barnes for 5, which shot the total up to 100. Both batsmen continued to hit with vigour, and Mr Vernon sent the ball over the enclosure on the right of the Pavilion. At 140, however, Barnes cut the ball into the hands of point, and without alteration in the total Mr Vernon sent back an easy catch to Tester. The last-named batsman's hits included seven 4's, two 3's and four 2's. Five wickets for 140; the remaining half of them added only 39. Five bowlers were put on. A Hide took four wickets . . .

Sussex now required 71 runs to win, and at a quarter to 5 sent in Tester and Mr Ellis to start obtaining them. Flowers and Rylott were the bowlers. The commencement was most discouraging for the county. Only a single had been made when Mr Ellis was bowled, and the downfall was then very rapid, the sixth wicket falling for only 21 runs. A more hopeful complexion, however, was put on the game during the partnership of Phillips and Mr Whitfeld, who doubled the score prior to Phillips being clean-bowled. Quaife played well for his 17, and the game having been prolonged until ten minutes past 7, Juniper made the winning hit - an on-drive for two. Flowers took six wickets . . . The submitted score will show that Sussex won by a wicket.

8 May: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2788.html)

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

Gloucestershire commenced their home match against Yorkshire at Moreton-in-the-Marsh yesterday. The visitors took down a very powerful eleven, but Gloucestershire, in the absence of Messrs Moberly, Townsend and Cranston, were unable to get together their best side.

The Yorkshiremen had the choice of innings and went in first, but, with the exception of Ulyett and Hall, who put on 40 runs for the first wicket, and later on Peel and Emmett, the batsmen made a meagre show against the bowling, and the whole team was got rid of for 128. Mr Gilbert bowled remarkably well and obtained four wickets . . . Gloucestershire then went in . . .

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

It appears likely that Yorkshire will suffer defeat at the hands of Gloucestershire to-day at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, for with only four wickets to fall in their second innings, the northern county are but 29 runs to the good.

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

On Saturday at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Yorkshire gained a brilliant victory over Gloucestershire by 41 runs. At the drawing of stumps on Friday an innings had been completed on either side, and Yorkshire had lost six wickets in the second innings for 80 runs, being only 29 runs on with four wickets to fall. These four wickets gave considerable trouble. Peate hit freely for 29, and the total of the innings amounted to 135. Dr W G Grace took five wickets for 55 runs . . .

Gloucestershire had only 85 set them to win, but the task proved far too heavy. Peate bowled splendidly. The first four wickets, including that of Dr W G Grace, fell for ten runs, and from such an unfavourable start the western county never recovered. Only one member of the team reached double figures and the innings closed for 43. Peate's bowling was the main element of success. The famous left-hand bowler took six wickets in 18 overs (10 maidens) at a cost of only 13 runs . . .

8 May: SOMERSETSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2790.html)

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

The home team had all the worst of yesterday's play at Taunton, being got rid of for only 88 runs, and having 204 scored against them for seven wickets. Mr A J Thornton's 86, made without giving a chance, included nine fours, three threes and eight twos. Collins did a remarkable piece of bowling, taking four wickets for nine runs.

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

At Taunton yesterday Kent scored a very easy victory over Somersetshire in a single innings, with 27 runs to spare.

12 May: LORD SHEFFIELD'S XI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2791.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 May, page 11)

This season the Australian cricketers are again among us, the team being composed as follows: - Mr G Alexander, Victoria (manager); Mr W L Murdoch (captain), A C Bannerman and F R Spofforth, New South Wales; Mr G Giffen, South Australia; Messrs J M'C Blackham, G J Bonnor, H F Boyle, W H Cooper, P S M'Donnell, W Midwinter, G E Palmer and H Scott, Victoria.

Their first match was begun yesterday at Sheffield-park, near Uckfield, against a team arranged by Lord Sheffield, who liberally allowed the public to witness the game free of charge. The eleven selected by the President of the Surrey County Club was strong both in batting and bowling. Their display yesterday was, however, of a most disappointing character, as they were all dismissed for 86, while the Australians doubled this total at a cost of four wickets only. The two colonials who do not take part in this match are Messrs Cooper and Alexander.

The weather was delightfully bright and summerlike, and there was a large assemblage of spectators. The Englishmen having won the toss, Dr W G Grace and Hall opened the batting, the colonial bowling being intrusted to Messrs Giffen and Palmer. The commencement was of a most disastrous kind, as Dr Grace had only scored one run when he was out leg before wicket to Mr Giffen. Ulyett filled the vacancy and opened with a cut for four from Mr Giffen. Then for a time the play was slow, until Ulyett again cut the same bowler for four. With the total only at 21 Hall was caught by Mr M'Donnell, fielding at deep mid-on, for a single. Shrewsbury now joined Ulyett, but before another run was added the last-named batsman was magnificently caught by Mr Midwinter, with the left hand at deep slip for 17.

Barnes, who came next, drove Mr Palmer for four, and hit Mr Giffen to square leg for three. Shortly afterwards Mr Giffen was loudly applauded for brilliant fielding at third man. With the score at 30 Barnes, who had made 11, was bowled by Mr Giffen. Flowers came to Mr Shrewsbury's assistance. The latter batted finely and the total quickly rose to 52. Mr Palmer then bowled Flowers, and the Rev F F J Greenfield came in. Shrewsbury drove Mr Giffen for four, hit him to square leg for three and placed Mr Palmer to leg for three. But at 72 Mr Greenfield was finely caught at slip. On Jesse Hide joining Shrewsbury, runs came slowly for a time, the only exception being a drive by Shrewsbury off Mr Palmer for four. At 83 Mr Giffen bowled Hide, and with the fall of the seventh wicket the luncheon bell rang.

On resumption of play, the end of the English innings soon came. H Phillips was caught at point for 85, and at the same total Shrewsbury was out leg before wicket for an admirable and invaluable 39. Harrison, the last man, was caught and bowled without scoring, and the innings closed for the meagre total of 86. The fielding of the colonists was very close. Mr Giffen and Mr Palmer both bowled splendidly.

After 30 minutes' interval, during which the bats were examined under the recently discussed rule regarding their width, the innings of the Australians was commenced by Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman, Shaw and Harrison being the bowlers. Runs were hit up fast, and as no parting was effected Ulyett at 34 displaced Shaw, whom Mr M'Donnell had punished for two fours and a two in an over. Off the new bowler Mr M'Donnell was badly missed at cover point by Hide. The score still rose, and a second change was tried, Mr Grace taking the ball from Harrison. In one over from

Mr Grace, Mr Bannerman made a three, a leg-bye, went for four, and Mr M'Donnell made a four. However, the last ball dismissed Mr M'Donnell for 32. One wicket for 59. Except for the chance mentioned above, Mr M'Donnell's innings was capital.

Mr Murdoch went in first wicket down, but did not seem at all up to his usual standard, Dr Grace's bowling puzzling him considerably. With three fours and smaller hits the score reached 82, and then Mr Murdoch was bowled. Mr Giffen went in and at 5 o'clock the 100 was signalled. At 106 Flowers was tried in place of Ulyett. Mr Giffen drove Mr Grace thrice in succession for four, but off the last ball of the over he was caught at long-off. He had made 27 in dashing style. Three wickets for 121. Mr Bonnor, the next batsman, obtained only four before being caught at point. The total when he left was 131. Messrs Bannerman and Blackham then played out time, the score at the drawing of stumps having reached 172 for four wickets, with six wickets to go down. Mr Bannerman gave two or three hard chances, but his 71 not out was a grand display of stubborn defence and well-timed hitting.

Altogether the first day's play showed the Australians in the highest light as all round cricketers. They got rid of their opponents very cheaply on a capital wicket, and then went in and made a long score. Their performance must have surpassed their own most sanguine expectations. Umpires - Farrands and Luke Greenwood.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 May, page 13)

Yesterday at Sheffield-park, Sussex, the Australians signalized the first match of their present tour in England by inflicting a crushing defeat on the eleven selected by Lord Sheffield to oppose them, as, after a one-sided game, the Englishmen lost the match by an innings and six runs. It will be recollected that when play ceased on Monday evening, Lord Sheffield's Eleven had completed a first innings of 86, and that the Australians for the loss of four wickets only had doubled the score of their opponents.

Yesterday the continuation of the match was favoured by lovely weather and some thousands of visitors availed themselves of Lord Sheffield's courtesy to be present.

Play began at 20 minutes to 12, when Messrs Bannerman and Blackham, who were not out overnight for 71 and 22 respectively, continued the batting of the Australians to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Ulyett. As runs were at the outset hit up quickly, Shaw took the ball from Ulyett. Then two strange mistakes occurred in the field, Mr Bannerman being missed by the wicket-keeper and Mr Blackham by Hall at long-on. With the score at 204, however, Mr Bannerman was smartly caught of Dr Grace's bowling by Harrison at mid-on. The retiring batsman had played a fine innings of 94, inclusive of 11 fours, 8 threes and five twos.

Mr Scott joined Mr Blackham, but did not stay long, as after the latter batsman had been missed by Barnes at mid-on, Mr Scott, in attempting to hit a ball from Mr Grace to leg, was taken at the wicket for 0. Six for 204. Mr Midwinter came in, but with the total unchanged, lost Mr Blackham, who was bowled by Shaw for a useful 31. Mr Palmer joined Mr Midwinter. The last named, after being missed at long-off by Flowers, was run out by a clever piece of fielding by Harrison, who returned the ball smartly to Phillips, the latter immediately putting down the wicket. Mr Boyle followed, and Mr Palmer was easily caught at point by Dr Grace off Shaw, and nine wickets were down for 209. Mr Spofforth, the last man, was bowled by Shaw, and the innings closed for 212, the last six wickets yesterday only putting on 40 runs, and these might have been considerably reduced but for

the mistakes above referred to. The English fielding, with but little exception, was terribly loose throughout.

At 20 minutes past 1 Lord Sheffield's Eleven, being 126 runs to the bad, went in a second time, and fared little better than in their first attempt. In fact, the only redeeming feature of the second innings was the batting of Dr W G Grace, who was playing very fine cricket when he was unfortunately bowled off his thigh for 30. Messrs Giffen and Palmer as before were intrusted with the colonial bowling, and again were unchanged throughout. Dr Grace and Ulyett opened the batting. Ulyett, having scored a single, was missed at long-off by Mr Bonnor, but the mistake benefited him to little or no extent as with the total at 10 he was splendidly taken at long-on by Mr Scott. Hall now joined Dr Grace. The Yorkshire professional was missed being caught and bowled by Mr Giffen, and then hit Mr Palmer to square leg for four. Runs came slowly after this, the only hit being a three in the slips by Dr Grace. The total was carried to 26, and then Hall was taken at point for eight. As the second wicket fell, the luncheon bell rang.

After the interval play was resumed at 3 o'clock, when Shrewsbury was Dr Grace's partner. Without scoring a run, Shrewsbury was finely caught at long-on by Mr Scott, and Barnes came to Grace's aid. Dr Grace played in his best style, but unfortunately after the score had been quickly hit to 51 he was, when well set, bowled off his body for 30 by Mr Palmer. The Rev F F J Greenfield joined Barnes, but was soon bowled for two. Flowers, who followed, quickly hit up 18, which included two splendid drives for four each, and was then taken at cover-point by Mr Murdoch. Six for 73.

Jesse Hide was next in, and runs came slowly. Barnes made a square leg hit for four and then Hide was bowled for a single. Seven for 92. Barnes after beginning badly played a good defensive innings until, having scored 34, he was caught at slip. The remaining wickets soon fell and the second innings of the English eleven closed for 120, which terminated the match as above stated in favour of the Australians by an innings and six runs. The Australian fielding was not so smart and close as before - several chances being missed.

12 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2792.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 May, page 11)

Kent followed up their success against Somersetshire at Taunton last week by obtaining an excellent score in the first innings against the Marylebone Club at Lord's yesterday. Having won the toss, Kent went in first, Mr C Wilson and F Hearne being opposed by Mr C T Studd and Rylott. Mr Wilson hit very finely, and 50 was hoisted ay 10 minutes to 1.

The score continued to rise rapidly, 80 runs being procured in an hour. At 89, however, Mr Wilson was clean bowled, having just previously been given a hard chance by the wicket-keeper. G G Hearne filled the vacancy, but before any runs had been secured F Hearne was caught at cover-point. Lord Harris came to the aid of G G Hearne. The latter was finely taken at the wicket when only one run was required for the "100." Mr L Wilson joined Lord Harris, who immediately fell to an easy catch at extra mid-off. The innings eventually closed at a quarter past 4. Of the five bowlers tried, Mr Robertson proved must successful, taking six wickets . . .

Messrs Booth and Shuter opened the Marylebone innings at 4.30, Mr Christopherson (nursery end) and G G Hearne being intrusted with the attack. At 20 minutes to 5 o'clock a thunderstorm, accompanied by rain, burst over the ground, and the wicket was so saturated that play was not resumed until 6.20. Stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 May, page 13)

Considering the saturated state of the ground on Monday evening, the wicket was in fairly good condition yesterday morning, when this match was continued. At the close of the previous day's play Kent had a decided advantage, as, having completed an innings for 215, they had captured three of their rivals' wickets for 39.

The game was resumed at 11.35. The Marylebone Club only just managed to save the follow on, their innings being finished at 1 o'clock for 137. Kent's second innings closed at 5.25 for 191 runs. When stumps were drawn for the day, Marylebone had scored 105 for two wickets down. Messrs Shuter and Studd, who had made 53 and 45 respectively, were still together.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 May, page 6)

Play in this match at Lord's was concluded yesterday, and was notable for the superb innings of Mr C T Studd. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening the Marylebone Club required 165 runs for victory, having eight wickets to fall. Yesterday, a few minutes before noon, Messrs Studd and Shuter, with 53 and 45 not out respectively, continued the batting, G G Hearne and Mr Christopherson sharing the attack.

Both batsmen scored rapidly, and at 129 Wootton relieved G G Hearne. Mr Studd drove the new bowler to the off for four, while Mr Shuter hit him to square leg for the same number. The latter supplemented this with another four (an off-drive) from Mr Christopherson. At 149 Wootton crossed over and L Wilson took his place. Mr Studd, however, by an off drive for a quartette, sent

150 up at 12.20. The score rose at a most rapid pace; but when Mr Shuter had made 77 he gave rather an easy chance to Mr C Wilson at slip. Mr Studd then cut Wootton for a two and a four, which caused that bowler to give way to Lord Harris at 178. Mr Studd drove his lordship to the off for a couple, and Mr Shuter scored 10 in three hits off Mr Christopherson. The former batsman next obtained two fours (by an off and an on drive) from Lord Harris, while, with a single later on, he completed his 100 at a quarter to 1.

Five minutes afterwards the 200 was signalled. Wootton then handed the ball to G G Hearne. Mr Studd drove the latter to the on for four, and thus no fewer than 100 runs had been obtained in the hour. Mr Shuter was bowled with the total at 213, the ball breaking from the off. His principal hits were five fours, five threes and 17 twos; 199 runs had been made during his companionship with Mr Studd.

Mr Vernon filled the vacancy, and for the first few overs played with great care. He, however, soon cut G G Hearne for four, and, after Mr Studd had contributed two twos, drove the same bowler to the Pavilion for another four, which he speedily followed up with an off drive for the same number off Wootton, this causing 250 to be reached at 1.25. Eleven runs later Mr C Wilson atoned for his previous mistake by splendidly catching Mr Vernon at long off. The outgoing batsman's 25 included four fours, a three and a two.

Four wickets had now fallen, only nine runs being wanted for victory. Mr Crawford came to the assistance of Mr Studd. Two byes were added, and then Mr Studd hit Wootton to leg for four, which he supplemented by driving the professional to the nursery end for a like number, thus winning the match for the Marylebone Club by six wickets. Mr Studd played a most brilliant innings; his chief hits comprised 16 fours, eight threes, 51 [?] twos and singles.

15 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2795.html)

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

On the Christ Church Ground at Oxford yesterday the Australian Eleven commenced the second match of their present tour in England, their opponents being the Oxford University Eleven. In consequence of the number of promising cricketers among the Freshmen up at Oxford this term, the discrimination of the captain, Mr Kemp, was severely tested in arranging a team to meet the powerful eleven from Australia.

The University cricketers have every reason to congratulate themselves on the result of the first day's play. The Australians went first to the wickets, and, contrary to general expectation, were all disposed of for 148. This state of affairs was mainly attributable to the destructive fast bowling of Mr H O Whitby, who took eight wickets for 82 runs, and the brilliant fielding of Mr E B Nicholls, who at slip made no fewer than five catches. The fielding of the University team was most commendable.

When Oxford went in to bat a very fine performance was accomplished by Messrs T C O'Brien and H V Page, who, although strangers to the Australian bowling, played it with great nerve and confidence. The game was going badly for the University when these two became partners, four wickets being down for 25 runs. But so well did they bat that when stumps were drawn they had added 81 to the total. Mr O'Brien's hitting was clean and hard, and he only gave one chance just before time was called.

The weather was dull and cold, and from a cricket point of view extremely unpleasant, but there was no lack of enthusiasm among the spectators. The wicket played badly, and at times bumped terribly from the fast bowling. Messrs Cooper and Alexander again stood out from the Australians.

Play began at a quarter to 12, when the Australians, having won the toss, sent in Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell to oppose the bowling of Messrs Bastard and H O Whitby. Ten runs only were scored, and then Mr M'Donnell was caught at slip. Mr Murdoch joined Mr Bannerman, and then runs came steadily, nothing higher than three being scored for some time. Then at 36 a neat catch at short slip off Mr Whitby dismissed the Australian captain for 11. The downfall of Mr Murdoch's wicket, as might have been expected, produced a burst of cheering. Mr Giffen came in, and after slow play drove Mr Bastard for three, and Mr Bannerman hit him to leg for four, which sent up the "50." Mr Bolitho at this stage of the game hurt his knee so severely in fielding a ball that he was obliged to retire, and his place in the eleven was subsequently allowed to be taken by Mr J H Brain.

At 57 Mr Page took the ball, and in his second over Mr Giffen was taken at slip. Mr Bonnor, who came next, made two, and was also taken at slip. Curiously enough, the first four batsmen were all caught by Mr Nicholls. Mr Blackham filled the vacancy, but soon lost Mr Bannerman, who at 67 was well caught by Mr Hine-Haycock at long leg. Mr Midwinter was the incoming batsman, and at lunch time he and Mr Blackham were still together.

When play was resumed at 2.45 Messrs Bastard and Whitby were the bowlers. Mr Blackham cut Mr Bastard twice for four and hit Mr Whitby for the same number, but with the total at 100 he was clean bowled by Mr Whitby for a useful 20. Mr Scott became Mr Midwinter's partner, and Mr Page went on again. At 118 Mr Midwinter was caught at third man for 20. Mr Palmer came in, but after

he had scored eight Mr Page bowled down his leg stump. Mr Boyle followed, but soon lost Mr Scott, who was dismissed by another brilliant catch at slip by Mr Nicholls at the second attempt. Nine for 139. Mr Boyle, the next comer, was bowled for five, and at 3.40 the innings closed for 148.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Messrs Hine-Haycock and Kemp opened the Oxford innings, the Australian bowling being intrusted to Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. A bad start was made, as in the first over Mr Hine-Haycock was caught at mid on, and with the total at three only. Mr [A R] Cobb was bowled without scoring, and Mr Brain followed in. The new comer made eight and was then caught off Mr Spofforth's bowling. Mr T C O'Brien then came to the assistance of his captain, but with the score at 25 Mr Kemp was run out. When Mr Page joined Mr O'Brien, however, the aspect of the game was altered. The latter batted brilliantly, among other hits driving Spofforth over the ropes for five. Despite several bowling changes Messrs O'Brien and Page played out time, when they had scored 51 and 30 respectively.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 May, page 10)

Yesterday on the Christ Church ground at Oxford, the match between the University Eleven and the Australians continued. The University cricketers had every reason to congratulate themselves when stumps were drawn last evening, as throughout the second stage of the match they fully held their own against their formidable opponents.

It will be remembered that on Thursday evening the Australians had completed a first innings of 148, and that Oxford had scored 106 for the loss of four wickets. Mr O'Brien and Mr H V Page, who were not out on the previous night for 51 and 30 respectively, continued the University innings yesterday to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Spofforth.

Both batsmen started carefully; but Mr O'Brien soon hit Mr Spofforth for two and again for three. At 118, however, Mr Page was bowled for an invaluable 33. At a few minutes before 1 o'clock the Australian total was passed amid enthusiastic cheering. At 157 Mr Palmer changed ends and Mr Boyle went on. Mr O'Brien then gave two hard chances at the wicket, but no parting came; so at 167 Mr Scott relieved Mr Palmer, and the change brought about the desired result, as the new bowler dismissed Mr Key for a well and freely hit 30. At 185 Mr O'Brien's brilliant innings was brought to an end as Mr Boyle clean bowled him. The Oxford innings closed for 209.

After the luncheon interval, Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the second innings of the Australians to the bowling of Messrs Bastard and Whitby. When only two runs had been scored Mr Bannerman was caught at short slip, and Mr Murdoch who followed was clean bowled by Mr Bastard without scoring. The score was only 30 when a splendid catch low down at point by Mr Cobb sent back Mr Giffen. Mr Bonnor came in, and the score was quickly carried to 60, when Mr Page displaced Mr Bastard. From his first ball Mr Bonnor was caught at short slip, and Mr Blackham came in. Mr Whitby now gave way to Mr Nicholls, from whose first ball Mr M'Donnell was stumped for a well hit 36. Five for 60.

The 100 went up at 4.20, and two runs later Mr Blackham was caught and bowled by Mr Bastard for 18, and Mr Scott came to Mr Midwinter's assistance. At 163 Mr Scott was taken at the wicket for 21. The second innings of the Australians closed for 168. This leaves Oxford 108 to get to win, which should cause an exciting finish to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 May, page 12)

On the Christ Church Ground at Oxford on Saturday, the University Eleven accomplished a performance which will long be remembered in the annals of cricket. When the third day's play was commenced Oxford had to get 108 runs to win, and had a complete innings in which to obtain them,

In ordinary circumstances the total could not be considered difficult to obtain, but taking the strength of the Australian bowling and fielding into consideration it must be admitted that the Oxford batsmen had a formidable task set them. They may well feel proud of the result, for to beat such a powerful team as the Australian cricketers by seven wickets is a performance which would naturally elate any English eleven.

The weather was delightfully fine, and there was, as might have been expected, a very large attendance of spectators, who displayed great enthusiasm. At 10 minutes past 12 the second innings of Oxford was commenced by Messrs O'Brien and Hine-Haycock, who were opposed by Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. In the first over Mr Hine-Haycock gave a difficult chance to slip, and shortly afterwards he should have been run out. So good was the Colonial bowling that in the first 27 minutes only 10 runs were scored. With the score at 14 the first wicket fell, Mr O'Brien being clean bowled by a good break-back from Mr Spofforth. Mr Cobb came in and cut Mr Boyle for two. He then gave a possible chance to Mr Scott at short leg, but that fieldsman was unable to accept it. Mr Cob profited little by his escape as, having made six, he was caught at long-on. Two for 20. Mr Page, the incoming batsman, only made a single and was then caught at forward point by Mr Palmer. Three for 24.

The outlook was none too promising for Oxford when Mr Kemp joined Mr Hine-Haycock, but these two batsmen completely altered the aspect of the game. The Oxford captain was in fine form. After Mr Hine-Haycock had hit Mr Spofforth to leg for four, Mr Kemp cut Mr Boyle for three and placed Mr Spofforth to square leg for four. With the score at 45, Mr Palmer displaced Mr Spofforth. Both batsmen played brilliant cricket. Mr Kemp hit Mr Boyle for three and four, and Mr Giffen at 56 relieved Mr Palmer, who went on again at 67, while at 73 Mr Spofforth resumed. Still no parting came, and the score rose rapidly. An appeal for leg before wicket was given in Mr Kemp's favour, and when luncheon time came the same batsmen were still together, and the score was 79 for three wickets. Both Mr Kemp and his partner were loudly cheered.

When play resumed at 2.50, Messrs Palmer and Spofforth shared the Australian bowling. Runs were quickly put on, as Mr Kemp hit Mr Palmer to leg for four and twice hit Mr Spofforth for four. At 103 Mr Boyle took the ball from Mr Spofforth, and a short time afterwards Mr Kemp, amidst tumultuous cheering, scored the winning hit. Mr Kemp played a brilliant not-out innings of 63, and Mr Hine-Haycock, who was also not out, played steadily for 25 . . .

15 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2793.html)

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

Although dull and threatening, the weather did not deter a large number of people visiting Lord's yesterday to witness the opening day's play in the above match. Having won the toss, Marylebone first occupied the wickets, Mr I D Walker and Dr W G Grace being confronted by Peate and Harrison.

Only eight runs had been scored when Dr Grace was out to an appeal for leg-before. G G Hearne came in, but was bowled at 47. Mr J G Walker filled the vacancy. Both batsmen played patiently and had added 15 runs when Mr I D Walker was finely caught by Bates at slip. Mr Vernon came to the aid of Mr J G Walker, and the score rose very rapidly, "100" being signalled at ten minutes to 2. When luncheon intervened the total was 109, Mr Walker being not out 24 and Mr Vernon not out 26.

On resumption of play the attack was intrusted to Peel and Harrison. Mr Vernon cut the former for four and drove him to the off for two. Mr Vernon next secured four from a square-leg hit. Peel relinquished the ball to Emmett at 127. Mr Walker drove the latter's first ball to the on for four, and after a single had been made, Mr Vernon scored six (two off drives) off the two next deliveries. Peate relieved Harrison at 136, and four runs only were added when Mr Vernon cut a ball of Emmett's into the hands of point. His fine innings of 51 included six fours, two threes and six twos.

W Hearn joined Mr Walker, who drove Emmett twice to the on for three and four respectively, while the last ball of the same over he sent to the nursery boundary for another four, which caused 150 to be registered at 10 minutes past 3. Three runs afterwards W Hearn was caught at mid-off. F Hearne came next, but without any alteration in the total Mr Walker was clean bowled. He had played an exceedingly good innings and among his hits were three fours, three threes and four twos. Six wickets were now down. The four remaining batsmen made 30, the innings closing at 4 o'clock for 183. Peate proved the most successful bowler, taking five wickets . . .

At a quarter past 4 o'clock Yorkshire sent in Hall and Ulyett to the bowling of Burton (pavilion end) and Mr Robertson. The first three overs were maidens, and then Ulyett scored five and Hall a single in the fourth. Hall then cut Burton for three, which Ulyett supplemented with two fours off Mr Robertson. Rylott went on in lieu of Mr Robinson at 26. Two runs later a smart catch at the wicket got rid of Hall. Mr Hawke followed in, but after Ulyett had driven Rylott to the on for four and cut the same bowler for three, he was easily secured at point. Lockwood next partnered Ulyett, who, however, was splendidly caught by Dr Grace at long-off on the boundary to the right of the pavilion.

The Yorkshire wickets now fell very rapidly. Bates was taken in the long field straight behind the bowler at 39, while at the same total Lockwood fell to the wicket-keeper. An addition of five was made, and then Grimshaw was bowled. Peel was caught at point at 54, and 10 runs later Peate was bowled. The last two batsmen were speedily disposed of, and the innings closed at five minutes to 6 for 66. Burton took six wickets . . .

Being 117 runs in arrear, Yorkshire followed on at 6.20 . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 May, page 10)

Play in this match at Lord's was concluded yesterday. On Thursday evening Yorkshire, who had followed on, had lost two wickets for 43 runs. Their second venture was far more productive than their first. Mr Robertson took four wickets . . .

Requiring 28 runs for victory, Marylebone commenced batting, after an interval of 20 minutes, with Dr Grace and Mr I D Walker, who were opposed by Harrison and Peate. Having scored a single off each bowler, Dr Grace was secured by third man, and the next ball clean bowled G G Hearne. F Hearne joined Mr I D Walker, and the latter made the winning hit (an off drive for four) at 3.40. Harrison took two wickets for 22 runs. It will be seen from the complete score appended that the Marylebone Club won by eight wickets.

15 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2794.html)

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

Barnes, Shrewsbury and Selby all batted very well for Nottinghamshire against Sussex yesterday, on the Trent-bridge Ground. Shrewsbury and Scotton commenced very steadily, and afterwards Barnes and Selby hit with great freedom. Barnes's superb 9 included ten four's. The Sussex bowling was decidedly good. After a stormy morning the day was cold and cheerless.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 May, page 10)

The Sussex batting collapsed completely yesterday at Nottingham, the whole eleven being out twice for only 120 runs. Not a single innings of 20 was made for the southern county, and though the wicket was very bumpy and difficult it offered no sufficient excuse for the breakdown. Shaw and Wright bowled throughout the first innings, and Flowers and Attewell were unchanged in the second. Attewell's performance - eight wickets for 22 runs - is one of the features of the season up to the present.

19 May: SURREY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2798.html)

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

After the success of Oxford against the Colonials on Saturday, most English cricketers will be disappointed at the result of yesterday's play at Kennington Oval. The weather was fine and the attendance very large. Barratt bowled in excellent form, and had it not been for the capital innings of Mr Scott, whose cutting was the subject of general admiration, the Australians would have been disposed of at a very moderate cost. With the exception of Mr Diver's speedy dismissal, Surrey made a fair start, as the second wicket realized 68 runs. Then there was a most complete downfall, as will be seen from the following particulars.

Within a few minutes of noon it became known that the Australians had won the toss, and at 12.10 Surrey turned out into the field. Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell were the first batsmen. Barratt led off the attack from the pavilion end, the fieldsmen being placed as follows: - Wood, wicket-keeper; Mr W W Read, point; Abel, slip; Mr Diver, mid-off; Mr Roller, extra mid-off; Jones, cover-point; Mr Morton, extra cover-point; Mr Bowden, long-off; Maurice Read, deep long-field; and Mr Shuter, mid-on. Jones bowled from the gasometer end; Wood kept wicket and Mr W W Read was point; Abel, slip; Mr Diver fielded straight behind the bowler; Mr Roller was extra mid-off; Mr Morton, mid-off; Mr Bowden, short-leg; Maurice Read, third man; and Mr Shuter, cover-point.

The first two overs were maidens, and then Mr Bannerman secured a single off Barratt, and his companion sent him to the off for the same number. After three had been obtained, four byes were registered, the ball going to the pavilion rails off Jones's bowling. The first dozen runs occupied as many minutes, and then Mr Bannerman was clean bowled. One down. Mr Murdoch came, but the third ball sent him found its way into his wicket. Mr Giffen arrived to the assistance of Mr M'Donnell and soon distinguished himself by a splendid drive to the pavilion and a hit for four each. Just prior to this Mr Giffen should have been run out, but Mr Morton fielded the ball badly from cover-point. Twenty runs were made in half-an-hour, and the 30 was secured at 12.50. Mr M'Donnell drove a ball of Barrett's to the off for four, and Mr Giffen sent him to the on for the same number. With the total at 40, however, a ball of Barrett's completely beat Mr Giffen. Three down.

Mr Blackham made his appearance, and at 1.15 50 runs were signalled. Immediately afterwards the new arrival sent Jones through the slips for four, and Mr M'Donnell also obtained a very lucky four behind the wicket-keeper to the pavilion. Ten runs were soon afterwards obtained in one over of Barratt's, by three on-drives by Mr Blackham, but then he was easily caught behind the bowler. Four for 73. Mr Bonnor made an off-drive for four, and then lost the company of Mr M'Donnell, who was taken very finely at long-field-on. Half the wickets were now down for 81. To the undisguised delight of the spectators, Mr Bonnor was secured at short-slip. Messrs Midwinter and Scott were now together. The former drove Jones to the on, and hit him to square-leg for four each, while the latter obtained eight by a square-leg hit and off-drive from Barratt. Mr Scott should then have been run out; but the ball was very badly received by the wicket-keeper. One hundred was reached at 1.55, and the luncheon the total was 109.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, Mr Scott made a late cut off Jones and secured three with a clean, crisp cut from Barrett. A fortunate four was obtained through the slips by Mr Midwinter, and at 10 minutes past 3 the 130 was reached. Mr Scott having made a leg hit for four, Jones handed the ball to Mr Morton. Mr Scott then secured eight in one over of the change by an off drive and cut.

Another variation was tried at 145, when Mr Roller superseded Barratt. Mr Scott then added six by two cuts off Mr Morton. Mr Midwinter soon afterwards fell to slip. Mr Palmer supplied the vacancy, and drove Mr Morton for four, while Mr Scott continued to cut well. At 170 Jones relieved Mr Morton, and two runs later Barratt resumed. Still runs came freely, especially from Mr Scott's bat, and two other changes were adopted - Abel going on for Jones and Maurice Read for Barratt at 185. At 191 Mr Scott's excellent innings was closed by a catch at mid-off. Eight down. Mr Boyle came in, and Barratt again bowled, his second ball disposing of the new comer. Mr Palmer was served in the same manner, and the last wicket fell for 195 at 4.15.

At 4.35 Surrey began batting with Abel and Mr Diver. Mr Giffen bowled, his companions being placed as follows: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Spofforth, point; Mr M'Donnell, slip; Mr Bannerman, mid-off; Mr Midwinter, third man; Mr Bonnor, long-on; Mr Palmer, deep mid-on; Mr Scott, behind bowler; Mr Murdoch, cover-point; and Mr Boyle, short mid-on. Mr Palmer was the other bowler, and had Mr Blackham as wicket-keeper; Mr Spofforth, point; Mr Giffen, deep cover slip; Mr M'Donnell, long-on; Mr Bannerman, mid-off; Mr Midwinter, long-off; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Scott, very sharp leg, soon changed to long slip; Mr Murdoch, cover point; and Mr Boyle, mid-on.

The county started well, as Abel sent the first ball finely round to leg for four. In the same over Mr Diver, however, incautiously played forward to a ball and was clean bowled. One wicket, five runs. Mr J Shuter led off with a cut for three from Palmer, and then had a lucky "snick" through the slips for four, which he soon followed up by an on-drive for the like number, both off Mr Giffen, who at 46 gave way to Mr Spofforth. Fifty runs were recorded at 5.15. Abel obtained seven (including a cut for four) in one over of Mr Palmer's, but immediately afterwards was taken at short slip.

Now came a rapid downfall, as at 79 no fewer than four batsmen fell. Mr W W Read was taken at wicket, Maurice Read was caught at forward short leg, Mr Roller was secured at slip and Mr Shuter, in attempting a difficult run, was thrown out by Mr Bannerman from mid-off. Three, four, five and six for 79. Mr Bowden and Jones were then companions. The former made a single and then a late cut for four off Mr Boyle, but the next ball was well taken by point, Mr Spofforth rolling over in securing it. Mr Morton was taken at long slip. At 93 Wood was bowled, and the dismissal of Barratt by a bailer brought the innings to a close. Total, 97. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

The anticipations of Monday in regard to the result of this match were verified yesterday. There was again a large attendance at Kennington Oval, and the play of Surrey exceeded expectation, their fielding being especially sharp and clean. As the details of the play will, however, show, they could not withstand the splendid play of the Australians, although they made a most gallant effort to do so.

The game was recommenced at ten minutes past 12, when Mr W W Read and Abel were confronted by Mr Spofforth and Mr Boyle. The first-named batsman scored a single by a late cut in the opening over, and in the second sent the ball finely round to leg for four. Abel then cut Mr Spofforth to the boundary for four. An appeal for leg before wicket against Mr Read was decided in the negative. He was out in the next over, however, being taken at slip. One for 17.

Mr Shuter filled the vacancy, but, to the great disappointment of the Surrey partisans, was soon out, as when seven overs had been sent down for two singles he fell to the wicket-keeper - standing

deep. Mr Diver arrived, and in Mr Spofforth's next over he started the score with a single to the on; another mishap soon ensued, Abel being taken at point. Maurice Read arrived, and some confidence was inspired by Mr Diver obtaining nine in an over of Mr Boyle's. The first ball he drove to the off for four, the second he hit to leg with a like result, and from the last he obtained a single. In Mr Spofforth's next over, Mr Diver cut him for three, and in the same over Maurice Read drove the ball to the on among the people. M Read afterwards made a fortunate four to leg. Mr Diver followed this up with a cut from Mr Boyle for four.

Runs were accumulated in a most promising manner, Mr Diver making a drive to the on for four, which sent the total past 50 at ten minutes to 1. Mr Roller cut Mr Boyle for four and sent him to the off for two, which caused Mr Giffen to come on in his stead at 59. The change, however, came from the other end, as a tempting ball from Mr Spofforth induced Mr Diver to hit it to the on, where it was splendidly secured by Mr Bonnor low down. Mr Roller came, and at 71 Mr Boyle resumed in lieu of Mr Giffen. Three maiden overs were then sent down, when Read cut Mr Boyle for a couple, and immediately afterwards Mr Roller drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four. At 80, however, he was secured by the wicket-keeper. Half the wickets were now down.

A single only had been gained when Maurice Read cut the ball into the hands of point. Eighteen runs were required to avert a single innings defeat when Jones came in to the assistance of Mr Bowden. Jones was smartly secured in the slips, and when Mr Morton appeared there were three runs required to avert the innings defeat. The runs were obtained by Mr Bowden, and the "100" was signalled at 1.35. The hitting now became rather free; Mr Morton sent Mr Spofforth to leg for four, and Mr Bowden drove Mr Boyle to the on for three. Each batsman then made leg hits off either bowler for four, and Mr Boyle handed the ball to Mr Palmer at 124. Mr Bowden drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four, but in Mr Palmer's next over returned the ball, which was well secured by the bowler with the right hand. Eight for 132. Wood came in, and at luncheon the total stood at 139.

After the customary interval, Messrs Palmer and Spofforth continued the bowling. Mr Morton sent a ball of Mr Palmer's to leg for four, but when Wood had obtained a single two wickets fell from successive balls - Wood caught at mid-off and Barratt clean bowled. Total 144. Time 2.55.

The Australians went in wanting 47 to win, and sent in Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Barratt and Mr Morton conducted the bowling. The start by the Colonials was most successful, as four overs produced 20 runs. Bannerman obtained 16 of these by four fours (two cuts, a leg hit and an off-drive). At 32 Jones and Abel were put on. The latter's first ball was returned to him by Mr M'Donnell, and Mr Scott came in. With the score at 36 Mr Bannerman was clean bowled. Mr Giffen joined Mr Scott, who cut Abel for four, and at 20 minutes to 4 Mr Giffen drove the ball to the on into the uncovered stand. This hit won the match for the Australians by eight wickets.

19 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2797.html)

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

The Oxford University eleven, which defeated the Australians on Saturday last, were yesterday opposed to a Gentlemen of England team on the University grounds in the parks. The visitors were far from being a representative side, and owing principally to the batting of Messrs H V Page and K J Key, the home eleven had considerably the best of the day's play. The gentlemen made a very poor show against the bowling of Messrs Whitby and Bastard, the whole side being disposed of for 140. Messrs J G Walker and E J C Studd alone did anything worthy of mention.

Four of the University wickets were down for 58 when Mr Key joined Mr Page, and the two batsmen added 108 runs before they were separated. The total had reached 198 by the time Mr Page was got rid of for an admirable innings of 72, including ten fours, four threes and seven twos. After this few runs were added, and at the conclusion of the Oxford innings play ceased for the day, the home eleven being 72 runs to the good. In the first innings of the gentlemen, Mr Bastard obtained four wickets . . .

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

After the first day's play in the annual match between the Oxford University Eleven and the Gentlemen of England team who visited Oxford, it was general thought that the home side would gain an easy victory. The Gentlemen at the close of the first innings on either side were 72 behind their opponents' total.

Yesterday, however, owing principally to the fine stand made by Messrs I D and J G Walker, who put on 103 runs between the fall of the first and second wicket, the formidable score of 337 was reached before the side was disposed of. Oxford went in again, and when time was called they had lost five wickets for 73 runs. Thus they now require 193 to win, with five wickets to fall . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 May, page 7)

After a capital contest the Oxford University Eleven were beaten yesterday at Oxford by 31 runs. From the position of the game on Tuesday evening, so close a finish was hardly to be expected, as the home side, with only five wickets to fall, wanted no fewer than 193 runs to win the match.

Yesterday Messrs King and Page were both out when the overnight score of 73 was increased to 120; but on Mr Grant-Asher joining Mr Nicholls a determined resistance was offered to the bowling of the Gentlemen, and the victory of the visitors was by no means certain. While these two batsmen were together 70 runs were added to the score. Messrs Whitby and Bastard put on 29 for the last wicket, the innings closing for 234, the Gentlemen of England winning, as stated above, by 31 runs. Mr Robinson took six wickets for 93 runs and Mr Christopherson three wickets for 97 runs.

19 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2796.html)

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

Considering the attraction at Kennington Oval yesterday, the attendance at Lord's was far larger than could have been expected. The weather was dull and chilly, but the wicket was in good condition. Having won the toss, Marylebone sent in Dr W G Grace and Mr Sainsbury, Nash and Barlow having charge of the bowling.

The score was 18 when Dr Grace fell to a smart catch at slip. Barnes filled the vacancy, but 21 runs later lost the company of Mr Sainsbury, who was caught at mid-off. Mr Jones came to the assistance of Barnes. Crossland relieved Barlow at 49. Watson, who went on in lieu of Nash at 37, sent down no fewer than eight maidens, and at 71 Barlow took the ball from Crossland. Despite these changes in the attack, however, the batsmen were still together when luncheon time came.

Subsequently the rate of scoring was exceedingly slow, the bowling being very true. Barlow relinquished the ball to Crossland again at 97, and Mr Jones, by a square-leg hit for four, sent 100 up at 2.35. Five minutes afterwards Barnes completed his 50 with a square-leg hit from which he obtained four. A further variation in the attack was tried at 114, Nash going on for Watson. It was not until 124, however, that a separation was effected, Mr Jones being then clean bowled. During the partnership 85 runs had been added, of which Mr Jones had contributed a well-hit 46. Barnes did not long survive the last-named batsman, as, with the total at 131, Mr Hornby caught him easily at mid-on. Watson disposed of Mr Pontifex at 143, and then Flowers joined Hearne. The latter, by an on-drive for two, raised the score to 150 at a quarter past 4. Runs now came rather more rapidly than hitherto, the scoring being chiefly on the part of Flowers. The Nottingham professional, with an off-drive for three, caused the 200 to be hoisted at 5.15. The last 50 runs had occupied exactly one hour.

Mr Hornby went on at the Pavilion wicket at 201, but as his underhand bowling did not prove successful, Watson resumed at 214, Briggs going on at the other end. At length Flowers was secured at cover-point. He had played very well; among his hits were five fours, two threes and ten twos. Six for 229. Mr Hadow was caught at the wicket at 236, and without any alteration in the total Mr Russel was bowled. Rylott made a single and then was out to an excellent catch at slip. Sherwin then joined Hearne. The last wicket gave Lancashire a great deal of trouble. Both batsmen had a narrow escape of being run out, but they were still unconquered when stumps were drawn for the day.

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

A much more numerous company was present at Lord's yesterday, when this match was resumed, than on the previous day. At 11.30 the Marylebone innings was continued, but it quickly terminated, as Sherwin was easily caught at mid-on . . .

Barlow and Mr Hornby opened the Lancashire batting at ten minutes to 12, the attack being shared by Rylott and Dr Grace (Pavilion end). Mr Hornby was out to an appeal for leg with the total at 12, and Mr Roper, who succeeded him, was caught at point one run later. Robinson joined Barlow, and, as runs came rather rapidly, Dr Grace relinquished the ball to Flowers at 42. This change

proved successful, Robinson being taken at mid-on, after four runs had been added. Briggs occupied the vacant wicket, but speedily lost the company of Barlow. Mr Steel came to the aid of Briggs, who by a cut for four sent 50 up at 1.10. The professional, after having had a narrow escape of being run out, should have been caught at mid-off. Barnes went on for Flowers at 76, but in his second over Mr Steel obtained 12 (three fours - a square-leg hit, an on-drive and a cut). He at once gave way to Dr Grace, and Mr steel soon fell to the dexterity of the wicket-keeper. Watson followed in, and by a single caused 100 to be registered at 1.35. The latter was out to an easy catch by mid-off at 106. Pilling came in and stayed with Briggs until just before the luncheon interval, when he was secured at long-on. Seven for 133.

Mr Crosfield next partnered Briggs, and the latter, by an on-drive for four, sent 150 up within a few minutes of 3 o'clock. The amateur obstructed his wicket at 156, while Crossland was got rid of four runs afterwards. Nash assisted Briggs to raise the score to 187, the last-named being then finely caught by Mr Jones on the boundary, running from long-on. His principal hits were 12 fours, three threes and five twos. Dr Grace claimed six wickets . . .

Being 99 runs behind, Lancashire had to follow on, and at 3.20 Barlow and Mr Hornby began their second venture to the bowling of Rylott and Dr Grace. Runs were scored somewhat freely, and among other items Mr Hornby hit Dr Grace to leg for four, the ball going right over the Tennis Court. Rylott handed the ball to Barnes at 39, while Dr Grace gave way to Flowers at 47. With the first ball of his second over, Barnes clean bowled Mr Hornby. After his departure the wickets were captured very fast, and the innings eventually ended at 5.15. Flowers took six wickets . . . It will be seen, from the appended score, that Marylebone won by an innings and four runs.

22 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2801.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 May, page 8)

English cricketers will naturally be pleased with the start made yesterday by their representatives at Lord's. Dr W G Grace played up to his old form and gave many illustrations of the masterly way in which he can place the ball. Mr Steel played a wonderfully fine innings for his 134, when a delicate piece of stumping dismissed him. Barnes played a capital not out innings.

Marylebone won the toss, and within five minutes of noon Dr Grace and Mr I D Walker opened the batting. The bowling was intrusted to Mr Palmer (pavilion wicket) and Mr Cooper. Mr Walker led off with a single off Mr Cooper, and in the same bowler's third over he cut the ball through the slips for four. Up to this point Mr Palmer had sent down three maiden overs. Dr Grace then cut him for a couple, and afterwards sent him to square leg for a couple. Sixteen overs realized 18 runs, and when 20 had been reached, Dr W G Grace was appealed against on the ground that he had been stumped; but the umpire replied in the negative. Dr Grace then made a splendid drive for four, and after four singles had been made a fine piece of fielding was shown by Mr Bannerman. When 30 runs were obtained Mr Palmer handed the ball to Mr Spofforth. Mr Walker made four by a late cut, through the misfielding of Mr Scott. Forty runs were made in as many minutes through a cut by Dr Grace. Five singles ensued, and then only three runs were scored in six overs, when Mr I D Walker was taken by Mr Spofforth at point. One for 45.

Mr J G Walker filled the vacancy, and 50 runs were signalled at 1 o'clock. Fifty five were the result of the first hour's play. Dr Grace, among minor hits, made an off drive for four from Mr Cooper's bowling. There was a check, however, after this, a single only being obtained in three overs. Quickly afterwards Dr Grace cut the ball magnificently for four. With the total at 71 Mr Cooper handed the ball to Mr Giffen, and from his second delivery Mr J G Walker was smartly secured by the wicket-keeper. Two for 72. Mr Studd came in, but did little to aid his side, as at 75 he was taken at forward short leg. Three down. Mr Steel came in, and the batting soon assumed formidable proportions. The latter gave a possible chance at wicket with the total at 85. Dr Grace completed his 50 runs at a quarter to 1. Mr Steel then sent Mr Giffen to the off for four. A two-fold change in the bowling was then adopted - Messrs Palmer and Cooper being put on. The "100" was reached at ten minutes to 1. The next item of interest was made by a drive by the Gloucestershire captain to the on for four. Mr Steel made a cut for three, and then luncheon was announced.

At a quarter to 3 Mr Steel and Dr Grace, the not outs, with 24 and 64 respectively, continued the Marylebone batting. Mr Cooper led off the attack from the nursery wicket. Mr Steel made a single, while Dr Grace drove Mr Cooper to the on for a couple. Mr Spofforth bowled from the pavilion end, and his first over proved a maiden. Twenty-four runs came from the next ten overs, and then Dr Grace, by a single off Mr Giffen, who had relieved Mr Cooper at 145, caused 150 to be registered at ten minutes past 3 o'clock. Runs were now obtained at an exceedingly slow rate, the bowling of Mr Spofforth being very true. A further change in the attack was tried at 170, Mr Giffen giving way to Mr Palmer. The last ball of the latter's first over Mr Steel cut for a quartette. Mr Spofforth relinquished the ball to Mr Scott without further alteration in the score. Dr Grace placed the new bowler to leg for four, while Mr Steel obtained the same number for a like hit off Mr Palmer. Three singles were added, and Dr Grace, after securing three by a cut off the last-named, with an on drive for a couple from Mr Scott, completed his "100," amid the greatest enthusiasm, at 20 minutes to 4. The third delivery of Mr Palmer's, three overs later, proved fatal to him, however,

as he was out to an appeal for leg before. Four for 199. Included in Mr Grace's hits were four fours, four threes and 11 twos.

Barnes joined Mr Steel, and Mr Midwinter relieved Mr Scott. Mr Steel drove his first ball to the on for two, which sent "200" up at 3.50. The score now rose rather rapidly. The amateur drove Mr Midwinter to the pavilion rails for four, and Barnes opened his score by a leg hit for four and a cut for three off Mr Palmer. The professional next placed Mr Midwinter to square leg for two, which Mr Steel supplemented by an off drive for three off the other bowler. The last-named batsman made six in Mr Palmer's next over, and this bowler handed the ball to Mr Cooper at 228, while Mr Giffen went on for Mr Midwinter at 238. Runs now came faster than ever, no fewer than 12 being made in Mr Giffen's second over. Mr Steel completed his "100" at 4.20, the "250" going up at the same time. Again the bowling was varied, Mr Spofforth crossing over to the nursery end. This alteration at once stopped the run-getting, but as no wicket fell the players adjourned a few minutes for refreshments.

On resuming, Mr Bonnor bowled in place of Mr Giffen. Yet this did not bring about the desired separation, and Barnes, by a four through the slips, caused "300" to be hoisted at five minutes to five. An addition of 13 was made and Mr Bonnor then retired in favour of Mr Midwinter. Mr Steel was splendidly stumped off the latter's third delivery. No fewer than 114 runs had been put on during the late partnership. Mr Steel had played his most brilliant innings, and his chief items were 14 fours, five threes and 13 twos. Mr O'Brien came to the aid of Barnes, and after a few overs he played with that great freedom which characterized his great innings against the Australians at Oxford last week. Despite the variations in the attack, it was not until 122 runs had been added that Mr O'Brien was out to a very fine catch by Mr Midwinter running from long-off. Six for 435. The next three batsmen were quickly disposed of, but on Sherwin joining Barnes the pair played out time . . .

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

The promise made by the English cricketers on Thursday was fully borne out yesterday at Lord's. It is computed that there were quite 20,000 spectators present, the weather again being fine. No fewer than three of the English team reached "100," Barnes, who did not go in until fourth wicket down, carrying out his bat for 105.

On behalf of the Australians, Mr Murdoch in the second innings did all that he could to avert defeat; but, as will be seen from the subjoined details, he found no one to stop with him. It is to be regretted that Mr Midwinter was unable to bat, as it takes away a certain amount of credit from the Marylebone Club for a victory which, in the opinion of most judges of the game, they would certainly have obtained under any circumstances.

Within a minute of 11.30, Barnes, not out 95, and Sherwin, not out five, were opposed by Mr Spofforth (pavilion end) and Mr Giffen. The third ball of the former Barnes cut for three, and then by an off drive for five (one by an overthrow) he completed his 100 at 11.35. In Mr Spofforth's next over Barnes scored a single, while Sherwin obtained four from a leg hit and also a single. Only two runs were added, and then the second ball of Mr Giffen's third over proved fatal to Sherwin, the latter being clean bowled at 20 minutes to 12. Barnes's splendid innings contained a five, six fours, eight threes and six twos.

Five minutes after noon Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell appeared for the Australians. Mr

Rotherham had charge of the bowling at the pavilion wicket, and Woof of that at the nursery end. The first ball of Mr Rotherham's Mr Bannerman drove to the off for four, which he followed up with a single from the same bowler. Six overs realized 13 runs. Mr M'Donnell then secured eight (an off drive and a leg hit for four each) from Mr Rotherham. Either bowler sent down a maiden, and then Mr M'Donnell drove Woof to the off for four, while Mr Bannerman supplemented by two off-drives for four each. A double change in the attack was now tried, Mr Steel going on in place of Woof at the nursery wicket, while Mr Studd relieved Mr Rotherham at the opposite end. This for a time stopped the run-getting, both bowlers opening with a maiden over.

After Mr Bannerman had made rather a dangerous hit near Mr Steel for a single, Mr M'Donnell drove Mr Studd to the off for four. Mr Steel bowled another maiden, but Dr Grace should have caught Mr M'Donnell at long-off from the first delivery of Mr Studd. After his narrow escape this batsman immediately drove Mr Studd for a quartette, while the next ball but one he sent right over the pavilion and out of the ground for six, this causing "50" to be signalled at 12.35. Dr Grace, owing to an injury to his hand, again let off Mr M'Donnell in the long field, when that batsman had made 49. Runs were now obtained in a most rapid manner, until at 87 Mr M'Donnell was easily stumped. One down. Despite the chances, the outgoing batsman's innings was very brilliant, and comprised a six, nine fours, a three and seven twos.

Mr Murdoch filled the vacancy, and by an on-drive for three, caused the "100" to be hoisted at 1.10; that number having taken just an hour in being made. Two runs later, and Mr Studd, who had been bowling very well, disposed of Mr Bannerman. Mr Giffen joined Mr Murdoch, and after the dismissal of the former, the score gradually rose, until at 134 Woof, who had gone on in lieu of Mr Steel at 97, gave way to the Gloucestershire captain. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, Mr Murdoch falling to a smart catch at the wicket. Four for 144. Mr Bonnor came in, and by a square leg hit for a couple sent "150" up. Blackham then gave an easy chance to Mr J G Walker at point. Which the latter failed to accept. Mr O'Brien misjudged a lofty hit of Mr Bonnor's at long on, but this, as it proved, mattered little, as the third ball he played under and it went into the hands of slip. Five for 154. It wanted only two or three minutes to 2 o'clock, and an adjournment was made for luncheon.

On resuming Mr Blackham was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Scott. The former hit Dr Grace's third ball into the hands of cover-point without any addition to the score. Mr Palmer followed in, but at 162 he lost the assistance of Mr Scott, who returned the ball to Dr Grace. Six runs later, Mr Palmer played on, and Mr Spofforth, after making 15, fell to a catch at the wicket. Nine for 184. owing to an injured hand, Mr Midwinter did not go in, and the innings thus closed at 3.20.

Being 297 in arrear, the Australians had to follow on, and at a quarter to 4 Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell started their second venture. Mr Studd and Dr Grace were intrusted with the attack. Mr Bannerman scored a single in either over, and an appeal for leg before against that batsman was given in his favour. The last-named then drove Dr Grace to the on for a four and a two. Mr Studd bowled a maiden, but then finely caught Mr M'Donnell, running backwards from cover point, off Dr Grace's second ball. One for eight. Mr Bonnor joined Mr Bannerman, but had only made a single when he was splendidly stumped by Sherwin. Two for nine.

Mr Murdoch came next, and Mr Bannerman placed Mr Studd to square leg for four. Mr Murdoch scored a couple through the slips and a single to the off from Dr Grace. One run came from four overs, and then Bannerman enlivened the play by driving Mr Studd to the on boundary for four. The scoring for some time was chiefly made by Mr Bannerman, his principal items in ten overs

being three fours (an off drive, an on drive and a square leg hit). Mr Studd handed the ball to Mr Rotherham at 37. The new bowler sent down five maidens, but the last ball of the sixth over the Australian captain cut crisply to the boundary for four. Dr Grace, having bowled eight overs for a single, completely baffled Mr Bannerman. Three for 42.

Mr Giffen occupied the vacant wicket and opened his score with a single. He then made six - a leg hit for two and a drive for four - from Mr Rotherham's next over, while he drove Dr Grace to the on for four; the ball might possibly have been caught by Flowers had not the people been sitting about ten deep inside the boundary. Mr Giffen hit Mr Rotherham to leg for four, while Mr Murdoch placed the same bowler to square leg for a like number. For the second time during the day the ball was hit out of the ground, on this occasion by Mr Giffen with an on drive from Dr Grace. Flowers relieved Mr Rotherham with the total at 70, and off the second ball of his second over Mr Giffen was out to a well-judged catch by Mr O'Brien at long on. Four for 75.

Mr Blackham filled the vacancy, and in the first over he received from Dr Grace he made eight (on drives for four and two and a leg hit for a couple). At 85, however, Dr Grace finely caught and bowled Mr Blackham. Mr Scott came in, but after making two, he was nearly run out, owing to a splendid piece of fielding by Mr A G Steel at cover point. Runs were obtained rather fast off Dr Grace, and among smaller hits Mr Scott drove him to the off for four, and a leg and square leg hits gained eight more. The 100 was registered at 5.30, and at 109 Mr Steel went on for Dr Grace. This change proved most successful as Mr Scott was easily stumped off Mr Steel's first ball, while Mr Palmer was bowled without any addition to the score.

Mr Spofforth then joined his captain, who drove Flowers to the on for two and Mr Steel to the off boundary for a quartette. Mr Spofforth next hit Mr Steel to leg for a similar number. Both batsmen hit very freely, and Mr Murdoch by an off drive for four shot the total up to "150" at 6 o'clock. Flowers gave way to Mr Studd seven runs later, and at 162 Barnes relieved Mr Steel. The latter variation had the desired effect, as Mr Spofforth, after Mr Murdoch had increased the total to 167, was clean bowled by Barnes. Mr Spofforth's 37 included six fours and three threes.

Mr Cooper joined Mr Murdoch, who scored a couple off either bowler. The score was advanced, chiefly by small hits, to 182, when Mr Cooper obstructed his wicket. Mr Midwinter was unable to go in, and the Australians were consequently beaten by an innings and 115 runs. Mr Murdoch batted in his old form and tried hard to retrieve the day. Among his hits were five fours, a three and six twos.

22 May: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/802.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 May, page 8)

The company present at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the opening day's play in this match was rather a small one, but this may readily be accounted for by the great interest evinced in the meeting of the Marylebone Club and the Australians. Having won the toss, the visitors decided to go in. Mainly owing to the superb bowling of Jones and Barrett, they were disposed of for the meagre score of 70. The former bowler claimed seven wickets . . .

Mr Diver and Abel started the Surrey innings at a quarter to 2. Abel was caught by point at 21, and Mr Shuter, who succeeded him, [put] the ball into the hands of the same fielder at 49. Mr W W Read assisted Mr Diver, until the latter was caught in the slips with the score at 72. The Surrey eleven were eventually got rid of for 207. Mr Bowden played with great freedom towards the finish of the venture.

Being 137 behind, Hampshire went in a second time, and this number they had succeeded in reducing to 12 for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn for the day.

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

This match was concluded yesterday at Kennington Oval, Surrey winning by seven wickets.

22 May: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2800.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 May, page 8)

Two excellent innings were played yesterday at Manchester in the first match of the season between Lancashire and Derbyshire. For the home side Briggs hit in a most brilliant style, and out of 172 runs scored while he was at the wickets, he contributed no fewer than 112. His chief hits were nine 4's, five 3's and thirteen 2's.

When the visitors went in, Sugg, who last year played on several occasions in the Yorkshire county team, and who in this match appears for the first time for Derbyshire, showed some very fine batting. The other members of the eleven offered little resistance to the Lancashire bowling, and of the 106 runs added while he was in, Sugg made 73, including nine 4's, two 3's and six 2's. Derbyshire had the worst of the day's play, and when stumps were drawn at half-past 6 they were 131 runs behind with four wickets to fall . . .

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

The match between these counties was continued yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 May, page 12)

A quarter of an hour's play sufficed to finish this match at Manchester on Saturday. Overnight, Derbyshire, who wanted 158 to win, had lost seven wickets for 107. To this total however, the last three batsmen only added eight between them, and the game ended in a victory for Lancashire by 42 runs. The feature of the last innings was the splendid bowling of Barlow, who took seven wickets . . .

22 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v C I THORNTON'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2799.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 May, page 8)

The University Eleven showed to considerable advantage yesterday at Cambridge in the annual match against the England team taken down by Mr C I Thornton. The visiting Eleven was not a strong one, but it was certainly expected that they would give a good display of batting. Mr Burls played very well, his 36 including two 4's and three 3's, but only three other members of the team got into double figures, and the side were all out for 115. Mr Smith obtained four wickets . . .

Messrs Studd and Wright made a good start for the University, the score being taken to 45 before the fall of the first wicket. After this, Mr Paravicini hit very freely, and when stumps were drawn for the day, the home team, with one wicket to fall, were 74 runs ahead. In Mr Studd's 44 were five 4's and four 3's, while Mr Paravicini's chief hits were three 4's and four 3's.

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

The aspect of this match at Cambridge changed completely yesterday, for whereas the visitors were considerably behind on the first day they have now set the University 246 runs to get in their second innings.

Some good batting was shown by Mr Thornton, Mr Vernon and Ulyett; but the feature of the day was the splendid stand made by Bates and Mr A J Webbe, who added 164 runs to the score while together. Bates played in grand style and had made 113 before he was caught at long-on, his splendid innings including 11 fours, eight threes and nine twos. The total in the end reached 324. Cambridge, on going in, lost one wicket for 15 before the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Monday 26 May, page 12)

At Cambridge on Saturday the University Eleven were severely beaten by Mr C I Thornton's selected England team. It will be remembered that on Friday night Cambridge, with one wicket down, required the large total of 231 runs to win. They proved quite unequal to the task set them, as they were all disposed of for 132, and the England Eleven won by 113 runs.

The only batsmen who were able to resist the England bowling were Mr Greatorex and Mr Marchant, who during their partnership put on 42 runs. The former played good cricket for 24 and the latter batted admirably for 20. Emmett's bowling proved most effective, as he took five wickets at the moderate cost of 54 runs.

26 May: ENGLAND XI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2804.html)

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

A singular and most interesting day's play took place yesterday at Birmingham in the match between the colonial team and a mixed Gentlemen of England and Players, selected by Mr H Rotherham. One day, indeed, sufficed to bring it to a close. Thirty six wickets fell for 217 runs. Twenty of these were "extras," and of the 197 runs obtained from the bat, three - Mr P S M'Donnell, Mr J G Walker and Mr L C Docker - scored between them 80. No one but the three players named reached double figures.

The English team went in first and were dismissed for 82. Mr Spofforth took seven wickets for 34 runs. The Australians then went in and were dismissed very cheaply by Mr Rotherham and Barlow, who got rid of them for only 76 runs. Barlow's seven wickets were captured for 31. Up to this time the scoring, though very small, had not been exceedingly so. Now, however, the worn, bare wicket gave way and became almost unplayable, or as nearly unplayable as a wicket can be in dry weather. Mr Spofforth quite eclipsed his previous performances, and in 35 balls took seven wickets for three runs. No one seemed able to stand at all against him, and the wickets fell with a rapidity almost comical.

The colonials had 33 runs to get to win, and Barlow and Mr Christopherson bowled with such effect that six wickets were down when 28 runs had been scored. Mr M'Donnell, as in the previous innings, was the only man that proved able to do anything with the bowling. With four wickets to fall and five runs to make, Messrs Bonnor and Scott became partners. They made the necessary runs, and so this extraordinary match ended in a victory for the Australians by four wickets. The second innings of the English team lasted only three-quarters of an hour, and the excitement of the spectators was tremendous.

On such a wicket as that of yesterday good cricket was of course out of the question, and there can be no doubt that it was unwise to arrange an important match on a ground so palpably unequal to what was required of it. However, the annals of the game have been enriched by some scoring as curious in its minute proportions at that of Thursday was for its gigantic dimensions.

26 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2803.html)

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

The University eleven fared very badly yesterday at Cambridge in the first day's play of their annual match against Yorkshire. Of the announced team, the Hon M B Hawke and Mr C A Smith were absentees, their places being filled by the Hon C M Knatchbull-Hugessen and Mr M H Milner.

Owing to the excellent bowling of Emmett and Harrison, the Cambridge eleven, who went in first, were all got rid of for the small total of 114, only four men making double figures. Emmett took six wickets for 34 runs and Harrison four for 44. when Yorkshire went to the wickets, Ulyett and Wardall were soon disposed of, but Hall and Bates made a most determined stand. When time was called for the day, these two batsmen were still together, and the total was 163 for two wickets. Thus Yorkshire, with eight wickets to fall, are 49 runs to the good.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 May, page 10)

It is indeed remarkable, in view of the fact that until last week there was no record of an innings in a first-class match in England in which there were three individual scores of a hundred or more, that this wonderful performance should be repeated so soon after the accomplishment of the feat for the first time in this country.

Yesterday, at Cambridge, the Yorkshire eleven were not got rid of in their annual match with the University Eleven until the total had reached 539. Of this number, Bates made 133, Hall 116 and Grimshaw 115. Bates's chief hits were 16 fours, eight threes and ten twos, while in Hall's innings were 11 fours, six threes and 14 twos, and in Grimshaw's score were 15 fours and six threes. Mr Greatorex did not go on bowling until very late indeed, but he obtained three wickets in four overs for four runs . . .

Cambridge went in a second time, requiring 425 runs to save a single innings defeat, and when play ceased for the day they had lost one wicket for 19 runs.

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

Yesterday at Cambridge, the University Eleven were decisively beaten by Yorkshire, who won by an innings and 203 runs. The general display made by the home side was singularly disappointing. Although the wicket was in good order, Cambridge on Monday were unable to score more than 114 in their first innings.

After Yorkshire had obtained the large total of 539, the prospects of Cambridge were hopeless. Their only chance was a draw, but this they were unable to make and the match ended as stated above. Mr Marchant played good cricket for 27, and Mr Turner carried out his bat for a well-hit 63. In the second innings of Cambridge, Ulyett took three wickets for 22 runs . . .

26 May: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2807.html)

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

Middlesex opened their season yesterday at Lord's, where they encountered the powerful eleven of Nottinghamshire. The weather was very fine and the company numerous. Having won the toss the home team decided to go in, and a few minutes after noon Messrs Walker and Webbe started their batting, the attack being shared by Shaw and Wright.

Only two runs had been obtained when a fine catch at slip by Barnes got rid of Mr Walker. Mr O'Brien joined Mr Webbe, and both batsmen played with great caution for a while. The score, chiefly by the contributions of Mr O'Brien, was advanced to 50, when a double change in the bowling was tried. Barnes went on for Shaw, while Wright handed the ball to Attewell. This brought about the desired separation, as only two runs had been added when Mr O'Brien was secured at slip. Mr C T Studd filled the vacancy, but with the total at 71 lost the assistance of Mr Webbe, who, having played a most patient innings, was bowled. Mr Ridley came in, and at 2 o'clock 85 were registered.

On resuming after luncheon, the bowling of the visitors was very true, and consequently runs were obtained but slowly. Mr Studd, by a cut for two, caused the 100 to be signalled at 10 minutes past 3 o'clock. Wright went on in lieu of Barnes at 101, and 10 runs later Shaw took Attewell's place. A further variation in the attack was tried at 122, Flowers relieving Wright at the pavilion end. This change proved successful, as after Mr Ridley had given a difficult chance to mid-on, Mr Studd obstructed his wicket. His chief hits were four fours, three threes and five twos. Four for 127.

Mr Vernon occupied the vacant wicket, but lost the aid of Mr Ridley with an addition of three runs. Five down. Mr Pearson joined Mr Vernon, and the former by a straight drive for two sent 150 up at 4.20. Shaw gave way to Attewell at 155, and Mr Pearson was bowled at 164. Perkins's stay was brief and fruitless, as also was that of Mr Robertson. Burton next joined Mr Vernon, and, despite numerous changes in the bowling, Burton by a single to leg sent 200 up at 5.5. Mills superseded Wright at 206. At 232 Mr Vernon was smartly taken at the wicket. He had played with great freedom, his 50 including five fours, four threes and three twos. The eleventh batsman did not give a great deal of trouble, and the innings closed at 5.35 for 235. Six bowlers were put on . . .

Scotton and Shrewsbury commenced the Nottinghamshire batting at five minutes to six, Mr Studd and Mr Robertson being the bowlers. Mr Robertson, after sending down four maiden overs, clean bowled Scotton. Barnes joined Shrewsbury . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 May, page 10)

This match was continued yesterday at Lord's in fine weather. At the close of Monday's play Middlesex had completed an innings for 235, while Nottinghamshire had lost one wicket for 39 runs.

Yesterday morning, at ten minutes past 11, Shrewsbury and Barnes, the overnight not-outs, with 14 and 24 respectively, were opposed by Mr Studd and Mr Walker. Barnes was caught at short leg after ten runs had been added, and Flowers came in. The "60" was reached at 11.35. Mr Walker

handed the ball to Burton at 68, and, without any alteration in the total, Flowers was caught at mid-off. Three down. Gunn joined Shrewsbury, but was bowled before he had scored. Selby next partnered Shrewsbury, and before the former failed to stop a delivery of Mr Robertson's the pair had added 32 runs. Five for 101.

Attewell filled the vacancy, but Mr Robertson got rid of him with the total at 123. Shrewsbury saw the seventh batsman disposed of, and then fell to a catch at the wicket. He had played a splendid innings and among his hits were eight fours, three threes and ten twos. The innings eventually closed at 1.30. Four bowlers had been put on. Mr Robertson claimed five wickets . . .

At a quarter to 2 Middlesex, who had an advantage of 71 runs, commenced their second venture with Messrs Walker and Webbe. Barnes and Flowers had charge of the bowling. The batsmen had made 11 runs when luncheon time arrived. On the resumption of play the bowlers were the same as before. The score was taken to 18, when Flowers clean bowled Mr Webbe. Mr O'Brien came to the aid of Mr Walker, and runs were made rather fast. Barnes gave way to Attewell at 37, and after Mr O'Brien had cut the new bowler for four the ball found its way into his wicket. Mr Studd did not long have the assistance of Mr Walker, the latter being finely taken at the wicket with the score at 46.

Mr Ridley followed in, and the "50" was hoisted at 3.35. Mills went on for Flowers at 52, but Mr Studd immediately cut him for four. Mr Ridley was then bowled by Attewell, and Mr Vernon, who succeeded him, was disposed of in the same manner. Five down. Mr Studd was baffled by a ball of Attewell's at 79, and Perkins obstructed his wicket at 82. Only seven runs were added when Mr Robertson fell to an easy catch at mid-on, and seven runs afterwards Burton was bowled. Mr Pearson saw the remaining batsmen dismissed, the innings closing at 20 minutes to 5 for 113. Of the five bowlers tried, Attewell proved by far the most successful, taking seven wickets (five clean bowled) . . .

Wanting 185 runs for victory, Nottinghamshire opened their batting with Scotton and Shrewsbury a few minutes after 5 o'clock. Mr Studd and Mr Robertson were the bowlers. Shrewsbury was caught at point before he had scored, and Barnes took his place. Despite the numerous changes in the bowling, the batsmen played out "time" . . .

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

Although at the close of an innings each, Middlesex had an advantage of 71 runs, their opponents played up so well that the home county's second venture realized but 113, a result mainly attributable to the excellent bowling of Attewell. This left Nottinghamshire 185 runs to get in order to win, and when play ceased on Tuesday evening, they had obtained 101 of them for the loss of one wicket.

Yesterday morning, at a quarter to 12 o'clock, Scotton, not out 63, and Barnes, not out 34, continued the visitors' batting to the bowling of Mr Robertson, at the nursery end, and Mr Studd. The former opened with a maiden, but in Mr Studd's over each batsman scored a single. With the exception of a cut for three by Scotton and three byes, runs came at a very slow rate until Scotton greatly enlivened the game by scoring eight (leg hits for four and two twos) in Mr Robertson's fifth over. This caused the latter to give way to Burton at 122. The chief items for some time were an off drive for two and a square leg hit for four by Barnes, while Scotton secured two for an off drive. The last-named batsman having made 81 gave a somewhat easy chance to Mr Ridley at long off.

Barnes now drove either bowler to the off for two, while his partner obtained a couple of singles. Mr Studd handed the ball to Mr O'Brien at 140. Scotton cut the new bowler's first ball for two, and the second he drove to the off for three; the last, however, nearly proved fatal to him, owing to a smart return by Mr Walker. Barnes hit Mr O'Brien to leg for three, and his companion, by a single from the other bowler, caused 150 to be hoisted at 12.30. Mr Studd resumed bowling at the pavilion end without any addition to the score, but Scotton cut his first delivery to the boundary. Mr Ridley went on for Burton at 154. Barnes, however, cut his first ball to the boundary for four. Each bowler sent down two maidens, and then Scotton drove Mr Studd to the off for two. The second ball of Mr Ridley's next over found its way into Barnes's wicket. The latter had played a splendid innings; among his hits were three fours, three threes and 10 twos. No fewer than 158 runs had been made during the late partnership, Barnes having joined Scotton when only two runs were registered.

Flowers came in, and Scotton completed his hundred by a single to square leg, at 10 minutes to 1. Flowers next obtained four (by an off drive), and Mr Robertson received the ball from Mr Ridley at 168. The last-named batsman drove Mr Studd to the off for four, and after making two more he cut the same bowler for three, which hit was increased to five by an overthrow. Meanwhile Mr Robertson had bowled five maiden overs, and the second ball of the sixth over Flowers played hard into his wicket. Three for 180. Of the 20 runs added while he was in, the outgoing batsman scored 17.

Gunn filled the vacancy; his stay, however, proved brief and unproductive. Attewell joined Scotton, and the former soon secured three from a lofty on drive. Mr Studd bowled another maiden, but Scotton sent Mr Robertson's next ball to leg for three, and thus won the match for Nottinghamshire by six wickets. Scotton's innings was a very fine one, and comprised one five, six fours, six threes and 15 twos. Great credit is due to Scotton and Barnes for the manner in which they played, and, considering the state of the wicket, the performance was exceedingly good. Of the seven Middlesex bowlers tried, Messrs Robertson and Ridley were alone successful . . .

May 26: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2805.html)

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

At Gloucester yesterday the first match of the season between these counties was commenced in delightful weather. The result of the first day's play was highly creditable to the visitors, who when stumps were drawn were only 26 runs behind, with four wickets to fall. The wicket was hard and played very fast.

Gloucestershire, who won the toss, went in first and scored a first innings of 171. Dr W G Grace, although suffering from an injured hand, played a very fine not-out innings of 56, which included six fours, one three and six twos. The home county played minus the services of some of their best amateurs.

Sussex, on going in to bat, made a very poor start, losing four of their best batsmen for 17 runs; but when Mr McCormick and Humphreys got together the aspect of the game was soon altered, and 111 runs were put on while they were partners. The former hit with great brilliancy, while Humphreys played sound cricket. Jesse Hide took five Gloucestershire wickets for 37 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 May, page 10)

At Gloucester yesterday, the match between the home county and Sussex ended most unexpectedly in the defeat of Gloucestershire by seven wickets. The visitors, who on Monday night had scored 145 for six wickets, yesterday completed their innings for 179, just eight runs ahead of their opponents' total. Woof took six wickets for 65 runs.

In their second innings the Gloucestershire batsmen failed in a most inexplicable manner. After Dr W G Grace was caught for a single, wickets fell rapidly. With the exception of Messrs Clowes and Gilbert, none of the side obtained double figures. The wicket played very well and fast, but Jesse Hide's bowling proved most destructive, and the second innings of Gloucestershire terminated for 66. J Hide took seven wickets for 22 runs. Sussex had only 59 runs to get to win, and these they obtained for the loss of three wickets.

26 May: KENT v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2806.html)

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

In bright and fine but somewhat cold weather the Kentish eleven began a match against the Hampshire county team at Gravesend yesterday. Neither side put a fairly returned eleven into the field, but the home county particularly missed the services of Messrs Christopherson and Alfred Penn during their opponents' long innings.

Hampshire went in first, and remained at the wicket from 10 minutes past 12 until half-past 5, during which time they put together a total of 351. Captain Spens, Mr Longman, Leat and Mr Armstrong all hit freely - the first named especially played a most dashing innings of 60, in which the chief figures were seven fours, three threes and four twos. Included in Leat's 63 were five fours, five threes and six twos. Kent tried seven bowlers . . .

It will be seen from the following score that Kent on going in lost two good wickets for 43 runs up to the expiration of time, and have now, therefore, all the worst of the match.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 May, page 10)

In beautiful weather yesterday these counties resumed their match at Gravesend. Overnight Hampshire had completed an innings for 351, while Kent had lost two wickets in obtaining 43, thus the visitors had considerably the better of the game.

G G Hearne, however, who was not out on the previous evening, hit with great effect, and to him in a great measure was due the capital show made by Kent. In conjunction with Mr Jones, he raised the total to 75 for the third wicket, with Mr Thornton he put on 53 for the fourth, and with Mr Kemp 51 for the fifth. At length Hearne was dismissed at 201 for a capital 116, in which were nine fours, 12 threes and 11 twos. With eighteen wickets down and still wanting 71 runs to save the follow on, matters looked very bad for the home side, but Wootton, Pentecost and F Hearne hit hard, and as will be seen put on 98 for the last two wickets. Hampshire tried six bowlers . . .

Hampshire made a disastrous start in their second innings and lost five of their best batsmen for 15 runs. Messrs Longman and Armstrong, however, then got together and before they were separated put on 133 runs. Both were missed, but their hitting was very fine and was done at a time when everything depended on them. With three wickets to fall, Hampshire were now 201 runs on.

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

Lord Harris and the two Hearnese batted in excellent style at Gravesend yesterday, and it was entirely due to them that Kent were enabled to obtain a victory over Hampshire by seven wickets. Hampshire, who, it will be remembered, had made 149 in their second attempt for the loss of seven wickets on Tuesday, finished off their innings for 190, thus setting Kent the large number of 243 to win.

Frank Hearne and Collins opened the Kentish batting. At 17 the latter was dismissed, and G G

Hearne joined his brother, F Hearne, who hit with great freedom, made 51 out of 69 and was then bowled, and Lord Harris came in. From this point the bowling was completely mastered. The batsmen played carefully up to luncheon, but afterwards hit with great vigour. While they were together 136 runs were put on before Hearne was caught at slip, and the third wicket fell at 217. Lord Harris and Mr Jones speedily obtained the necessary runs, and the game ended just after 5 o'clock. Lord Harris gave one difficult chance when he had made 47, but otherwise his not-out innings of 112 was a display of vigorous batting. His chief figures were a six, eight fours, 12 threes and four twos.

Thursday 29 May, page 6: THE AUSTRALIANS v THE GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

Owing to an injury to his hand, Mr Rotherham will be unable to take part in this match, which begins at Lord's to-day, and Mr Christopherson (Kent) has been asked to fill the vacancy. The remaining ten players are: - Lord Harris (Kent), Mr W G Grace (Gloucestershire), Mr A G Steel (Lancashire), Mr C T Studd (Middlesex), Mr J A Bush (Gloucestershire), Mr G F Vernon (Middlesex), Mr W W Read (Surrey), Mr E J Diver (Surrey), Mr J Robertson (Middlesex) and Mr A W Ridley (Middlesex).

29 May: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2809.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 May, page 7)

It is again to be regretted that in the opening match against the Gentlemen of England at Lord's, which was commenced yesterday, the Australians should have been deprived of the assistance of their most prominent bowler - Mr Spofforth. A drive by Mr Read struck him so badly on the arm that he was obliged to retire.

The play of the English Gentlemen was exceedingly good. Mr Ridley carried off the palm, and save a chance at square-leg his batting was almost faultless. Mr Vernon's innings was characterized by its freedom. The Australians' batting proved feeble, with the exception of Messrs Blackham and Bonnor, the latter of whom made an on-drive which sent the ball over the members' enclosure, and from there it bounded over the wall. A noticeable feature was the excellent way in which the Gentlemen of England placed their field. It is almost unnecessary to say that the attendance was large, but more than 10,000 passed through the turnstile.

Successful in the toss, the England team commenced batting at 10 minutes past 12. Dr Grace and Lord Harris were their first representatives. Mr Spofforth bowled from the pavilion wicket and Mr Boyle conducted the attack from the Nursery end. Mr Spofforth sent down a maiden, but the second ball of Mr Boyle's Lord Harris cut for two. After Dr Grace have made a single off Mr Spofforth, his companion drove the same bowler to the on for a couple. Dr Grace supplemented these hits by a cut for two from either end, and ten runs had been made in as many minutes. The Gloucestershire captain, after making a single off each bowler, drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four. Lord Harris sent Mr Boyle to leg for a like number, while Dr Grace, having scored a single, obtained four by a square-leg hit from Mr Boyle. Runs now came much slower - nine only being realized in 14 overs. Dr Grace added a couple, but after Lord Harris had cut Mr Boyle for two, the former was out to a good catch at short mid on.

Mr Read filled the vacancy, and soon opened his score with a single. Lord Harris obtained seven (cuts for four and three) from Mr Spofforth, and then with a leg hit for two caused "50" to be hoisted at 1.5. Mr Read drove Mr Spofforth straight for two, and without further addition to the total, Mr Palmer relieved Mr Boyle. Lord Harris hit the new bowler twice to leg for two, and Mr Read cut Mr Spofforth for a couple. The first ball of the latter's next over Mr Read drove hard on to Mr Spofforth's arm, which caused a delay of a few minutes; Mr Spofforth, however, finished his over, bowling underarm, and then retired from the field. For a short time Mr Ridley was substitute, but eventually Mr Christopherson fielded for the visitors up to 2 o'clock.

On play being resumed, Lord Harris was clean bowled, and Mr Studd joined Mr Read, but after an appeal for a catch at the wicket the second ball he received completely baffled him. Three for 58. Mr Steel came next, and Mr Midwinter bowled in Mr Spofforth's place. Mr Read immediately hit him to leg for four, and the last ball of the same over he drove to the off for two. Mr Steel made a single from Mr Palmer, and Mr Read secured two for an off-drive. This the latter followed up by securing four (a cut and an on-drive for three) from Mr Midwinter, who handed the ball to Mr Giffen at 72. This stopped the score from rising so rapidly until Mr Read hit Mr Giffen to leg for four and obtained three by a similar stroke from the last ball of the same over. Four leg-byes were registered, after which Mr Steel drove Mr Giffen to the boundary for four. He added another single before losing the company of Mr Read, whom Mr Giffen clean bowled. Four for 98.

Mr Ridley came to the assistance of Mr Steel, who by an off-drive for four sent up "100" at 10 minutes to 2 o'clock. The same batsman next drove Mr Palmer to the on for two, while Mr Ridley made three by a leg hit. The latter scored one, after which Mr Steel drove Mr Palmer for two and cut him for four. One run later the players adjourned for luncheon.

The usual interval having elapsed, the Australians reappeared in the field, Mr Alexander being substitute for Mr Spofforth. The bowlers were again Messrs Palmer and Giffen. Mr Ridley continued scoring with an on-drive for two from the former, and Mr Steel cut Mr Giffen for three. At 121 Mr Scott should have caught Mr Ridley at deep square-leg. Mr Steel cut Mr Palmer for four, and after several smaller hits he placed Mr Giffen to square-leg for a like number. With the score at 144 Mr Steel was bowled; his chief hits were five 4's, a three and seven 2's.

Mr Vernon aided Mr Ridley, who soon drove Mr Palmer to the off for four. Nine runs were made from Mr Palmer's next over, 160 being signalled at 3.15. Runs now came very fast, Mr Vernon making no fewer than 13 in four hits. Mr Midwinter went on for Mr Giffen at 174, and Mr Boyle resumed the attack at the opposite end at 182. For a while the principal items were a cut for three by Mr Ridley and a square-leg hit for four by Mr Vernon. Mr Ridley was nearly caught and bowled at 199. Mr Vernon, by a leg hit for three, sent the total up to "200" at a quarter to 4; he also hit Mr Midwinter up to leg for three and drove Mr Boyle to the off for four. A two-fold change in the bowling was now tried, Mr Giffen, who had taken the ball from Mr Midwinter at 214, crossing over to the Nursery wicket, while Mr Palmer went on at the other end. The first ball of Mr Giffen's third over Mr Vernon cut into the hands of point. Of the 94 runs that had been made during the companionship, the out-going batsman was credited with 58, which included seven 4's, three 3's and four 2's.

Mr Diver came in, and, after making an off-drive for four, was bowled. Seven for 243. Mr Robertson was bowled six runs later, and Mr Bush joined Mr Ridley. The latter increased his score to 68, when he was splendidly caught and bowled. His principal items were five 4's, three 3's and ten 2's. Nine for 277. Mr Christopherson saw the departure of Mr Bush without alteration in the total, the innings closing at 20 minutes to 5.

Mr M'Donnell and Bannerman opened the Colonists' innings at 5 o'clock to the bowling of Messrs Studd (pavilion end) and Ridley. Mr M'Donnell cut Mr Studd's second ball for two, but the underhand bowling of Mr Ridley seemed greatly to puzzle the batsmen. Only ten runs came from 16 overs, and these occupied 20 minutes. Mr M'Donnell made two 2's by straight and on-drives, and then Mr Ridley handed the ball to Mr Christopherson. Four singles were added when Mr M'Donnell was caught deep behind point. One for 18. Mr Murdoch followed in, but after Mr Bannerman had driven Mr Studd to the on for four, the Australian captain fell to an excellent catch

by Mr Ridley at short slip. Two down. Mr Giffen only made a single before being easily taken by cover-point, and Mr Bannerman was caught at third man. Three and four for 23.

Mr Bonnor joined Mr Blackham. The last-named placed Mr Christopherson to leg for four, and by a single off the same bowler scored "50" to be registered at 5.10. Mr Bonnor next made a cut for four, which, after Mr Blackham had obtained three to square-leg, he supplemented by an on-drive over the members' covered seats, the ball also bounding out of the ground. Mr Blackham next drove Mr Christopherson to the on for four and to the off for two. Mr Bonnor cut Mr Studd for four, and Dr Grace, who relieved Mr Christopherson, was served in the same way by Mr Blackham. Mr Robertson was tried in place of Mr Studd at the pavilion wicket, but, after a leg-bye, Mr Blackham drove the new bowler to the on for four, while the first ball of Dr Grace's Mr Bonnor sent to the off for three. Stumps were drawn for the day half an hour earlier than usual.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 May, page 8)

Our Colonial visitors have again proved their capability of playing an uphill game. Yesterday, at Lord's, the weather was fine and over 11,000 persons passed the turnstile. The English fielding was good, but the batting of Messrs Scott and Palmer was so excellent that the aspect of the game was completely altered. As a consequence of the anxiety to score, there were three runs out.

At 11.35 Messrs Bonnor and Blackham, the overnight not-outs, with 16 and 36 respectively, continued the Australian batting. Messrs Studd (pavilion end) and Robertson shared the attack. The slow bowler's second ball Mr Bonnor drove to the on for three and he sent Mr Robertson to the off for a like number. The same batsman by two good off-drives made eight and then Mr Blackham obtained three by a similar hit which caused the "100" to be signalled after 10 minutes' play. Mr Blackham drove Mr Studd to the on for two, and Mr Bonnor by off and on-drives from Mr Robertson secured eight. Mr Ridley relieved Mr Robertson at 112. Mr Bonnor, having made a four and a single from the underhand bowler, lost the assistance of Mr Blackham, who was out to an appeal for leg-before. His principal hits were seven fours, two threes and three twos.

Mr Scott came in and Mr Bonnor was immediately caught at the wicket. His freely hit innings comprised eight fours and three threes. Mr Palmer played on at 129; and Mr Boyle was run out in attempting a second run, the ball being speedily returned by Lord Harris. Mr Spofforth was unable to bat, and consequently the innings closed at 20 minutes past 12 o'clock for 135.

Being 142 runs in arrear, the Australians had to follow on. Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman were again their first representatives, and were opposed by Mr Studd at the pavilion wicket and Mr Christopherson. Mr M'Donnell opened with a maiden, but Mr Bannerman obtained a single and then drove Mr Studd to the off for four. After his companion had added a single, the last-named batsman cut Mr Christopherson for one, which was converted into four by an overthrow. One run later Mr M'Donnell's off stump was taken.

Mr Murdoch came in, and Mr Bannerman gave a difficult chance to Mr Robertson at slip. The score rose very slowly, but at length Mr Bannerman secured four from Mr Studd by an off-drive, and the Australian captain by a single caused 20 to be registered after half-an-hour's play. The first ball of Mr Studd's next over went for three byes, but the second Mr Bannerman played into the hands of cover point. Two for 23. Mr Giffen filled the vacancy.

The new batsman obtained two in the slips and an on-drive for three in the first over he received

from Mr Studd. The rate of run-getting was still very slow. Mr Giffen, however, soon cut Mr Studd for four, while the last ball of his next over he sent to the off for a similar number. Mr Giffen further enlarged the score by an off-drive and a square-leg hit, for each of which he received three. Mr Murdoch next sent Mr Studd to the off for four, and the "50" went up at 20 minutes to 2 o'clock. A two-fold variation in the attack was now resorted to - Mr Robertson went on in lieu of Mr Studd at 55 and Mr Christopherson handed the ball to Mr Steel one run later. Mr Giffen made another single and was then bowled. Mr Midwinter took his place, and Mr Murdoch obtained seven (in two consecutive hits) by cuts. Mr Midwinter began his score by an on-drive for four and a ball of Mr Robertson's went to the boundary for four byes. Another run was added before luncheon, the total being 73.

On the resumption of play Messrs Steel and Robertson were again the bowlers. Mr Murdoch was dismissed by Mr Steel, the ball just knocking the bails off, before he had added to his score. Mr Bonnor next joined Mr Midwinter, who cut Mr Steel for four and got two through the slips. Mr Bonnor, after making a single, cut Mr Steel for four, while Mr Midwinter obtained the same number from an on-drive. This the latter followed up by a cut for three and later on by an on-drive for four. Another single by the same batsman caused the "100" to be hoisted at a quarter-past three. Mr Midwinter increased the score by one and Mr Bonnor made a cut for four. The latter was then run out owing to a splendid piece of fielding by Mr Robertson at mid-off. Five for 105.

Mr Scott aided Mr Midwinter, and a change in the bowling was tried - Mr Studd resuming at the pavilion wicket in place of Mr Robertson. As Mr Steel proved rather expensive, he gave way to Mr Christopherson at 122. Mr Scott cut his first delivery for four, and later on the same batsman placed Mr Studd to leg for a like number. At 135 Mr Midwinter unfortunately played the ball hard on to his wicket; he had batted in an excellent manner for 38. Six down.

Mr Blackham occupied the vacant wicket and quickly scored six (a cut for four and a square-leg hit). An over later and the same batsman by a square-leg hit averted the single innings defeat. Mr Ridley relieved Mr Christopherson at 143. Mr Blackham after scoring a couple made an on-drive for four, and a two to leg by him also sent "150" up at 10 minutes past 4. Mr Steel took the ball from Mr Christopherson after an addition of two. Mr Scott cut Mr Steel for three and Mr Blackham hit him to leg for two. Chiefly by small contributions the score reached 169, at which total Mr Blackham was out to an appeal for leg-before wicket - a second time during the match. Seven down.

Mr Palmer appeared and Mr Scott cut Mr Studd for two. After Mr Palmer had driven the same bowler for a couple, Mr Scott placed Mr Steel to leg for four. Mr Palmer, having made two more by an on-drive, narrowly escaped being run out by a smart throw in by Mr Studd from cover-point. Mr Scott next obtained four by two on-drives from Mr Studd. Mr Christopherson once more took charge of the attack at 189. Five runs were made, and then Mr Robertson went on at the pavilion end. Mr Scott scored a single which was increased to four by an overthrow. Mr Palmer drove the Kentish bowler straight for four, and this brought the "200" up at 5 o'clock. Mr Ridley bowled in place of Mr Christopherson at 210, and at 228 Dr Grace was tried for the first time during the innings. An appeal against Mr Scott for leg-before was answered in the batsman's favour, and the score again rose rapidly, among other items being two leg hits by Mr Scott for four each. Mr Palmer was easily taken at point at 265. He had played a splendid innings.

Mr Boyle came in, but was run out, and the innings terminated at 10 minutes to 6 o'clock for 269. Great credit is due to Mr Scott for the capital manner in which he batted; his not-out innings of 82 included seven fours, five threes and ten twos.

Wanting 128 for victory, the gentlemen were first represented by Mr Studd and Dr Grace. Messrs Boyle and Palmer (pavilion) bowled. The former batsman made a single. The first ball which Mr Palmer sent him he returned. One down. Mr Read came in. Dr Grace cut Mr Boyle for four. Some few runs were made, and at half-past 6 stumps were drawn for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 June, page 10)

There was no abatement in the interest taken in this match on the third and concluding day. In spite of a dull, cheerless morning and the prospect of only a few hours' play there were between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators present. The enthusiasm was unbounded, and even when there seemed a possibility of the Australians being successful the on-lookers were by no means grudging in their applause. The colonials' fielding was again superb.

Mr Palmer bowled throughout the innings, and the most notable catch of the match was made off him, Dr Grace hitting round at a ball with great force, which Mr Blackham ran in and secured at sharp short-leg. Messrs Steel and Diver made a most valuable stand, as when the latter appeared there were six wickets down for 83, and thus there were still 45 runs wanting for victory. Mr Diver had a narrow escape at mid-on from his first ball, but the batsmen afterwards quickly secured the runs, Mr Steel playing in quite his old style.

When stumps were drawn on Friday evening, the Gentlemen, with nine wickets to fall, required 111 for victory. On Saturday at half-past 11 the Australians appeared in the field. Mr Spofforth being still unable to play, Mr Alexander again acted as substitute. A few minutes later Mr Read and Dr Grace (both not out, seven) continued the batting. Mr Palmer (pavilion end) and Mr Boyle conducted the attack. The former bowler opened with a maiden, the last ball of the over being splendidly fielded by Mr Giffen at mid-off. Dr Grace cut the third delivery of Mr Boyle's for three, 20 being registered at 11.35. The Gloucestershire captain drove Mr Palmer to the off for two, and after a single he cut the other bowler for a couple. Mr Read secured one, and then Dr Grace drove Mr Palmer for two, which he followed up by a couple of singles. The last ten runs had been made in as many minutes. Two runs later an appeal for a catch at the wicket against Mr Read was answered in the negative. The third ball of the next over got rid of Dr Grace, Mr Blackham making a capital catch at short-leg. Two for 36.

Lord Harris joined Mr Read, who drove Mr Boyle to the on for four, bringing 40 on the board at 10 minutes before noon. Mr Palmer sent down a maiden; but Mr Read scored a single and two, and Lord Harris an off drive for three in Mr Boyle's succeeding over. Each batsman obtained a single from Mr Palmer, and then Mr Giffen superseded Mr Boyle. The new bowler's first ball Mr Read sent to leg for four, which caused the 50 to be hoisted at 11.55. Mr Murdoch, who had been keeping wicket, now relinquished that post to Mr Blackham. Lord Harris was bowled by Mr Palmer with the score at 52. Three down. Mr Steel filled the vacancy.

A maiden over followed by each bowler, but then Mr Read cut Mr Giffen for four. The bowling and fielding of the Australians were of such excellence that only three runs and a bye came from a dozen overs. An appeal for leg before against Mr Read was answered in favour of the batsman. From each of Mr Palmer's next three overs Mr Steel scored two, his six runs being obtained by an on drive, a cut and a square-leg hit. He then lost the company of Mr Read, who was easily caught at short mid-on by Mr Giffen.

Then new batsman (Mr Ridley) made a run on the first ball he received, and his partner also secured a single. Two more maiden overs ensued, in the last of which Mr Ridley played the ball dangerously close to Mr Boyle at short mid-on. Mr Steel drove Mr Palmer to the off for four, while a ball of Mr Giffen's went to the pavilion rails for four byes. Mr Steel drove Mr Palmer to the on for two, and then a couple more byes were registered. An over later Mr Giffen clean bowled Mr Ridley, the ball breaking the off stump. Five for 80. Mr Vernon joined Mr Steel. The former made a single from the third ball which he had sent him; but after placing Mr Palmer to square-leg for two he was out to a well-judged catch by Mr Scott at long-off. Six for 83.

Mr Diver followed in, but his first hit almost dismissed him. He, however, soon played with greater confidence, and obtained four by two leg hits, while Mr Steel made a single. The latter sent Mr Palmer to leg for four, and Mr Diver drove Mr Giffen to the off for two and cut him for a like number. The Surrey batsman added a couple of singles and then Mr Steel by a straight drive which realized two caused 100 to be signalled five minutes after 1 o'clock. Mr Diver made two, which Mr Steel supplemented by a cut for two and a four to square leg. The Lancashire player drove Mr Giffen to the on for four, and the score was advanced with four more byes.

As a last resort Mr Boyle resumed at the nursery wicket at 121. Mr Diver drove him to the off for four, and by two singles brought the score level. Mr Steel by cutting Mr Palmer's next ball for two won the match for the Gentlemen of England by four wickets. Among Mr Steel's hits were four fours and seven twos, while Mr Diver's 22 comprised a four and five twos . . .

29 May: DERBYSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2808.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 May, page 7)

The match between the home county and Surrey was commenced on the county ground at Derby yesterday. The visitors were unable to get together their best team, as Messrs W W Read and E J Diver were playing at Lord's, but they had notwithstanding considerably the better of the day's cricket. Surrey, who went in first, lost four wickets for 39 runs, but Messrs Shuter and Roller played up brilliantly and added 90 runs before they were parted. Later in the innings, Jones and Lohmann hit well, and the total eventually reached 215.

When the home county went in, Barratt and Mr Horner bowled splendidly, and the eleven were all got rid of for 88 . . . Derbyshire, who are 127 behind, will, of course, have to follow on to-day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 May, page 8)

At Derby yesterday the home county played a plucky uphill game, but were eventually beaten by Surrey by five wickets.

29 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2810.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 30 May, page 7)

At Oxford yesterday the University Eleven had decidedly the best of the first stage of their encounter with Lancashire. Oxford, with the exception of Mr H V Page, played their full strength, but the county put a moderate team in the field.

The most noteworthy feature in connection with the day's play was the brilliant innings of 95 played by Mr Kemp, who went in when three wickets were down and was last man out. It was mainly owing to his confident batting that the University scored so large a total as 224. Mr Kemp's chief figures were one eight (four for an overthrow), eight fours, two threes and nine twos.

For Lancashire Mr H B Steel hit very well for 58, including seven fours, two threes and six twos. Lancashire only averted the follow-on by one run. In Oxford's innings Crossland took six wickets for 80 runs and in the innings of the county Mr Nicholls took five wickets for 46.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 May, page 8)

Yesterday on the University ground at Oxford, Lancashire were defeated after a most interesting game by 36 runs. It will be recollected that on Thursday night Oxford were 79 runs to the good, an innings having been completed by each side. Yesterday Oxford were all disposed of in their second innings for 111, of which total Messrs Kemp, Buckland and Hine-Haycock scored 89 between them. The others, however, made a meagre show and seemed thoroughly beaten by Crossland's fast bowling. Mr Kemp played a plucky and excellent innings of 43.

Lancashire had 191 to get to win, and this they failed to obtain. They started badly, losing six wickets for 31. Then Mr Lancashire and Watson made a determined stand and put on 63 while they were together. Their efforts, however, failed to save the match, and eventually the innings of the county closed for 154. Mr Lancashire played good cricket for 50. In Oxford's second innings Crossland took four wickets for 26 runs and Barlow four for 53 runs. Mr Whitby's bowling in Lancashire's second innings was very effective, as he obtained five wickets for 38 runs.

2 June: DERBYSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2812.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

Yesterday, on the County Ground at Derby, the Australians commenced their seventh match of their tour, their opponents being the Derbyshire County Eleven. The Colonists, who went in first, on a hard, bumpy wicket, and were batting for the best part of the day, were not disposed of until they had scored an innings of 273, Mr Palmer carrying out his bat for 57. On Derbyshire going in, they lost one wicket for 26 before time expired. Mr Spofforth had so far recovered from his bad arm that he was enabled to take his place in the Colonial Eleven, from which Messrs Cooper and Blackham (the latter of whom has an injured hand) stand out in the present match.

Play began at 12.15, when the Australians, having won the toss, began batting with Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman, who were opposed by Mr G G Walker and Marlow. Runs soon came steadily. At 27 Shacklock relieved Mr Walker, but still the total rose quickly, Mr Bannerman, among minor contributions, making two 4's in the slips. The 50 went up, and five runs later Cropper displaced Marlow. Still no parting came, so at 75 E Chatterton went on for Shacklock, and in two overs he sent back both batsmen, Mr M'Donnell being caught at mid-off for 36 and Mr Bannerman caught and bowled for 46. Two for 86. Messrs Murdoch and Giffen were next together; but ten runs later the Australian captain was caught at the wicket for six. His early retirement was greeted with much cheering. Mr Scott came to the assistance of Mr Giffen, who was easily taken at mid-off, having made 14. Four for 106. Mr Midwinter then joined Mr Scott, and these two were together at lunch time, when the score was 117 for four wickets.

After the interval Chatterton and Cropper were the bowlers. Messrs Midwinter and Scott between them raised the score steadily to 148, when a good catch at long-off dismissed Mr Midwinter, and with only two runs added Mr Scott was finely caught at point. Six wickets for 150. When Messrs Bonnor and Palmer got together, however, some free hitting was witnessed, and the score advanced at a rapid rate. At 170 Mr Walker took the ball from Chatterton, but for a long time the change was ineffective. But with 22 runs added Mr Bonnor, who had hit freely, was caught by Platts's fielding at mid-off from Mr Walker's bowling for a vigorously-hit 25. Seven for 192.

Mr Alexander, the next comer, was soon bowled for a single. Then Mr Spofforth partnered Mr Palmer, and a determined resistance was offered to the County bowling. The 200 was quickly sent up. Shacklock took the ball from Mr Walker, and at 225 Chatterton resumed. Off the last-named bowler Mr Spofforth was at length caught in the long field for 19, and nine wickets were down for 241. Mr Boyle was the last man, and gave some trouble before he was caught off Platts's bowling for 15. The innings then closed for 273, Mr Palmer, as before started, carrying out his bat for a well-hit 57.

Derbyshire's innings was commenced by Mr R P Smith and Platts. The County only had 20 minutes' batting before stumps were drawn, and in that time Platts was bowled by Mr Palmer for a single, and the Derbyshire captain was missed at mid-on. Mr Smith and Foster played out time, when the score was 26 for one wicket. The weather was fine throughout, and a large crowd of people witnessed the play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

At Derby yesterday the Australians, as was generally expected, gained a very easy victory over the Derbyshire county eleven, whom they defeated by an innings and 40 runs. It is true that the uncertain wicket materially assisted the bowlers, but with the exception of Sugg, who in his county's first innings batted admirably for 52, and Mr Docker, who carried out his bat in the second innings of Derbyshire for a freely-hit 34, the Midland county batsmen were unable to withstand the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Giffen. In the first innings of the county Mr Spofforth proved terribly destructive, as he obtained seven wickets for 31 runs, and in their second innings he claimed five wickets at a cost of 52 runs, while Mr Giffen took five for 50.

It will be recollected that at the end of the first day's play the Australians had completed an innings of 273, and Derbyshire, after 20 minutes' batting, had lost one wicket for 26. The weather was again fine and the attendance large when, shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday, Mr R P Smith and Foster continued the Derbyshire innings to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Spofforth.

With the score at 28 Foster was taken at slip, and Sugg came in. He soon began to hit freely, driving Mr Spofforth for four and twice hitting Mr Palmer to leg, also for four. The score was quickly taken to 53, and then a catch at mid-off dismissed the Derbyshire captain for a lucky 23. Mr Docker joined Sugg, and at the same time Mr Boyle relieved Mr Palmer. With the score at 66, Mr Docker was brilliantly caught and bowled by Mr Boyle. Chatterton came next, and Sugg, who had made 29, was missed at mid-off. Mr Giffen went on for Mr Boyle, and then both batsmen were dismissed, Sugg being caught off Mr Spofforth for a finely-hit 52 and Chatterton secured for a single. After Sugg's dismissal the end of the innings soon came, as the remainder of the county batsmen were quite unable to resist Mr Spofforth's bowling, and the last wicket fell for 106.

Being in a minority of 167, Derbyshire followed on after the luncheon interval, when Mr Smith and Cropper faced the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Giffen. Only 12 runs had been scored when Mr Smith was caught at short-leg. Mr Docker joined Cropper, who was taken at third man for 26. Sugg was caught at short-leg without scoring. Foster then hit up 11 before being taken at mid-off, and Chatterton was bowled. Five for 49. Platts failed to score, and six wickets were down for 50.

At 69 Mr Walker was beaten by Mr Spofforth. Shacklock, on becoming Mr Docker's partner, hit vigorously for 20, when he returned the ball to Mr Giffen. Eight for 98. Marlow, the next comer, was stumped and Mycroft bowled, and at 4.15 the second innings of the county closed for 127, Mr Docker carrying out his bat for 34. Thus the Australians gained a single-innings victory, with 40 runs to spare.

2 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2814.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

So many important matches were being played yesterday that the executive at Lord's were unable to get together teams adequately representing North and South. Yet the old and well-known title and the fine weather drew about 8,000 spectators to the ground. The South won the toss, and at five minutes past 12 Dr Grace and Mr Gilbert opened their batting to the bowling of Crossland and Mycroft.

Runs were scored rather rapidly until Dr Grace, who had made among other hits two fours, was bowled off the last ball of the sixth over. One for 16. Mr Fowler came in, but at 28 Crossland clean bowled him. Mr Sainsbury appeared, and nearly Arnall-Thompson out Mr Gilbert by calling him for a short run. The last-named batsman then drove Crossland to the off for four, which caused that bowler to give way to Shilton at 41. Mr Gilbert quickly made five (cuts for three and two) from the latter. Another single was added, and then Mr Sainsbury was easily taken at point. Hearn filled the vacancy, and by a four in the slips caused "50" to be signalled at 1 o'clock. Mr Gilbert immediately cut Mycroft for three, but a ball of Shilton's found its way into his wicket at 55.

Jones aided Hearn. Mycroft, after being driven by the new batsman to the off for four, handed the ball to Brown at 73. Hearn sent his first two deliveries to leg for four each. Crossland resumed at the pavilion end with the score at 85. Five runs later the new bowler captured two wickets with successive balls. A further addition of five and Jones was also clean bowled. Fothergill and Mr Welman were now together. The amateur by a single sent the "100" up at five minutes to 2, and when the players adjourned for luncheon the total was 108.

On resuming, Fothergill cut Crossland for four and hit Brown to leg for three. At 118, however, the professional was caught easily at cover-point. Mr Parkes's stay was short and unproductive, while Woof, after making five, was taken at the wicket, the innings closing at 10 minutes past 3 o'clock for 130. Five bowlers had been put on, all of whom proved successful. Crossland claimed seven wickets . . .

At half-past 3 Mr Hornby and Price commenced the North innings. Woof led off the attack from the Nursery wicket. Mr Hornby made a single, and Price cut Woof for four. Gregg bowled from the pavilion end and his first over proved a maiden. Woof upset Price's wicket at five, and without any alteration in the score a fine catch at short-leg got rid of Mr Hornby. The innings eventually closed for 91 at 10 minutes past 5. Wood-Sims was the best scorer for his side. His principal hits were four fours, four threes and three twos. Gregg took six wickets . . . The South went in a second time . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

There was naturally a falling-off in the attendance at Lord's yesterday, when this match was concluded. On Monday evening the South, having an advantage of 39 runs, had gone in a second time and had lost four wickets for 106. Yesterday morning Hearn (not out five) and Mr Sainsbury (not out 29) continued the Southerners' batting at 20 minutes to 12 o'clock. Mycroft (nursery end) and Crossland were intrusted with the attack.

Only three had been added to the over-night's score when Mr Sainsbury was taken low down at slip. Jones joined Hearn, who was clean bowled by Crossland without any alteration in the total, while two runs later Gregg also fell to the same bowler. Jones was out in a similar way at 114, as also was Mr Parke at 122. Fothergill saw Woof taken at cover-point, and the second venture closed at 12.20 for 130, exactly the same number as the first innings realized. Crossland took seven wickets .

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Requiring 170 runs for victory, the North opened their batting with Mr Hornby and Price. Gregg and Dr Grace were the bowlers. Mr Hornby, after making a straight drive for two and a cut for four, was bowled. Wardle appeared, but with the score at 13 Dr Grace completely baffled him. Davenport joined Price. Before an addition had been made, however, Gregg, with two consecutive balls, clean bowled the last-named batsman and Mr Lindley. Three and four for 13. Brown followed in, and after a few minutes' careful play, runs came rapidly, mainly from Brown. The latter, by a straight drive for four, caused "50" to be announced at a quarter past 1.

Several variations in the attack were tried, and at 68 Fothergill handed the ball to Mr Gilbert. This at once brought about a separation, as Davenport, having made a single, Brown was caught easily at slip from Mr Gilbert's second delivery. During the companionship 56 runs had been added, and of these no fewer than 43 had been made by Brown, whose chief items were six fours, a three and three twos. Davison was next joined by Wood-Sims. The former played a ball of Mr Gilbert's into his wicket at 70, and Shilton took his place. Both batsmen showed great caution, and when the luncheon interval arrived 89 runs were registered.

On resuming at 20 minutes to 3, Dr Grace (pavilion end) and Mr Gilbert shared the bowling. Shilton, having cut the latter for three, lost the company of Wood-Sims who fell to a smart catch at cover-slip, while he also was caught at slip at the same total. Emmett and Crossland were now together. The latter, by an on-drive for four, sent "100" up at 2.55. Crossland was bowled at 100, and three runs later Mycroft was taken at slip, the innings closing at 3 o'clock for 103, thus leaving the South winners by 66 runs. Mr Gilbert claimed four wickets . . .

2 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

At Nottingham yesterday, the home county, mainly owing to the fine batting of Scotton and Barnes, showed to considerable advantage in the first stage of their opening match this season with Surrey. Notts, who went in first, were batting from five minutes past 12 until 25 minutes past 5, and were not all disposed of until they had scored the respectable total of 287.

With the total at 12 Barnes and Scotton got together and were not separated until they had put on 131 runs. Barnes, who was then cleverly caught at short slip, had played an admirable innings of 78, which, but for one mistake in the slips when he had scored five, was faultless. His chief figures were six fours, six threes and nine twos. Scotton was not got rid of until 163. As was the case with Barnes, Scotton had given a chance early in the innings, otherwise his batting was admirable, his principal figures being six fours, four threes and eight twos. Flowers and Selby also hit well, the former scoring no fewer than nine fours. It is worthy of note that the four batsmen above-named scored 250 runs out of the total.

Surrey had only 35 minutes' batting, and in that time lost two wickets for 18 runs. It should be mentioned that during the time Notts were batting all the seven Surrey bowlers tried were freely punished.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

There was some excellent batting at Nottingham yesterday by several of the Surrey Eleven; but the southern county could not equal the performance of Nottingham on Monday, and have every prospect of suffering a severe defeat. At the drawing of stumps on Monday Surrey had gone in for half an hour and lost two wickets for 18 runs.

Yesterday five wickets were down for 52. Maurice Read joined Mr Read, and 82 runs were added before they were parted. Mr Read played splendid cricket for 70, his chief hits being ten fours, four threes and five twos. Surrey, however, were 116 runs in arrears and had to follow on.

This time Mr Bowden played very fine cricket for 56; but Mr Read, who helped him to increase the score by 69 runs, was very lucky, being missed no fewer than four times. Afterwards there was some sensational batting by Mr Shuter, though at the drawing of stumps, Surrey with one wicket to go down were only 74 runs ahead of their opponents.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 June, page 7)

As far as the season has at present advanced, the Nottinghamshire players have shown themselves to be in excellent form. Having already defeated Sussex and Middlesex, they have now gained a decisive victory over Surrey, the last-named match being finished yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. When play ceased on Tuesday, Surrey, who followed on with a deficiency of 116 runs, had lost nine wickets for 190.

Mr Horner and Jones (the overnight not-outs with 6 and 0) continued the batting. Only nine runs were added when Shaw found out the weak point in Jones's defence, the innings closing for 199.

Six bowlers had been engaged. Shaw took the lion's share of the wickets - viz., six . . .

Nottinghamshire now required 84 to win and sent in Gunn and Scotton to start obtaining them. The bowlers were Jones and Mr Horner. The batsmen opened with great caution, and when 19 had been steadily obtained Mr Horner gave way to Mr Roller. This soon had the effect of dismissing Scotton, whose place was filled by Shrewsbury. Runs now came at a much faster rate, and after Barratt had relieved Mr Roller the "50" was signalled at a quarter to 2. Another chance was tried - Maurice Read displacing Jones at 55. The wickets were, however, kept intact up to the luncheon interval when the score was 64,

On resuming, therefore, Nottinghamshire had only 20 to get for victory. Shrewsbury was soon dismissed - caught at mid-on. Gunn was taken at point, after which Barnes and Flowers quickly obtained the required number. Gunn played excellently for his 44, in which were four fours and two threes, while both Shrewsbury and Scotton exhibited good defence. Five bowlers had been put on . . . The complete score will show that Nottinghamshire won by seven wickets.

2 June: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2816.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

Yesterday in the presence of over 10,000 spectators at Brammall-lane Ground, Sheffield, Yorkshire started their match with Kent. The wicket proved excellent. Having won the toss, the southern county sent in Mr Patterson and F Hearne.

Peate and Harrison were intrusted with the Yorkshire bowling, but the palm of this department fell to Ulyett, who obtained seven wickets for 33 runs, the last five being captured for a single. F Hearne batted splendidly, and out of the 85 runs secured at the fall of the third (his own) wicket he was credited with 61 of them, having only given one chance. His chief hits were a five, nine fours, three threes and three twos. Yorkshire went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

Yesterday at Sheffield play between these counties was continued. The weather was again fine. When stumps were drawn on Monday Kent had completed an innings for 151 and four Yorkshire wickets were down for 153. Hall (not out 61) and Pullan (not out 9) were confronted by H Hearne and Wootton.

The run-getting was so fast that the bowlers soon crossed over, and at half-past 1 Hall had increased his score to 100. Over venturesomeness, however, soon afterwards caused his dismissal. He had been at the wickets four hours, and his chief hits were nine fours, seven threes and 11 twos. The last wicket fell for 250.

Kent were in a deficiency of 99, and Lord Harris and Frank Hearne were the only batsmen who did well. The latter's contribution in the double innings of 93 was excellent, and it is only a pity that so little help was accorded to him and his captain. In the end Yorkshire won by eight wickets.

2 June: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2815.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

At Brighton yesterday when stumps were drawn in the match between these southern counties, the home team had a distinct advantage, as Hampshire, with nine wickets to fall, required 62 runs to prevent a single innings defeat.

Sussex, who went in first on a good wicket, put together the substantial total of 231 runs before they were all dismissed. Jesse Hide played very free cricket for 50, among his chief hits being ten fours, and Mr Whitfeld carried out his bat for a capital 70, obtained in his best style.

Hampshire were all dismissed in an hour and three-quarters for 137. Mr Longman hit well and Young batted admirably. Humphreys claimed four wickets for nine runs. Being in a minority of 94, Hampshire had to follow on . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

At Brighton, yesterday, the home team easily defeated Hampshire by eight wickets. The latter county thus suffered their third defeat this season. The visitors, who had been compelled to follow on their innings on the previous night, did very little better than in their first attempt. Mr Powell, however, played well for the visitors. His 64 included seven fours, three threes and eight twos.

The Hampshire second innings having closed for 175, Sussex was left to get 82 runs to win. They lost two wickets for 13 runs, but then Humphreys and Tester getting together hit off the required number, and Sussex won as above stated. A Hide bowled remarkably well, taking four wickets for 26 runs.

2 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2811.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 June, page 5)

There was a large attendance, including Prince Albert Victor of Wales, on the Cambridge University ground yesterday to witness the match against the Gentlemen of England. The weather was favourable and the wicket played well. The home team, having won the toss, sent in Mr Bainbridge and the Hon Knatchbull-Hugessen. Messrs A G Steel and Rotherham had charge of the early bowling.

Messrs Wright and Paravicini showed to advantage for the University. Of the bowlers, Messrs C T Studd and A G Steel were alone successful. The former claimed six wickets for 81 runs and Mr A G Steel four for 93. On the Gentlemen going in, Mr I D Walker and the Hon Alfred Lyttelton afforded the spectators an excellent display of hitting.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 7)

At Cambridge yesterday the cricket was chiefly remarkable for the brilliant batting of the Hon Alfred Lyttelton and Mr I D Walker, who out of the 267 runs obtained by the Gentlemen in their first innings scored between them 186. The Hon A Lyttelton's innings of 103 was a fine exhibition of free hitting, and Mr Walker's 83 was an admirable display in every way.

As will be seen from the subjoined score, the Gentlemen's first innings exceeded that of the University by one run only. When Cambridge went in a second time they lost five wickets for 133 runs before the expiration of time. Mr Bainbridge, who was batting for two hours, showed very fine cricket for 64, and Mr J E K Studd, who was not out at the drawing of stumps, had then hit well and freely for 54.

In the Gentlemen's innings Mr Topham proved the most successful of the six University bowlers tried, as he took four wickets for 72 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 June, page 7)

The annual visit of the Gentlemen of England to Cambridge University during the past three days was productive of some fine cricket and an interesting finish, and considering the strong team the Gentlemen put into the field, there is every chance of the Light Blues showing prominently in their forthcoming engagement with the Australians. At the close of an innings each there was the narrow margin of a single only in favour of the England team, and when stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening the University had lost half the wickets in their second venture for 133.

Yesterday Messrs J E K Studd and Greatorex (the former 54 and the latter 0) continued the batting. Messrs C T Studd and A G Steel were intrusted with the bowling. The start was poor, as Mr Greatorex had made only two singles when he was taken finely at mid-on. The mishap was speedily followed by others - Mr Marchant obstructed his wicket, Mr Smith was clean bowled, Mr Topham was served in the same manner, and the combined efforts of Mr I D Walker and Mr Steel disposed of Mr Mirehouse, the last five wickets falling for 46 runs. The Cambridge captain carried

out his bat for a fine contribution of 82, in which were a six, a five, nine fours and four threes. The innings closed soon after 1 o'clock for 179. Mr C T Studd secured seven wickets . . .

Requiring 179 to win, the Gentlemen sent in Messrs I D Walker and Thornton to the attack of Messrs Smith and Topham. The Middlesex captain was taken at the wicket when he had made 10 only. Mr Steel joined Mr Thornton, who at 36 was taken at third man. Mr Schultz and Mr Steel put a different aspect on matters, as 99 was reached prior to the latter batsman being stumped. After this, however, the University played remarkably well and were ultimately victorious, the ninth Gentleman's wicket falling for 166. Mr Topham's bowling proved very effective, as he was credited with seven wickets . . .

It is to be regretted that Mr Rotherham was absent, as this interest match might probably have been made even more so. The full score appended will show that Cambridge won by 12 runs.

5 June: LANCASHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2818.html)

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

Yesterday, on the ground at Old Trafford, Manchester, the Australians commenced their eighth match in England, their opponents being the Lancashire County Eleven. Remembering their former defeat at the hands of the 1882 Australian Eleven, the northern county on this occasion placed a very strong team in the field to oppose the colonists. The weather was dull and threatening at the outset, and early in the game a shower of rain stopped play for a short time. The attendance of visitors was enormous.

The Australians went in first, and at luncheon time had scored 105 for the loss of one wicket only, but subsequently the whole of the team was disposed of for 174, a far smaller total than at one time seemed likely. Lancashire went in, and at the call of time had lost five wickets for 109. It should be mentioned that the two Australians who stand out of the present match are Messrs Cooper and Alexander.

The colonists went first to the wickets, sending in Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell, at five minutes past 12, to face the attacks of Barlow and Crossland. Six overs were bowled, four runs were scored, and then rain drove the players to shelter. Play was resumed at 12.35, when runs came fast. The total was raised to 42, at which juncture Mr A G Steel relieved Crossland. A drive for four by Mr Bannerman sent up the 50 at 1.25. Only 14 runs later Mr Bannerman, who had made 36, played a ball from Barlow hard on. One for 64. Mr Murdoch came in, and once more the score rose rapidly. Crossland went in again, but at the luncheon interval no other wicket was down, and the score was 105 for one wicket.

After the interval, Crossland and Watson were the bowlers. Two runs only were added, and then Mr M'Donnell, who had played admirably for 49, which included two 4's, four 3's and five 2's, was out, leg before wicket, to Watson. Two for 107. Mr Giffen came in, and, after rapidly hitting up 13, was clean bowled by Crossland, who also bowled Mr Scott before the latter had scored. Without another run being made, Mr Murdoch, who had batted very finely for 39, played a ball of Watson's on. His dismissal was loudly applauded by the crowd. Three, four and five wickets for 138. The remaining five batsmen did little. With the exception of Mr Blackham, who scored 17, none of the others reached double figures, and the innings of the Australians closed for 174.

Mr Hornby and Barlow started the innings of Lancashire to the bowling of Messrs Midwinter and Spofforth. Runs came rapidly at the outset, and at 23 Mr Giffen displaced Mr Midwinter, and soon bowled Mr Hornby for a capital 23. Mr A G Steel, after hitting up 14, was caught, and his successor, Mr Taylor, was secured for two, while Robinson, who followed, was caught without scoring. All these wickets resulted from the bowling of Mr Giffen, who followed up his success by bowling Mr D Q Steel before he had scored. Mr Giffen, in bowling Mr Taylor, Robinson and Mr D Q Steel, with the total at 45, with successive balls, accomplished "the hat trick."

Briggs and Barlow, however, batted most pluckily and played out time, when the score was 109 for five wickets, Barlow and Briggs being not out respectively for 23 and 46. Both batsmen were loudly applauded for their admirable cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 June, page 9)

Some very interesting cricket was witnessed yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester, when the game between the home county and the Australians was continued. The weather at Manchester, unlike that which was experienced in other parts of the country, was fine, although a little dull at first, there was a very large attendance of visitors and 17,546 persons having paid for admission to the ground.

When play ceased on Thursday the Australians had scored a complete innings of 174, and Lancashire on going in lost five wickets for 109 before time was called. Yesterday Lancashire added 86 runs to their total. The Australians in their second attempt scored the large total of 202 for the loss of three wickets, and were thus 181 runs to the good with seven wickets to fall at the call of time.

Play was started yesterday at five minutes past 12, when Barlow and Briggs, the previous not-outs, continued the Lancashire innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. Barlow added only a single and then lost Briggs, he played the first ball he received on to his wicket. His innings of 46 was vigorous and contained included seven fours. Mr H B Steel came in and hit in dashing style, but at 131 Barlow was taken at point. Seven wickets were then down. Mr Steel, on being joined by Watson, played brilliantly, scoring ten in one over from Mr Palmer; but Watson, after making 12, was caught off Mr Spofforth. Pilling followed, but soon lost Mr Steel, who was cleverly caught at mid-on for a splendid 41, consisting of eight fours, two twos and five singles. Pilling and Crossland made a determined stand, and when the Australian total was passed the cheering was of a most enthusiastic character. At seven minutes past 1, however, the innings closed for 195 - just 21 runs ahead of the Australians' total.

At half-past 1 Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the second innings of the Colonists to the bowling of Barlow and Crossland. With the score at 13 Mr M'Donnell ran himself out. Mr Murdoch came in and stayed with Mr Bannerman until luncheon, when the score was 17 for one wicket. After the interval Messrs Bannerman and Murdoch thoroughly wore down the Lancashire bowling, despite its admirable quality. The former batsman was clean bowled for 44 with the score at 71. Mr Giffen then came in and assisted the Australian captain in putting on 104 runs. Then Mr Murdoch, who had played by far the best cricket of the day, was caught at forward short-leg for a splendid 64, which, save for one lost chance at slip, was faultless. His chief figures were eight fours, five threes and three twos.

Mr Giffen, who, beyond a chance at slip, batted very finely, and Mr Scott played out time, when 202 runs had been put on for the loss of three wickets. Mr Giffen was then caught at 79. The Australians being, as before stated, 181 runs to the good with seven wickets to fall. Lancashire can scarcely hope to do more than make a draw of the match, which will, no doubt, furnish some highly exciting play to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 June, page 19)

On account of the heavy rain which prevailed at Manchester on Saturday, very little play was possible in the match between the Australians and Lancashire, which ended in a draw in favour of the Colonists. No other ending but a draw was anticipated, and this fact doubtless accounted for the moderate attendance of spectators present on the Old Trafford Ground. It will be recollected that on Thursday the Australians went in first and scored an innings of 174. Lancashire on Friday

completed their innings for 195, or 21 runs to the good, and the Australians on going in had obtained 2020 runs for the loss of three wickets at the end of the second stage of the match.

On Saturday the weather was showery throughout the day, and at ten minutes to 4 o'clock it was decided to abandon the match as drawn. During the play that was possible the Australians put on 113 runs for the loss of five more wickets, bringing their total to 315 for eight wickets, when the game ceased. The chief feature of the score was, of course, Mr Giffen's admirable but decidedly lucky innings of 113, which included eleven 4's, seven 3's and ten 2's. Mr Giffen is to be congratulated on being the first of the Australian team to score an innings of over 100 against an English eleven during the present tour of the Colonists. It is true he gave four chances, one to Mr Hornby at slip when he had made 15, the second to Watson at slip when he had made 55, the third to Crossland when he had scored 94, and the fourth to Mr Hornby again at short slip when he had carried his total to 96. Despite these blemishes his innings must be accounted a distinctly praiseworthy one.

On Saturday morning rain fell heavily, and when Messrs Giffen and Scott continued the innings of the Colonists, to the bowling of Mr A G Steel and Watson, the light was wretchedly bad. Mr Scott put two successive balls up in the slips, the second one being caught by Mr Hornby. Mr Blackham joined Mr Giffen, but the former soon fell to a fine catch at point. Five for 233. Mr Bonnor came in, and at 12.55 Mr Giffen completed his hundred. With the score at 271 Mr Bonnor was caught in the slips. Then rain interrupted play for 10 minutes, after which Mr Midwinter partnered Mr Giffen, who was at length caught for 113. Subsequently rain fell heavily and stopped play for 25 minutes. Mr Palmer and Mr Midwinter were next together, and Mr A G Steel relieved Crossland. The change brought about the desired result, as off the amateur Mr Midwinter was caught at short leg. Another shower fell and the luncheon interval was taken, with the score at 282 for eight wickets.

A fresh start was made at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, when Mr Spofforth and Mr Palmer were together. Runs came fast, and 15 minutes afterwards the 300 went up. Mr Spofforth was missed at slip, and at 10 minutes past 3 more rain came down and drove the players to shelter. As no change in the weather appeared probable, it was definitely determined at 10 minutes to 4 to abandon the match as drawn.

5 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2820.html)

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

Owing to the heavy rain which fell at Oxford yesterday, only an hour and three-quarter's play was possible in the match between the University eleven and the M.C.C. and Ground. No start could be made until 4.25, when, in a bad light and on a wicket much soaked with rain, the visitors, who are not very strongly represented, went in first.

Messrs Russel and J G Walker opened the innings and hit up 62 before the former was taken at the wicket for 22. Four runs later Mr Walker was caught at point for 39. Barnes and Attewell played carefully, but with the total at 80 both were dismissed. The rain again fell heavily and stopped play for the day, the score being left at 80 for four wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 June, page 9)

Despite the heavy rain, considerable progress was made yesterday at Oxford in the match between the University and Marylebone. Overnight the visitors had made 80 runs for the loss of four wickets. A recommencement could not be made until 1 o'clock, when Flowers and Mr E J C Studd went on with the batting.

Seven batsmen were on the retired list for 120 runs, when rain again put a stop to hostilities. The game was resumed at 20 minutes past 3, and the remaining four wickets realized 45 runs. Total 165. Mr Page took four wickets . . .

The wickets now began to be difficult and the professional bowlers in the Marylebone team were able to do much with the ball. Some plucky cricket was shown, however, by the Oxford batsmen, and when stumps were drawn for the day, six wickets were down for 82, or 83 behind, with five of the wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 June, page 19)

Contrary the general expectation, the match between the Dark Blues and the Marylebone Club and Ground, in the Parks at Oxford, was brought to a definite issue on Saturday. When play ceased on Friday the visitors had completed an innings for 165, while the University had lost six wickets for 82.

At ten minutes past 12 o'clock, Messrs Kemp and Cobb, the overnight not-outs with 13 and 0 respectively, continued their home side's batting. Mr Kemp hit with great freedom and his innings of 41 is worthy of great praise. After the captain's departure Mr Key saw the remainder of his side dismissed, the innings closing just after 3 o'clock for 134. Four bowlers were tried, three of whom proved successful; Flowers claimed half the wickets . . .

The Marylebone Club's second venture realized only 37, and of these Mr E J C Studd, who was the only player that reached double figures, was credited with 13. Only two bowlers were engaged throughout the innings, which lasted nearly an hour and a half. Mr Buckland obtained seven

wickets . . .

Requiring 69 runs for victory, the University went in a second time. On a rather difficult wicket and against such bowling as that of the Marylebone professionals, this task was by no means easy; yet, mainly owing to the vigorous hitting of Messrs Key, Brain and Page, the feat was accomplished within a few minutes of "time." Woof secured five wickets . . . The appended score will show that the University were victorious by five wickets.

5 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2819.html)

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

The strong northern county had to meet a fairly representative team of Middlesex yesterday at Lord's.

Yorkshire won the toss, and as the wicket seemed inclined to play treacherously decided to put their opponents in. Five minutes after noon Mr Walker and Mr Webbe opened the Middlesex batting, to the bowling of Peate, at the Nursery end, and Bates. Run getting at the outset proved very difficult, and each bowler sent down three maidens, during which both batsmen were appealed against for catches at the wicket. Mr Webbe then made six in four hits, which Mr Walker supplemented by a four to leg from Peate. Nothing was obtained from the next half-dozen overs. Mr Webbe then got a single, which he followed up by a cut for two. Four singles were added, and then Mr Walker obtained four (a leg hit and cut for two each). The same batsman drove Peate to the on for a couple, thus increasing the score to 24. Bates bowled another maiden, and the Peate gave way to Peel. Mr Walker cut the new bowler for two, while after Mr Webbe had secured a single from each end he gained a similar number for a square-leg hit. Ulyett now superseded Bates. Still for some time runs came rather fast from Peel, Mr Walker made 12 (three hits for four each in the slips) off him. Ulyett, having sent down four maidens, clean bowled Mr Webbe with the second ball of his fifth over, the first delivery of which went for four byes.

Mr Greatorix joined Mr Walker, who made a single, and then by a leg hit for three off Ulyett caused 50 to be signalled at 20 minutes past 1 o'clock. Before the score had been further enlarged Mr Greatorix was caught finely by Lockwood low down at point. Two down. Mr Studd came to the assistance of his captain. Three maiden overs ensued, and then Mr Studd enlivened the play by cutting Ulyett to the boundary. A ball of Peel's Mr Walker sent to the pavilion rails, which caused Emmett to relieve that bowler at 58. Mr Walker hit Emmett's first ball to leg for two, but, beyond a single and wide, nothing further was added, rain stopping play at 10 minutes to 2. Ulyett up to this point of the game had bowled exceedingly well, his analysis being 15 overs (13 maidens), seven runs, two wickets.

At half-past 4, as there seemed to prospect of the weather clearing up, it was decided to adjourn further play until this morning.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 June, page 9)

Although the weather brightened considerably yesterday towards 1 o'clock, the rain fell again so heavily at half-past 4 that any idea of resuming this match at Lord's was given up for the day. It was decided to continue the match at half-past 11 this morning.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 June, page 19)

Owing to the saturated state of the wicket at Lord's on Saturday and the disinclination of Yorkshire to play on a new one that had been prepared, but which would have given Middlesex, had they continued their innings, a distinct advantage over the bowling of their opponents, the match

between the above counties was abandoned. It will be remembered that the weather prevented any play on Friday, and on Thursday when rain stopped the game at ten minutes to 2 o'clock, the score was as follows: . . [Middlesex 62/2.]

5 June: DERBYSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2817.html)

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

There was a very indifferent day's cricket yesterday at Derby on a bad wicket. Kent sent in F Hearne and Mr A J Thornton to the bowling of Mr Walker and Marlow. Two wickets only realized four runs. Indeed, except as to Lord Harris and Mr Christopherson, the stand made was feeble. Marlow obtained three wickets with successive balls - G G Hearne and Mr R S Jones bowled and the Rev R T Thornton was caught at short leg. The innings closed for 97. Half the wickets were claimed by Marlow . . .

Derbyshire sent in Messrs R P Smith and G G Walker to face the attacks of Mr Christopherson and Wootton. When nine had been obtained, the last-named batsman had to retire - clean bowled. Mr Docker arrived, but rain soon caused a retirement for a quarter of an hour and rendered the wicket far more playable. Mr Docker, the top scorer of the day, batted well, as did W Sugg and Foster. The last wicket fell for 133. Mr Christopherson took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 June, page 9)

Lord Harris played a most brilliant innings at Derby yesterday - the second and concluding day of this match. On Thursday evening Kent had by far the worst of the situation, being in a minority of 36 on the first venture, and had lost a wicket in the second for 86.

Lord Harris proceeded to the wicket with Wootton (not out 18) at 12.10, and it was not until 61 had been attained that the professional was got rid of. Mr A J Thornton was bowled. After a stoppage on account of rain, Lord Harris was eventually stumped. His chief hits were a six, eight fours, six threes and six twos. Total 160. Shacklock obtained four wickets . . .

Derbyshire required 125 to win - a task they proved quite unequal to, as with the exception of Cropper and F H Sugg, none were able to resist the bowling and the last wicket collapsed for 57. Wootton secured four wickets . . . Thus, as the complete score will show, Kent won by 67 runs.

9 June: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2825.html)

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

Some extraordinary cricket was witnessed yesterday at the Horton-park-ground at Bradford in the first stage of the match between the Australians and Yorkshire, the ninth fixtures of the Colonists' present tour. During the day 30 wickets fell for 187 runs, and when stumps were drawn the Australians were left with 68 runs to get to win. The wicket, saturated as it was by the recent heavy rains, played very dead and run-getting was a most difficult task, as the smallness of the scoring testifies. The two Australians who stand out of the present match are Mr Murdoch, who is suffering from a badly injured finger, and Mr Cooper.

Yorkshire won the toss and elected to go in first, Ulyett and Hall opening the batting to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Ulyett was quickly taken at slip off Mr Palmer, and with the total at 11 three batsmen were got rid of - Hall was out leg before wicket, Lockwood was taken at the wicket and Baker bowled. Still matters went badly for Yorkshire. Lee was caught at point, and five wickets were down with the total at 15. Grimshaw was next taken at slip at 26, and then Bates and Peel carried the score to 43 before the latter was bowled. Bates, who was the only batsman to reach double figures, was caught at long-on for a well hit 24. Emmett and Peate gave but little trouble, and the innings of the county closed for the meagre total of 55.

Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman started the batting of the Australians to the bowling of Peate and Emmett. Five runs were scored when Mr M'Donnell was out to a catch at point, and Mr Midwinter came in. The new batsman gave two easy chances, and then Mr Bannerman was caught at third man. Mr Giffen was quickly dismissed, and at the luncheon interval three wickets were down for 24. On returning, Peate and Emmett were again the bowlers and wickets fell rapidly. With the score at 28 Mr Scott was cleverly caught, Mr Midwinter was taken at short leg and Mr Blackham was bowled. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth carried the record to 46, when the latter fell to a catch at slip. Mr Alexander followed in and the Yorkshire total was reached, but five runs later the innings of the Australians terminated at half-past 4 for 60 runs.

Yorkshire, after the usual interval, went in a second time, and another rapid downfall of batsmen was witnessed. So good was the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer that seven wickets fell for 28 runs, Ulyett, Hall, Bates, Baker and Lockwood being dismissed by catches, while Peel and Grimshaw were bowled. The last three batsmen made a little better display, adding 44 runs between them before the tenth wicket fell, and the second innings of Yorkshire closed for 72, which, as above stated, left the Australians 68 to get to win.

Of course the small scoring is accounted for by the soft wicket, which enabled the bowlers to get an extraordinary amount of work on the ball. About 4,500 people witnessed the day's play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 June, page 10)

Yesterday, at the Horton-park-avenue Ground, Bradford, amid a scene of great excitement, the Australians defeated Yorkshire after an interesting struggle by three wickets. Out of the nine matches contested during their present tour in England, the Colonial team have now won five, lost three and one has been drawn.

It will be remembered that when play ceased at Bradford on Monday night three completed innings had been played, and the Australians were left with 68 runs to get. Yesterday the morning was bright and fine, but the wicket was, if possible, in a more treacherous condition than on the preceding day. The county played up most pluckily and the visitors were not victorious until they had lost seven wickets.

At five minutes past 12 Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman opened the innings of the Australians to the bowling of Peate and Emmett. With only eight runs scored Mr M'Donnell returned the ball, and Mr Midwinter came in. The new batsman, after giving a hard chance at short leg, hit each bowler for four, and at 24 Ulyett displaced Emmett; but Mr Bannerman cut him for three and Mr Midwinter placed him through the slips for four. At 33 Peel took the ball from Ulyett, and in his second over Mr Midwinter was smartly caught at the wicket for 17. Mr Giffen followed, but soon lost Mr Bannerman, who was out leg-before-wicket for 14. Mr Scott was caught at slip off the first ball he received, and Mr Bonnor, the next comer, after a strike for four in the slips, was well caught at long-on, while Mr Giffen in rushing out to drive a ball from Peate was clean bowled. Up to this time Peate, who had been well backed up by smart and accurate fielding, had bowled magnificently. With six wickets down for 45, the game became most exciting.

Wanting 23 runs to win, Messrs Blackham and Palmer batted most pluckily, and, despite every effort of the Yorkshire bowlers, carried the score to 63, at which total Mr Blackham was caught at point. Mr Spofforth joined Mr Palmer, when the runs were quickly hit off, and the match ended, as above stated, in the defeat of the Yorkshiremen by three wickets. The losers deserve every credit for the manner in which they played an uphill game. Peate never, perhaps, bowled better. His six wickets only cost 33 runs.

9 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2821.html)

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

In dull and showery weather yesterday, the Cambridge University Eleven commenced the first of their annual matches with the Marylebone Club. The home side, who went in first, had to bat on a very bad wicket. With the exception of Mr J E K Studd and Mr Greatorex, none of the batsmen reached double figures, and the innings realized only 68. Three bowlers were tried. Flowers claimed four wickets . . .

The visitors then went in, but, owing to rain, which had previously interfered with the game, were unable to proceed far with their innings, and when stumps were drawn at a quarter to 6 o'clock, the score was as follows: . . . {M.C.C. and Ground 16/2.]

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 June, page 10)

Yesterday at Cambridge, in a match between the University and Marylebone, Mr Rock obtained five of the visitors' wickets for six runs. On Monday evening the Light Blues had finished an innings for 68, and two of the Mark wickets were down for 16 runs. Yesterday the visitors were all got rid of for the meagre total of 38, Scotton alone getting into double figures.

With an advantage of 30 runs, the University commenced their second venture. Messrs Wright and Bainbridge faced the attacks of Flowers and Woof. The bowlers had matters quite their own way, and the last wicket fell for 45.

Marylebone now required 76 runs to win. Mr Baines and Mr Spiro were speedily disposed of. Scotton and Barnes then became partners and played out time . . .

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

Yesterday, on the University ground at Cambridge, Marylebone secured an easy victory. At the close of Tuesday's play, during the progress of which 20 wickets fell for 105 runs, the visitors required 38 for victory and had eight wickets left. Scotton and Barnes (the overnight not-outs) with 20 and 13 respectively, started the batting.

Scotton, who is probably now the best left-handed batsman in England, hit in splendid style, and in conjunction with Barnes the runs were rapidly obtained, the match ending in the defeat of the University by eight wickets. Five bowlers had been tried . . .

9 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2823.html)

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

The ground at Lord's had not recovered from the effects of the heavy rain of the past week when this match was commenced yesterday morning. Runs at the outset were somewhat scanty. Having won the toss, Derbyshire sent in Mr Smith and Chatterton to face the bowling of Rylott (pavilion end) and Attewell.

A bad start was made, two wickets falling for three, and after an addition of five Mr F H Sugg was caught at short-slip. Mr Docker and Wood-Sims, however, put on 33 before the amateur obstructed his wicket. Cropper came to the assistance of Wood-Sims, and both batsmen hit with great freedom. Although several variations in the attack were made, no separation had been effected at the interval for luncheon, when the score was 98.

On resuming, Rylott and Attewell shared the bowling. At 111 the former upset Cropper's wicket. The last-named batsman had played a rapid and brilliant innings of 46, which included six fours, two threes and five twos. Foster joined Wood-Sims, who fell to a smart catch at mid-on at 132; his chief items were a four, two threes and eight twos. Six down. W Sugg filled the vacancy and saw the dismissal of the remainder of his side, the innings closing at a quarter past 4 for 191. Attewell obtained four wickets . . .

Mr Marshall and W Hearn started the Marylebone innings at half-past 4. Marlow (pavilion end) and Shacklock conducted the bowling. The score was advanced to 20, at which total Cropper, who had gone on in place of Shacklock at 13, clean bowled Hearn. Mr Allsop came in, but rain caused the players to seek shelter at a quarter past 5, and at 6.20 another shower made it necessary to adjourn the game for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 June, page 10)

Although there was a decided improvement in the weather the attendance at Lord's yesterday was again meagre. At the close of Monday's play the Midland county had completed an innings for 191, while Marylebone had lost one wicket for 32. yesterday morning at half-past 11 Messrs Marshall and Allsopp (the overnight not-outs with 13 and 5 respectively) continued the home batting, being opposed by Cropper and Marlow.

The first-named batsman was run out at 34. Mr Wilson joined Mr Allsopp and assisted him in raising the score to 50, when he was clean bowled. Two more wickets were captured for an addition of 25, Mr Welman obstructed his wicket and the innings closed at a quarter-past 1 for 131. Five bowlers were tried - Cropper took six wickets . . .

Having an advantage of 60 runs, Derbyshire began their second venture at half-past 1 o'clock with Mr Smith and Wood-Sims. Attewell and Rylott were the bowlers. With the score at 50 three wickets fell: Cropper was bowled, Chatterton was caught at deep mid-off and Shacklock was bowled. Foster and Marlow batted well and added 32 runs before the latter cut the ball into the hands of point and Foster was taken by cover-point. Total 82. Rylott obtained six wickets . . .

Marylebone wanted 143 to win, and sent in Mr Marshall and Hearn, to the bowling of Marlow and Cropper. Five wickets were down for 60, when Mr Ruggles-Brise joined Mr Wilson. The score rose very rapidly, both batsmen hitting with great freedom. The "100" was signalled a few minutes before 6 o'clock, but nine runs later Mr Ruggles-Brise, who among other items had made five fours, was clean bowled. Six down. Captain Smythe aided Mr Wilson, but ran himself out at 118 before scoring. Fothergill came in. At 129 Mr Wilson was out to a splendid catch at mid-on; he had gone in with the score at three and had hit in magnificent style for 71. Mr Russell was bowled after making an on drive for four. Nine for 133. Rylott appeared and was caught at point at 135. Derbyshire thus won an exciting match by seven runs at 6.40. Marlow secured five wickets . . .

9 June: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2822.html)

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

There was not a very large company present yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, to witness the opening day's play in the match between the above counties. The visitors first occupied the wickets, and at half-past 12 Mr A J Thornton and F Hearne started the batting, to the bowling of Barlow and Crossland.

After making 18 the professional was taken in the slips by Mr Hornby. G G Hearne then joined Mr Thornton, who was clean bowled, and Lord Harris, who succeeded him, played on. Three for 32. Three more batsmen were disposed of for an addition of 13. Mr Christopherson then joined G G Hearne. Runs were obtained faster than hitherto, and several changes in the bowling took place before Hearne had the misfortune to play on. Wootton aided Mr Christopherson, and such a determined resistance was offered that the score reached 132 before a separation was effected, Mr Christopherson being then baffled by a delivery of Barlow's. The last-named batsman had played an excellent, though not chanceless, innings of 47. The southerners' venture subsequently closed for 156, Wootton remaining unconquered. Barlow took half the wickets . . .

When Lancashire went in, Mr Christopherson and Wootton were the bowlers, and they had matters nearly all their own way. So rapidly did the Lancashire batsmen collapse that eight wickets were down for 37. Mr Gaddum and Watson then hit rather freely, but when stumps were drawn for the day the home team required 16 runs to save a follow on . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 June, page 10)

This match was continued at Manchester yesterday. In a minority of 95, Lancashire followed on, and succeeded in scoring 240.

Kent went in a second time, and at the close of the day had lost two wickets for 49 runs. They require 97 runs to win the match and have eight wickets to fall.

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

This match was brought to a close on the Old Trafford Ground at Manchester yesterday, Kent winning by seven wickets. Of the Lancashire bowlers in Kent's second innings, Watson was the most successful . . .

The Southern county are to be congratulated in every way on their victory, which was mainly attributable to the excellent batting of Lord Harris and G G Hearne in the second innings, and the hitting of Mr Christopherson and Wootton in the first. It may be noted also that the last-named pair bowled admirably throughout, taking 16 wickets between them.

9 June: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2824.html)

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

Weather far more in keeping with October than June was experienced yesterday at Kennington-oval, when the metropolitan counties met to play their first match of the season. There was a fairly large number of spectators. Mr I D Walker showed his usual skill in disposing his field to the best advantage. Mr A J Webbe batted well, and Mr O'Brien hit in a style which was generally admired. The fielding throughout the day was good and the wicket played excellently.

Surrey were successful in the toss and sent in Abel and Maurice Read. Burton and Mr Studd led the attack. When 15 runs had been obtained, Abel was easily secured by point. One down. Mr M P Bowden arrived, and remained in seven overs for two singles, after which he was bowled. The vacancy was filled by Mr W W Read, who infused some life into the game by sending a ball of Mr Studd's to square-leg for four. Meanwhile Maurice Read had remained at the wickets during ten overs for only two singles. A change in the bowling was tried at 37, Mr M'Ewen displacing Mr Studd. Two runs later Mr W W Read was bowled - off stump.

The vacancy was filled by Mr Shuter, who made a fine leg-hit for three. This was supplemented by an on-drive for four to the pavilion rails by Maurice Read. The 50 was announced at 20 minutes past 1. Immediately afterwards Mr Shuter returned the ball. Four for 50. Mr Roller appeared, and both batsmen played for some time with great care. At 56, however, Maurice Read was dismissed by a bailer, the ball glancing off his pads. Half the wickets were now down. Jones came in, and the most noteworthy feature was an on-drive for four by Mr Roller off Mr M'Ewen. A change was tried at 63, Mr Studd receiving the ball from Burton, while at 73 Mr Robertson displaced Mr M'Ewen, and a catch at the wicket disposed of Jones. Immediately afterwards luncheon was announced.

After the interval Mr Roller was clean bowled. Messrs Studd and Robertson took charge of the bowling; but at 98 Mr M'Ewen relieved the latter. At 10 minutes past 3 the "100" was announced. Barratt fell to a catch at point and a "yorker" disposed of Lohmann, the innings closing at 3.40 for 128 runs. Four bowlers had been engaged . . .

Middlesex sent in Messrs I D Walker and A J Webbe. Barratt from the gasometer end and Mr Roller from the western end led the attack. The start was very disastrous, as Mr Walker cut the ball into point's hands. Mr O'Brien now became Mr Webbe's partner. At 40 the new arrival gave a difficult chance at wicket. Several variations in the attack were tried, and at 67 Mr O'Brien was caught at wicket. Mr C T Studd joined Mr Webbe, and the wickets were kept intact until stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 June, page 10)

This match was continued at Kennington Oval yesterday. Messrs Studd and Webbe restarted the Middlesex batting. Abel and Mr Roller continued the bowling.

The deliveries of the last-named proved most effectual. Mr Studd was clean bowled at 154, and Mr Pearson, who had given a chance in the slips, fell to the wicket-keeper. Mr Roller played the ball on and Mr Vernon was easily taken at point. Now came a rapid collapse. Mr Henery was caught at

slip and Mr Robertson at point. Both these wickets fell at 180. With the addition of 16 runs, Mr M'Ewen was taken in the slips and Burton was clean bowled. Total, 196. Six bowlers had been engaged. Mr Roller obtained six wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 68, Surrey went in a second time at 1.40. Abel and Maurice Read were opposed by Mr C T Studd and Burton. In the latter's first over Abel was taken off his gloves by point. Mr Shuter joined Read, and the pair kept up their wickets until luncheon, when the score stood at 33. The interval over, Mr Studd, who had been previously bowling from the Pavilion side, changed ends, and Mr Robertson assisted him. An addition of 19 having been made, Mr Shuter fell to third man. Ten runs later an easy catch at cover point disposed of Maurice Read. With the exception of Mr Bowden (who played a most admirable innings) the Surrey batting proved very weak, but it should be mentioned that the wicket was difficult. Four bowlers were tried. Burton obtained five wickets . . .

Wanting 76 to win, Middlesex adopted the same order as in their first venture, Messrs I D Walker and Webbe being opposed by Mr Roller and Jones. The partnership was closed at 12, when Mr Webbe was neatly secured at slip. Mr O'Brien again showed his kill in the batting. Mr Walker was clean bowled at 37. Mr Studd joined Mr O'Brien, and the former by a square leg hit won the match for Middlesex by eight wickets. Mr Roller and Jones each gained a wicket for 16 runs. Mr O'Brien's capital innings consisted of six fours, a three, four twos and singles.

Thursday 12 June, page 10: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

It is understood that a difficulty has arisen with regard to the proposed trial matches in lieu of Gentlemen and Players. It has been found that it will not be possible to get the best teams together as was at first hoped, and there is now every chance that the old fixtures of Gentlemen and Players will be adhered to. We believe that the sub-committees of the Marylebone and Surrey Clubs, before whom the matter has come, are still of opinion that it would have been better to play the trial matches, if that course had been found to be practicable.

12 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2827.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 10)

The leading County in the Midlands - so productive of good bowlers - entered the lists yesterday on the Trent-bridge Ground against the Australians. The weather was fine, the wicket played excellently and there was a large number of spectators present. The play was of a very level description, and there was no advantage resting with either side when time was called.

The home team went in first and completed a first innings of 170, and the Colonists on going to the wickets lost two batsmen for 44 runs. The two Colonists who do not feature in the present match, which is the tenth of the Australians' present tour, are Messrs Cooper and Alexander. The captain, Mr Murdoch, it will be noted, has recovered from his injured finger and takes his usual place in the team.

The county won the toss, and on the good wicket, of course, went in first. Accordingly, at five minutes past 12 Shrewsbury and Scotton began batting to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Runs came slowly, but surely, despite the admirable quality of the bowling; at 26 Mr Giffen displaced Mr Palmer. At the end of an hour's batting only 35 runs were scored. With this total unchanged Scotton, who had made 16, was clean bowled by Mr Giffen. Barnes came in and began scoring with a three to the off. Shrewsbury, who batted with great judgment, twice hit Mr Giffen for two, but the bowling continued too true for runs to be made rapidly. A pretty cut for four by Barnes off Mr Spofforth sent up the "50" amid cheers. Then Shrewsbury drove Mr Giffen for four, and at 57 Mr Boyle displaced Mr Spofforth. Shortly afterwards Shrewsbury was bowled by Mr Giffen for a truly admirable 26. Flowers followed in, and each batsman having scored a three, the luncheon bell rang with the score at 68 for two wickets.

After the interval Messrs Spofforth and Giffen shared the bowling. At 77 Flowers was clean bowled, and Mr C W Wright, who succeeded him, failed to score. Three and four for 77. Selby joined Barnes, who played fine cricket, and the "100" was sent up amid loud cheering. Five runs later Barnes was bowled for 33 - an admirable innings. Gunn aided Selby, and at 115 Mr Palmer displaced Mr Spofforth, who although bowling finely had as yet taken no wicket. At 124 the change proved successful, as Selby was well caught at mid-off. With the score unaltered Attewell was sent back by a "Yorker." Walter Wright and Gunn made a stand until the latter was bowled. Sherwin and Shaw were the last couple, but after the former had made seven he was caught, and the innings closed at 4.30 for 170.

Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the innings of the Australians to the bowling of Attewell and Walter Wright. From the latter's second ball Mr Bannerman was out leg-before-wicket before he had scored, while Mr Murdoch who followed in played the next two balls badly. He nevertheless cut Attewell for four, and then lost Mr M'Donnell, who was finely caught at long-on. Mr Giffen was the incoming batsman. At 24 Barnes relieved Attewell, and at 41 Shaw took the ball from Wright. Messrs Murdoch and Giffen however, played out time.

It should be mentioned that just before the close of play Mr Giffen, who had then made 20, was badly missed by Scotton at long-off . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 June, page 14)

At the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, when stumps were drawn at the end of the second stage of the match between the home county and the Colonial eleven, there was every prospect of an exciting finish to-day, as the Australians with all their wickets to fall then wanted 166 runs to win. The weather was fine, there was a very large attendance of visitors, and although the wicket did not play so well on Thursday, the cricket witnessed was very high-class and thoroughly interesting. It will be remembered that on Thursday night Notts had completed a first innings of 170, and that the Australians on going in lost two wickets for 44.

Yesterday at ten minutes to 12 Mr Giffen and Mr Murdoch, the overnight not-outs (with 22 and 19 respectively), continued the innings of the Australians to the bowling of Shaw and Barnes. Mr Giffen was soon bowled without adding to the total, and Mr Scott, the next comer, failed to score, while at 56 Mr Murdoch was caught at mid-on for 24. Mr Midwinter was joined by Mr Bonnor, who, suffering from an injured instep, had Mr Bannerman to run for him. Mr Bonnor's stay was of short duration, as having made 11 he was taken at the wicket, and Mr Midwinter was shortly afterwards given out leg-before-wicket to Shaw. During the partnership of Messrs Blackham and Palmer, the follow-on was averted, but at 96 Mr Blackham was bowled, and with the total unchanged Mr Spofforth was dismissed without scoring. Messrs Boyle and Palmer however offered a determined resistance, and before the last wicket fell put on 35 runs. Mr Palmer was then caught at long-on for 22, and the innings closed at ten minutes to 1 for 131, or 39 runs behind the Notts total.

After the interval, Nottinghamshire started their second innings with Shrewsbury and Scotton, who were opposed by Messrs Giffen and Palmer. A bad start was made, as both batsmen were caught in the slips. Then Flowers after scoring eight was clean bowled. Barnes and Mr C W Wright stayed together until the score was 52, when the amateur returned the ball. Selby joined Barnes, who batted brilliantly. The former, having scored seven, played on. Barnes, after making 36 by splendid cricket, was bowled by Mr Palmer, and Attewell was again bowled without scoring. Gunn and Walter Wright, however, made an obstinate stand. The first-named was content to keep up his wicket while his partner hit, and was in for an hour for eight runs. These last-named batsmen put on 33 runs, and subsequently Shaw and Sherwin played up pluckily, and the Nottinghamshire second innings was not ended until 137 had been obtained.

Wanting 177 to win, the Australians began batting a second time with Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman, who were opposed by Walter Wright and Barnes. Stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock, when 11 runs had been scored and no wicket had fallen. Thus, as above stated, the Australians were left with 166 runs to get to win, and all their wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 June, page 12)

The weather was again fine at Nottingham on Saturday, and a large crowd assembled at the Trent Bridge Ground to witness the conclusion of the match. From the state of the game on Friday night every one looked forward to a close finish, and the cricket did not disappoint expectations. A no-ball was omitted from the score in Nottinghamshire's second innings, so that on Friday afternoon the Australians had to go in for 178 instead of 177. Of this number it will be remembered 11 had been scored at the drawing of stumps without the loss of a wicket.

At ten minutes to 12 Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman (the over-night not-outs) went on with the

Australians' second innings, and were opposed by W Wright and Barnes. From the first Mr M'Donnell's hitting was of a spirited character, and owing to his exertions the score rapidly rose. With the total at 30 Alfred Shaw took the ball from Barnes. Fifty went up and then Shaw and Wright changed ends. Mr M'Donnell gave a difficult chance at long-on, but it was not accepted. Attewell was tried in place of Shaw, and this change proved successful, a neat catch at slip getting rid of Mr M'Donnell for a capital innings of 38. Mr Murdoch became Mr Bannerman's partner and the pace of the run-getting at once declined. Still another change of bowling was thought necessary, and Flowers was put on in place of Wright. The score having reached 69, Mr Bannerman attempted a short run and lost his wicket.

Another misfortune for the Australians quickly followed, as at 77 Mr Murdoch was very cleverly caught at point, close to the ground. Messrs Giffen and Palmer played carefully, but the latter, after giving a chance to the wicket-keeper, was stumped, the fourth wicket falling at 82. Mr Midwinter, who followed, was quickly out leg-before-wicket. Messrs Giffen and Bonnor were the not-outs at lunch time, the score standing at 85 for five wickets. There were now 93 wanted, with five wickets to fall, so that at this point Nottinghamshire had slightly the better of the game.

On the resumption of play, Attewell and Flowers shared the bowling. Mr Bonnor hit three fours in rapid succession, and sent up the 100 at 3 o'clock. Then, amid great cheering, he was clean bowled by Flowers. A victory for Nottinghamshire now seemed highly probable, and the excitement among the spectators was naturally very great. Mr Blackham joined Mr Giffen, and to the fine and effective batting of these two gentlemen the ultimate victory of the Australians was due. Mr Blackham - always a valuable batsman at a crisis - played with unflinching nerve and great judgment. He hit Flowers twice for three, and at 120 Shaw again took the ball. Still, no wicket could be obtained, and at 129 Attewell was displaced by Barnes. Scotton had a possible chance to take Mr Blackham at mid-on, but the catch would have been very fine had he made it. Mr Blackham then sent Barnes to leg for four, and, unfortunately for Nottinghamshire, the hit was increased to eight by an overthrow. Wright bowled for Barnes at 145, but the batsmen remained masters of the situation and no changes seemed to affect them. At last, however, with the score at 157, or only 21 to win, Mr Giffen was run out for a finely played and most valuable innings of 25.

Mr Scotton joined Mr Blackham. The interest was now very keen, and in a scene of great excitement the remaining runs were secured, a splendid match ending at 25 minutes after 4 in a victory for the Australians by three wickets. Mr Blackham took out his bat for 46, and too much cannot be said in praise of his innings. Altogether, it was a capital game, and the Nottinghamshire men have every reason to be satisfied at having made so close a fight against their formidable opponents.

12 June: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2828.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 10)

At St John's Ground, Huddersfield, yesterday, the match between Yorkshire and Sussex was opened . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 June, page 14)

Yorkshire gained a decisive victory over Sussex at Huddersfield yesterday. Owing in a great measure to Hall's defensive cricket, the home side had a considerable advantage on Thursday, as while Sussex had compiled an innings for 133 Yorkshire had made 160 for the loss of five wickets.

Hall's not-out score overnight was 60, and this he raised to 128 yesterday, going in first and carrying his bat right through the innings, which amounted to 285. Hall's cricket was faultless from first to last, and he was loudly cheered at the close. His figures included a six (four for an overthrow), 16 fours, four threes and 12 twos. J Hide claimed four wickets . . .

When Sussex went in a second time they were 152 behind. Bates and Emmett conducted the attack, and so feeble was the southern county's resistance that the bowling was unchanged throughout, and the whole side was got rid of in an hour and a quarter for the meagre total of 58. Tester and Mr Ellis were the only batsmen who reached double figures. As will be seen from the following analysis, Bates's figures are remarkable. Bates claimed six wickets in 19 overs and three balls (nine maidens) for 26 runs . . . The subjoined score will show that Yorkshire won by an innings and 94 runs.

12 June: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2826.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 10)

There was a large number of spectators at Lord's yesterday to witness the opening day's play in the encounter between the above counties. The weather was beautifully fine . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 June, page 14)

Play in this match was resumed at Lord's yesterday. Dr W G Grace (the overnight not-out with 64) was accompanied by Mr Clowes. The captain made two singles and then lost Mr Clowes, who was bowled. Gregg came in, and Dr W G Grace, who still required his brother to run for him, played wonderfully well. The professional, with an on-drive for two, sent 200 up at five minutes to 12.

Gregg was then bowled, while Dr W G Grace, after carrying his score to 94, was out in the same manner. The Gloucestershire captain had played, with the exception of one chance overnight, a fine innings, which included one five, ten fours, three threes and eight twos. Nine for 219. Mr Bush was bowled without alteration in the score. Time 12.20. Three of the five bowlers tried proved successful. Mr Walker took five wickets . . .

Middlesex, being 73 runs in arrear, opened their second venture at 12.35, with Messrs Webbe and Walker, to the attacks of Mr Page (pavilion end) and Woof. Owing to the injury to his leg, Dr W G Grace was, unfortunately, unable to field. Mr Walker was taken at cover-point at six, and Mr O'Brien joined Mr Webbe. Runs were obtained very fast, but Mr Gilbert should have caught Mr Webbe at 47. Mr O'Brien, by a leg hit for four, caused 50 to be signalled at a quarter past 1. Another half-hour elapsed, and the 100 was registered. When luncheon was announced the total was 122.

On resuming, the score still rose rapidly, but at 143 Mr Webbe obstructed his wicket. His patient 53 included four fours, four threes and ten twos. Mr Studd stopped until 184, when he was caught at mid-off. Mr Pearson aided Mr O'Brien, who, having completed his 100 at 3.35 by an off-drive for four, was missed at mid-off by Gregg from Woof. He did not survive his escape very long, as he was easily taken at short slip. Mr Vernon was finely taken at long-off, and another brilliant catch was made by Mr Page, to whom the ball was returned very hard by Mr Pearson. Six for 247. Mr Henery and Mr Paravicini were now together, and 300 was reached at a quarter past 5. Mr Paravicini was taken at mid-off at 335. Mr Robertson his the first ball he received into the hands of extra cover-point. Eight down. The remaining batsmen gave little trouble, and the innings closed at five minutes to 6 for the heavy total of 345. Only two of the eight bowlers engaged took wickets, and these were Woof, who took six . . .

Wanting 273 to win, Gloucestershire went in at 6.15 . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 June, page 12)

It was very unfortunate for Gloucestershire that they were deprived of the services of their captain during the second innings of Middlesex on Friday. When stumps were drawn the previous evening,

Gloucestershire, with eight wickets to fall, required 214 runs to win. On Saturday at 11.35 Mr Gilbert (not out with 35) was joined by Dr W G Grace.

The score was advanced to 70, at which total Mr Gilbert was given out to an appeal for leg-before-wicket. His principal hits were four fours, two threes and five twos. Mr Page came in, but at 88 Dr W G Grace was taken easily at mid-off. Mr Bush ran for his captain. Painter joined Mr Page, and by an off-drive for four caused the 100 to be signalled at 12.25. Nine runs later Mr Robertson missed catching Painter at mid-on. The professional did not long survive his escape; at 119 he was brilliantly caught and bowled by Mr Studd. Mr Francis aided Mr Page, whom Mr Studd bowled at 122.

Clowes and Gregg added a dozen runs before the amateur was disposed of, while ten runs afterwards Woof was secured at mid-on. Mr Bush came in only to see Gregg caught at long-on, the innings closing at a quarter past 1 for 150. Five bowlers were tried; Mr Walker and Mr Studd shared the wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Middlesex won by 122 runs.

16 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2829.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 10)

Cricket of really high-class calibre was witnessed yesterday at Cambridge in the opening of the match between the University Eleven and the Australians. Great interest was manifested in the encounter, chiefly from the fact that the Australian teams of 1878 and 1882 both suffered defeat at the hands of Cambridge. Although the earlier form shown by the University Eleven this year did not give great promise of such success as attended the representatives of Oxford University when they defeated the Australians so easily last month, it was generally anticipated, after the capital display of Cambridge against the Gentlemen of England a fortnight ago, that they would make a good fight with the Colonials.

All things considered, the Light Blues must be decidedly congratulated on their play yesterday. Going in first, they scored 204. When the Australians went in to bat they lost four wickets for 112, and were thus, at the expiration of time, 92 runs behind, with six wickets to fall.

Mr W H Cooper, it will be noticed, reappears in the Australian Eleven, and Messrs Boyle and Alexander stand out. Cambridge, having won the toss, started batting at 10 minutes past 12 with Messrs Wright and Bainbridge, to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Cooper. In the third over Mr Wright was caught at the wicket, with the score at 4. The Hon J W Mansfield followed in, and runs came steadily. Among other hits, Mr Bainbridge drove Mr Palmer for four, and his partner drove the same bowler for three and Mr Cooper for four. Mr Mansfield was caught at deep third man. Mr J E K Studd and Mr Bainbridge then made so fine a stand that Mr Giffen relieved Mr Cooper at 34. Runs came freely, and at 78 Mr Cooper resumed, but the total rose faster than ever, 17 runs being scored in one over of the slow bowler's. Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter were then tried, and later on Mr Palmer went on again, with the result that at 135 Mr Bainbridge was caught at point for a brilliant 61, the partnership having produced 111 runs. Two runs afterwards Mr Studd was bowled for a magnificent 51. Messrs Paravicini and Greatorex were together at lunch time, when four wickets were down for 142.

After luncheon Cambridge fared badly. Mr Greatorex was bowled at 142, and at 150 Mr Turner was bowled and Mr Paravicini taken at the wicket. Messrs Marchant and Rock made a useful stand and carried the score to 187 before Mr Rock was caught at the wicket. Mr Smith was bowled, and Mr Marchant, after hitting very well for 34, was taken at mid-off, the innings closing for 204.

Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the innings of the Australians to Messrs Bainbridge and Smith. The runs were hit up freely, and at 32 Mr Topham was tried. The change soon proved effectual, as at 40 M'Donnell was bowled by Mr Topham for a useful 25. Mr Murdoch filled the vacant wicket and batted in his well-known excellent style. At 71 an easy catch at slip sent back Mr Bannerman, and Mr Giffen came in. He helped his captain to put on 11 runs, but was then caught in the slips. Mr Blackham was stumped for six. Mr Topham, meanwhile, had been bowling very finely, at one time sending down 13 maidens in succession. Mr Bonnor joined Mr Murdoch and they played out time, stumps being drawn at 6 o'clock with the score at 112 for four wickets. Mr Murdoch was then not out 45. Mr Topham bowled 29 overs (22 maidens) for 16 runs and three wickets.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 12)

Yesterday's play at Cambridge was chiefly remarkable for the brilliant batting of the Australian captain, Mr W L Murdoch, who on a perfect wicket scored 132. Mr Murdoch went in first wicket on Monday night and was seventh man out, with the total at 294.

During the time he was at the wickets 254 runs had been put on, and the Cambridge bowling was completely mastered. The chief figures of his innings were 20 fours, four threes and 12 twos. Messrs Topham and Rock bowled very well, especially the latter, and Mr Murdoch's batting was fully worthy of his reputation. He was at the wickets about four hours and a quarter.

It is also worthy of remark that the Australians' total of 378 is the largest they have obtained during their present tour, and Mr Murdoch's innings is the second individual score of over 100 made by any of the Colonial batsmen this season. Messrs Palmer and Bonnor likewise batted well. On Monday night the Australians were only 92 runs behind with six wickets to go down.

Yesterday Messrs Murdoch (45) and Bonnor (5), the overnight not-outs, resumed the innings of the Colonists to the bowling of Messrs Rock and Bainbridge. As in eight overs 30 runs were scored, Messrs Topham and Smith went on; but Messrs Murdoch and Bonnor, getting thoroughly set, continued to score freely, although the pace of the run-getting was slightly checked. At 170 Mr Turner relieved Mr Smith, and at 189 Mr Marchant took the ball from Mr Topham. Mr Bonnor was then finely caught at slip for a well-hit 44. During the last partnership 85 runs were added.

Mr Midwinter came in, but with the score at 191 he was bowled by Mr Topham, who had resumed, for a single. Mr Palmer followed, and after being bowled by a no-ball played steadily. Messrs Paravicini and Rock were then tried, but runs came faster than ever. Mr Murdoch completed his hundred amid loud cheers, and as Mr Paravicini was seventy punished Mr Marchant resumed. The batsmen, however, were still together when luncheon was announced, the score being 248 for six wickets.

After the interval Messrs Murdoch and Palmer played with great steadiness and defied the numerous bowling changes until, as a last resource, Mr Studd went on. In the first over Mr Murdoch was taken by Mr Topham at long slip for a superb 132, the figures of which are given above. Seven for 294. Mr Scott was soon caught at mid-on; but Messrs Palmer and Spofforth made another stand, until the last-named was caught for a useful 20. Mr Cooper was caught for eight, and the innings of the Australians ended for the large total of 378, Mr Palmer carrying out his bat for 68. Towards the close of the afternoon the University, after their long day in the field, were worn out, so it is not surprising that the last two Australian wickets put on 70 runs. It is worthy of remark that Mr Topham, the Cambridge slow bowler, took five wickets for 74 - a curious circumstance in so large an innings as that obtained by the Colonists.

Being in a minority of 174, Cambridge started their second innings with Messrs Rock and Topham .

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Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 June, page 6)

Yesterday at Cambridge the Australians inflicted a crushing defeat on the University Eleven, and thus to a certain extent atoned from the previous reverses sustained by the Colonial teams of 1878 and 1882 at the hands of Cambridge University. When play ceased on Tuesday evening Cambridge

had scored a first innings of 204, and in their second innings had made two for no wicket, while the Australians had obtained a first innings of 378.

Thus Cambridge, when play was resumed yesterday, were left with a gloomy prospect before them. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth bowled superbly, and the University were all out in their second venture for the poor total of 93. It is worthy of note that of 20 Cambridge wickets Mr Palmer took 11 and Mr Spofforth 8.

Play recommenced yesterday at 5 minutes past 12, when Messrs Topham and Rock continued the University innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. With the score at three only Mr Topham was run out, and at 14 Mr Bainbridge was caught at deep cover point. Three wickets then quickly fell. At 23 Mr Rock was easily taken at point, three runs later Mr Studd was caught and bowled, and at 35 the Hon Mr Mansfield was bowled. Five wickets were thus down for 35. Messrs Wright and Paravicini played better cricket, and put on 26 runs before the former was caught at mid-off for 24. Mr Greatorex was stumped, Mr Turner failed to score, and eight wickets were down for 70.

At 83 Mr Marchant was taken at mid-off, and Mr Smith joined Mr Paravicini. They played on to finish the match before lunch time, and Mr Smith being soon bowled the innings closed for the poor total of 93. Mr Paravicini carried out his bat for 25.

16 June: LANCASHIRE v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2831.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 10)

At Manchester yesterday, Mr T C O'Brien, in the return match between Lancashire and Oxford University, scored a brilliant innings for the University and was not out at the conclusion of the innings. Lancashire were not all disposed of until the total had reached 132.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 12)

After a most interesting and exciting game, the Oxford University Eleven yesterday, at Manchester, beat Lancashire by five wickets. This result was, in a great measure, attributable to the magnificent batting of Mr O'Brien.

16 June: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2833.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 10)

Before a very large company of spectators, the match between "the county of acres" and Nottinghamshire was commenced yesterday at Sheffield . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 12)

Remarkable as the contests between Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire have frequent been for small scoring, it is seldom that on a fairly good wicket the bowlers have had things so much their own way as has been the case in the match at Sheffield, which commenced on Monday and ended yesterday afternoon in a victory by Nottinghamshire by three wickets. On the first day 17 wickets fell, and yesterday 20 more were taken for but 116 runs.

16 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2832.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 10)

Heavy scoring still seems to be the prominent feature of the season's cricket. In the match between these counties at Kennington Oval yesterday, Dr E M Grace cut and hit in a style which quite reminded one of the days when he was the most prominent amateur player. Mr Gilbert has improved in a marvellous manner, while Painter has also shown himself a great acquisition to the western county.

Surrey played well; indeed, they at present seem to have the advantage. Mr Diver's innings excited general admiration, and Maurice Read batted well.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 12)

Gloucestershire made the large score of 240 in their first venture on Monday at Kennington Oval, but their rivals surpassed this total yesterday by 148 runs. When play ceased on the previous evening Surrey had lost two wickets for 170. At five minutes past 12 M Read and Mr W W Read (the not-outs with 59 and 6 respectively) were faced by Gregg (pavilion end) and Woof.

Both batsmen scored freely, and the amateur by an on-drive for three sent the 200 up after 25 minutes' play. Mr Nicholls relieved Gregg at 213, but the separation was effected from the other end, Mr Read being freely taken at long-field-off nine runs later. Three down. Mr Bowden came in, but after making a leg hit for two he obstructed his wicket. Mr Roller joined M Read, who, when he had made 85, should have been caught at slip. The Gloucestershire total was reached at ten minutes past 1. Mr Gilbert went on for Woof at 257, and his third delivery proved fatal to Read, who was taken at wicket. He had got within one of 100. Five for 160. Jones assisted Mr Roller. At luncheon time the score was 289.

On resuming, Dr W G Grace and Woof had charge of the bowling. Roller by a single caused 300 to be hoisted at 3 o'clock. At 320 Gregg superseded his captain. This change should have been successful, as Jones was missed several times. Mr Roller fell to mid-off at 335, and five runs later Jones was bowled. Seven down. Woof and Lohmann were now together, and at 350 Dr W G Grace took the ball from Gregg. From the last ball of the new bowler's first over Wood was easily stumped. Barratt and Mr Horner were both dismissed by Mr Gilbert, and the innings closed at ten minutes past 4 for 388.

Drs W G and E M Grace opened Gloucestershire's second innings to the bowling of Barratt and Mr Horner. Sixty runs were scored in 35 minutes. At 67 Dr W G Grace was caught at slip and Mr Cole appeared. Without further addition Dr E M Grace was taken in the slips. Painter joined Mr Cole, but was taken in the slips at 74. Mr Cole was bowled at the same total, and Mr Gilbert was also caught in the slips. Five for 74. Mr Clowes was caught by point, standing deep, eight runs later, and Mr Francis was clean bowled. Jones disposed of Mr Nicholls at 83. Gregg and Woof made 20 runs before the former was caught by Mr Roller running from mid-off. Nine down. Woof fell to slip at 115, the innings closing at 20 minutes to 7. Surrey thus won by an innings and 33 runs.

16 June: HAMPSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2830.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 10)

The old Cambridge cricketer, Mr F E Lacey, playing for Hampshire yesterday in their return match with Kent at Southampton, scored a brilliant innings of 211 out of the large total of 414 obtained by Hampshire. Mr Lacey's display included one 6, 27 4's and three 3's.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 12)

In spite of the enormous total put together by the Hampshire batsmen at Southampton on Monday, the present aspect of the game between the above-mentioned counties does not by any means point to a certain victory for the home side. The batting of the visiting team yesterday is deserving of great praise, but to Mr F A Mackinnon belongs the chief credit of the performance. When time was called Kent, with three wickets down, were 21 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 June, page 6)

Eleven hundred and twenty-two runs were scored in the match which ended at Southampton yesterday in a victory for Hampshire by three wickets.

19 June: NORTH OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2835.html)

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

The strong North of England eleven chosen to meet the Australians in the 12th match of the latter's tour had decidedly the better of the opening of the encounter at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday. The Colonials went in first on a fairly good wicket and were all disposed of for 91, while the Northern eleven on going in to bat scored 187 for six wickets before time expired, and thus, with four wickets to fall, were 96 runs to the good.

The small score obtained by the Australians was mainly due to the splendid bowling of the two Yorkshiremen, Peate and Ulyett, who were well supported by excellent fielding. The wicket was fairly good and the Australians' poor batting display is somewhat astonishing. For the home team Mr Hornby batted brilliantly but luckily. He should have been caught in the slips in the second over. His principal hits in his fine innings of 94 were 12 fours, two threes and 12 twos. This is the largest innings scored by Mr Hornby against Australian bowling. Barnes played a grand defensive innings of 67. His only mistake was a chance of stumping. Messrs Cooper and Alexander are the two Australians who stand out of the present match.

At five minutes past 12, the Australians, who had won the toss, began batting with Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell, who were opposed by Crossland and Peate. The score had been slowly raised to 15 when Mr M'Donnell was clean bowled and Mr Bannerman from a bad hit was caught at mid-off. When Messrs Murdoch and Giffen were together the scoring was very slow. At 33 Ulyett took the ball from Crossland and one run later clean bowled Mr Murdoch amid loud cheering. Mr Palmer came in, but runs were most difficult to obtain against the fine bowling and accurate fielding of the Northerners. At 44 Mr Giffen was beautifully caught at long-off, Mr Bonnor failed to score, and Mr Blackham was caught and bowled for four. At the luncheon interval Messrs Midwinter and Palmer were together and six wickets were down for 50.

On resuming, the rest of the wickets fell rapidly to the bowling of Peate and Ulyett. Without another run being added Messrs Palmer, Midwinter and Spofforth were all got rid of. Messrs Scott and Boyle gave some trouble, putting on 32 runs for the last wicket. Mr Boyle was then caught and the innings closed for the meagre total of 91.

Mr Hornby and Barlow opened the innings of the Northern eleven, Messrs Spofforth and Palmer being the bowlers. At 10 Barlow was taken at short slip and Shrewsbury came in. The last named was dismissed at 49. It is a curious fact that Mr Hornby made the first 31 runs scored. The Lancashire captain and Barnes offered a determined resistance, and despite bowling changes added 113 runs before Mr Hornby was caught in the long field for a brilliant 94. Barnes was bowled at 178 for a sound and well played 67, marred by the one chance only, mentioned above. In the bad light at the finish Bates and Ulyett were got rid of. Ten thousand people witnessed the play.

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

Yesterday at Manchester the Australians were most decisively defeated by the North of England eleven. The Englishmen are greatly to be congratulated on the result, which was mainly attributable to the splendid bowling of the two Yorkshire professionals - Peate and Ulyett - and the brilliant

batting of Mr Hornby and Barnes. Of the 20 wickets which fell, Peate took 10 for 51 runs and Ulyett seven for 92 runs; while Crossland's two wickets cost 42 runs.

Of the 12 matches which the Australians have played during their present tour, they have won seven and lost four, and one has been drawn. The victory of the Englishmen yesterday was gained by superior all-round cricket, and it may be said that the Australians were never seen to greater disadvantage. Although Messrs Spofforth and Palmer bowled well, the visitors' batting was decidedly weak and their fielding was below their average. Peate was certainly the hero of the match. He kept his length wonderfully true, and as on Thursday was not changed throughout the Australians' second innings. The celebrated slow bowler may well be proud of his performance on the hard wicket, which was not in a condition to assist the bowlers. On Thursday evening when stumps were drawn, the North were 96 runs to the good, with four wickets to fall in the first innings.

Yesterday at 12 o'clock, Mr Docker and Briggs, the previous night's not-outs, continued the Northern innings to the bowling of Palmer and Spofforth. With the total at 208, Mr Docker was caught at cover-point, and then Briggs was taken at short-leg. Crossland was bowled by the first ball he received, and Sherwin was also disposed of by Mr Palmer. The innings closed for 220, or 129 runs to the good.

At five minutes to 1 Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell began the second innings of the Australians to the bowling of Ulyett and Peate. When three runs had been scored Mr Bannerman was run out. Mr Murdoch, who followed, was missed by Shrewsbury low down at point, and Crossland having displaced Ulyett bowled Mr M'Donnell for 23. Mr Giffen, who was the incoming batsman, played a ball from Peate on to his wicket before he had scored, and three wickets were down for 45. Messrs Palmer and Murdoch were together when luncheon was announced, the score still being three wickets for 45.

On resuming, Peate and Ulyett were again the bowlers. After one run had been scored in 10 overs, Mr Murdoch was splendidly caught at the wicket for 12, amid tremendous cheering. Mr Scott, who followed, was clean bowled without scoring and the fifth wicket fell at 46. Mr Bonnor, who a second time failed to score, was clean bowled by a splendid ball from Ulyett. Mr Blackham joined Mr Palmer, and hit Ulyett three times for four. Mr Palmer, who had batted most patiently and was fully an hour obtaining seven, was then tempted to hit, and was caught deep behind the bowler.

Mr Midwinter joined Mr Blackham, who after rapidly hitting up 32 was clean bowled by Peate. When Mr Spofforth came in Crossland relieved Ulyett, and Mr Midwinter after making 10 was out to a well-judged catch at long-off. Mr Spofforth was then taken in the long field, and the North were left victorious by an innings and 22 runs amid a scene of great enthusiasm.

19 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2836.html)

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

This match was begun at the Oval yesterday before a large concourse of spectators. Messrs Rock and Smith started the bowling. Only a dozen runs had been obtained when Mr E J Diver and Maurice Read, who opened the home county's batting, were separated through a catch at wicket. One for 12.

Mr Bowden filled the vacancy, but at 30 lost the company of Mr Diver - clean bowled. Mr W W Read assisted Mr Bowden. The 50 was reached at 10 minutes to 1. After two fours had been made, Mr Bowden gave a chance to Mr Rock at cover-point, which was not accepted. Mr Paravicini relieved Mr Smith at 59, and five runs later Mr Bainbridge superseded Mr Topham. The 100 was announced at 1.35.

After luncheon an alteration was made, Messrs Rock and Smith crossing over. Without the addition of a single run, Mr Bowden was clean bowled. He had played a capital innings. Mr Read had Mr Shuter for a partner. The former was missed at slip and the latter gave a hard chance to point. The skyer to mid-on by Mr Read caused half the wickets to be lost for 175. Jones's stay was brief and profitless. The 200 was reached at 3.55. A most unexpected stand was made by Mr Horner and Barratt, who put on 34 between the fall of the ninth and the last wicket. Time, 4.55; total, 252. Six bowlers had been engaged, three with success. Mr Smith claimed five wickets . . .

Through the excellent batting of Messrs Bainbridge and Studd, the Cambridge team somewhat surpassed the expectations of their partisans . . .

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

A remarkable alteration in the aspect of this game took place yesterday at Kennington Oval. At one time the defeat of Surrey seemed almost inevitable, but their batting quite surpassed expectations. The not-outs, Messrs Bainbridge and J E K Studd (with 46 and 37 respectively), were opposed by Jones and Mr Horner. The previous state of the game on Thursday evening was - Surrey, first innings, 252; and Cambridge had lost only three wickets for 116. Thus everything seemed in favour of the University.

The disposition of their field was the subject of much adverse criticism. As a rule, they kept it on the off-side, apparently for catches; but there was rarely anyone on the leg side, which in many instances was decidedly a mistake. Mr Bowden, who batted in fine style, had the misfortune to be run out in the second innings of Surrey, through, however, no fault of his own. Mr Studd made two fours by an off-drive and leg hit. Barratt relieved Mr Horner at 138. With the total at 151 Mr Studd was smartly stumped, having made five fours, the same number of threes, three twos and singles. Mr de Paravicini was clean bowled at 167. Half the wickets were now down.

Mr Greatorex was stumped at 181, and Mr Bainbridge's excellent contribution was closed at 192 by a catch at short slip. The latter batsman's innings was composed of nine fours, five threes, seven twos and singles. Mr Rock appeared, and at 1.35 the 200 was reached. Nineteen runs later Mr Marchant was stumped. At luncheon the score stood at 225. After the interval, Barratt and Jones

resumed the attack, and the remaining two wickets added only a run each. Six bowlers were tried. Barratt claimed six wickets . . .

The batting of Surrey at the outset of their second venture was very disappointing. Half the wickets were down at 80. The feature of the innings was the grand stand made by Lohmann and Wood, who added 95 runs between them. The partnership was severed by Wood being caught at long-off with a well-judged catch. Mr Horner was stumped, and at 230 Lohmann escaped a difficult chance of being stumped, but was eventually taken in the slips. His principal hits were 12 fours and three twos. Mr Topham secured five wickets . . . Requiring 281 to win, Cambridge went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 June, page 9)

The batting of Cambridge University yesterday on Saturday at Kennington Oval did not realize expectation. On the previous evening they had sent in Messrs Rock and Topham; but when only a single had been scored by the last-named gentleman stumps were drawn. On Saturday they required 280 runs for victory, and at noon the not outs were opposed by Jones and Barratt.

When only 18 had been made Mr Topham had to retire, clean bowled; while at 26 Mr Rock fell to cover-point, and Mr Wright, who took his place, was secured at point without scoring. Mr Studd, after having given an easy chance to Mr Diver at slip, was caught at long-off with the total at 44. The dismissal of Mr de Paravicini speedily followed; but the Hon J Mansfield and Mr Bainbridge infused more vigour into the game and carried the total to 62, when the latter was bowled.

The Hon M B Hawke joined Mr Mansfield, and for a little time it seemed as though a stand would be made. At 83, however, Mr Hawke was bowled, while at 88 Mr Mansfield fell an easy victim to mid-off. Eight down. Mr Marchant batted well after luncheon, but the innings eventually closed for 132. The full score appended will show that Surrey won by 148 runs.

19 June: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2834.html)

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

Kent put a stronger team into the field yesterday at Lord's than that which was defeated on Wednesday by Hampshire. The weather was fine and there was a large company present. Middlesex won the toss, and at a quarter past 12 Messrs Webbe and Walker opened the batting to the bowling of Wootton (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson.

The score rose very slowly to 35, when Mr Walker was smartly caught at wicket. One down. Mr O'Brien's stay was brief, as, after he had made a single, Mr Christopherson bowled him. Mr Studd's innings was fruitless; he was completely baffled by a ball from the professional. Mr Ridley aided Mr Webbe. The latter, at 67, played on - four down. Mr Pearson joined Mr Ridley and runs came faster than hitherto. In hopes of getting another wicket before luncheon, Lord Harris put G G Hearne on for Mr Christopherson. No separation was effected, however.

On resuming, Wootton and Mr Christopherson conducted the bowling. An on-drive by Mr Pearson for four sent "100" up at 10 minutes to 2. Mr Ridley played on at 105, while Mr Vernon, who succeeded him, was finely caught by Mr Wilson running from point towards mid-off. Six for 120. Mr Scott joined Mr Pearson, who at 140 was caught by Mr Wilson running from point across the wicket; he had hit rather freely for 46. Mr Scott was bowled at 148. Eight down. The remaining batsmen only added six, the innings closing at half-past 3.

Mr A J Thornton and F Hearne opened the Kent defence, being opposed by Mr Studd (pavilion end) and Mr Robertson. The amateur was bowled at 10, and G G Hearne assisted his brother. F Hearne, after driving Mr Robinson to the on for four, unfortunately played on. Two for 16. Lord Harris followed in and quickly made 17, after which he was out to a good catch at mid-off. Three for 46. Wootton played on after an addition of 20, and Mr Christopherson took his place. Hearne should have been stumped when he had made 30. Profiting by his escape, he scored rapidly. Mr Walker went on in lieu of Mr Robertson at 96, but his first delivery Hearne drove to the on for four, which caused "100" to be signalled at 5.40.

At 107 Mr Studd gave way to Burton, and this alteration eventually had effect, Mr Christopherson being clean bowled at 126. He had made a brilliant 35. Mr Robertson immediately resumed. The Rev R T Thornton was bowled for five, and Mr Hugessen was caught at short mid-on for a similar number. Eight for 145. Pentecost played on at 151, and H Hearne was bowled without alteration in the total, the venture ending at 10 minutes to 7.

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

When play ceased in this match on Thursday at Lord's, each side had completed an innings, Middlesex for 156 and Kent for 151. Yesterday morning at 11.35 Messrs Walker and Webbe opened the second venture of the home county to the bowling of Wootton (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson.

Mr Walker was taken at the wicket when only 14 runs had been made, while five runs later Mr O'Brien was clean bowled. Mr Webbe was caught at the wicket at 28, and Mr Pearson and Mr

Studd were together. The score was advanced to 62, when the last-named batsman was taken in the slips. Mr Ridley joined Mr Pearson. The score rose rapidly as "100" was signalled at 20 minutes to 2. On the players adjourning for luncheon, 117 had been registered.

Wootton and Mr Christopherson were the bowlers on the game being continued at a quarter to 3. The professional crossed over at 138, and H Hearne took his place at the pavilion end. Three runs afterwards Mr Ridley was bowled and Mr Vernon came in, but having made three was out in the same manner. Mr Scott next joined Mr Pearson, who at 157 was run out in attempting a second-rate; his contribution of 83 included eight 4's, six 3's and five 2's. Mr Henery filled the vacancy, and runs were obtained very fast. At 251 Mr Henery was smartly taken at the wicket. He had batted in excellent style for 46. Mr Robertson played on at 259, and Burton appeared. The last wicket gave a lot of trouble and "300" was reached at half-past 5. Despite numerous alterations in the attack it was not until 338 that a separation was effected, Burton being then well taken at long-on. Mr Scott carried his bat for a well-played 93. The last three wickets had put on no fewer than 181 runs.

Requiring the formidable total of 344 to win, Kent sent in Mr A J Thornton and F Hearne, who were confronted by Mr Robertson and Mr Studd (pavilion end). The light was very bad. With the score at 14 the amateur obstructed his wicket. Ten runs later G G Hearne was taken at point and H Hearne, who followed, was clean bowled. Three for 24. Pentecost, who joined F Hearne, was finely caught by Mr O'Brien running in from the long field, after which stumps were drawn for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 June, page 9)

Although at one time Kent had by no means the worst of this game at Lord's, they failed to prevent Middlesex inflicting a severe defeat on them. At the close of Friday's play the visitors, with six wickets to fall, wanted the large number of 316 runs to win. On Saturday morning F Hearne (the overnight not-out with 15) was accompanied to the wickets by Lord Harris at 11.35. Mr Robertson led off the attack from the nursery end, while Mr C T Studd bowled from the pavilion wicket.

Chiefly by singles the score was advanced to 41, at which total the professional was caught and bowled for a well-hit 19. Mr Wilson came to the assistance of his captain. When the batsmen appeared set, however, Mr Wilson let by a ball of Mr Studd's, which found its way to the wicket. Six for 77. Wootton was disposed of before he had gained anything, and Mr Christopherson succeeded him. Burton displaced Mr Robinson at 95, and this variation in the attack soon got rid of the new batsman, who was taken at mid-off. Eight for 95. The Rev R T Thornton's stay was brief, as, after having made a single, he was out to an appeal for a catch at the wicket. Nine for 98. Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen arrived and the 100 was registered at 10 minutes to 1. Only an single was added, and then Mr Hugessen was bowled, leaving Middlesex victorious by 242 runs. Lord Harris had played in his usual excellent style for 35. Mr Studd took seven wickets . . .

19 June: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2837.html)

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

At Brighton yesterday, in the above return match, the home team had slightly the better of the game against Gloucestershire.

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

At Brighton yesterday, the Gloucestershire eleven, who had scored 146 runs overnight for five wickets, finished their first innings for exactly the same total as was made by Sussex on the previous day. Dr E M Grace and Mr Francis, the not outs, both played good cricket, but after their departure little serious opposition was offered to the home county's bowling.

A very fine innings of 92 was played in the second innings of Sussex by J Hide. Admirable assistance was rendered by Mr Newham, Payne and Phillips, and in the end the score reached 290 . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 June, page 9)

Some interesting cricket was witnessed at Brighton on Saturday, when Sussex, for the second time this year, defeated Gloucestershire. On Saturday the Gloucestershire batting was continued by Mr Francis and Painter. The bowlers were Juniper and Tester.

Four wickets fell in rapid succession, and five wickets were then down for 40. Mr W G Grace and Mr Brain raised the score to 110, when Dr W G Grace was stumped for a most valuable 30. Mr Page came in. Messrs Brain and Page were together at luncheon, when the score had reached 168 for six wickets.

On resuming, Mr Brain, after batting admirably for 69, was caught at cover point. Woof having filled the vacancy, a grand catch at long-on dismissed Mr Page, who had batted freely for 51. The last two wickets gave some trouble, but Gregg being bowled for 12 and Mr Bush caught for five, the innings closed for 241, and Sussex were left victorious by 49 runs.

23 June: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2839.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 June, page 10)

Yesterday, at the Aigburth-road Ground, Liverpool, the Australians had none the better of the opening of their match - the 13th of their tour - against a strong eleven representative of Liverpool and district, led by Mr A G Steel. When stumps were drawn at the end of a very interesting day's cricket, the Australians, with five of their best wickets down, were 110 runs behind.

The home side went in first, Barlow and D Q Steel opening the batting to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. The amateur was soon caught without scoring; but his brother, Mr A G Steel, on joining Barlow, hit very finely. After the professional had been caught for an invaluable 24, Mr G R Cox was bowled without scoring and Mr H B Steel soon left. Mr A G Steel, who gave two easy chances, hit with his accustomed freedom and confidence, and it was not until he had put together 72 that he was caught off Mr Boyle's bowling. His chief figures were five fours, six threes and ten twos. At lunch-time five wickets had fallen for 114.

On resuming, Watson joined Briggs, who at 132 played on. After Watson's dismissal, Mr Leach and Price, the Liverpool Club professional, added 66 runs before they were separated. After Price left, Mr Wood and Crossland were quickly out, and the innings closed for 213. Mr Boyle was the most successful bowler, his analysis on the hard wicket being very good.

The Australians, who went in at ten minutes to 5, fared badly. Mr M'Donnell, after making 11, was caught, and Mr Murdoch, who then joined Mr Bannerman, was bowled by Crossland for 8. Messrs Bannerman and Giffen played capital cricket, but the latter, after hitting hard for 36, was unluckily run out, Mr Bannerman was bowled by Watson for 23 and Mr Blackham was bowled by Crossland for six. Messrs Palmer and Bonnor played out time, and when stumps were drawn the Australians had lost five wickets for 103.

The total of the home side would have been much smaller had the Australians taken all the catches that were offered them. Mr Blackham did not keep wicket in consequence of an injured finger, and his position was taken by Mr Midwinter. Messrs Cooper and Alexander do not figure in the Colonial team in this match.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 June, page 10)

At Liverpool yesterday, after a hard fought contest, and amid a scene of great excitement, the Australians won their match against Liverpool and District by one wicket only. Yesterday's cricket was of a curious description. During the day 24 wickets fell for 219 runs, a trifle over nine runs per wicket. The smallness of the scoring was mainly owing to the bad wearing of the wicket, which was of great assistance to the bowlers, who were thereby enabled to get a lot of work on the ball. The play yesterday was intensely interesting throughout, the issue being in doubt up to the very last moment.

On Monday night the Australians, with half their wickets down, were 110 runs behind. Messrs Bonnor and Palmer continued the innings of the Australians yesterday to the bowling of Crossland and Barlow. In quick succession Crossland dismissed Messrs Bonnor, Palmer and Midwinter, and

eight wickets were down for 110. Messrs Spofforth and Scott played plucky cricket, and at 130 Mr A G Steel relieved Crossland. The follow on was averted at 12.55, but at 140 Mr Scott was smartly stumped. He and his partner had put on 30 runs. Mr Spofforth, who had batted well, was then bowled, and the innings closed for 140, or 73 runs behind.

On going in a second time Liverpool, with only one exception - Mr A G Steel - offered but a feeble resistance to the splendid bowling of Messrs Boyle and Palmer. Mr A G Steel played admirable cricket, but despite his individual score of 29, the total only reached 54, which left the Australians 128 runs to get to win. Towards the close of the Liverpool innings Mr Murdoch hurt his hand and had to leave the field.

The Australians went in a second time at five minutes to 4, Messrs Bonnor and M'Donnell opening the batting to the bowling of Crossland and Barlow. At the onset the prospect of getting the necessary 128 runs was far from promising, as five of the best batsmen were out for 23, all the wickets falling to Crossland's bowling. Messrs Murdoch and Blackham, by good and careful batting, put on 69 runs and greatly improved the aspect of the game for the Colonists. After Mr Blackham's dismissal the Australian captain continued to bat with great judgment, but could get no one to stay long with him, and when Mr Boyle, the last man, came in, four runs were still required to win. A three to leg by Mr Murdoch made the game a tie, and then a bye won the match at 20 minutes to 7. Shortly before the finish Mr Murdoch ought to have been run out and the result perhaps might have been different. The batting of the Australian captain was, however, of the highest quality and worthy of his reputation.

Crossland's five wickets in the first innings of the Australians cost 50 runs, but in the second venture of the Colonists he obtained six wickets for 20, the first five being got for six runs, a remarkable analysis.

23 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2840.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 June, page 10)

The Light Blues began their annual match at Lord's with the Marylebone Club yesterday in fine weather and before a numerous company. Having won the toss, Cambridge sent in Messrs Bainbridge and Wright to the attacks of Woof (nursery end) and Flowers. Both bowlers proved difficult to play. The innings ultimately closed at a quarter past 3 for a very meagre total. The bowling was unchanged throughout. Woof took five wickets . . .

Mr Wilson and Scotton started the Marylebone batting at half 3 o'clock, being faced by Mr Rock (pavilion end) and Mr Topham. Six wickets were down for 109 when Mr Spiro went in, and runs were then made at a rapid pace. The 200 was signalled at a quarter to 7. One run later Flowers was taken at cover-point. He had played a most brilliant innings of 122. The Rev Mr Thornton was bowled within a few minutes of 7 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 June, page 10)

A rather powerful Marylebone team have gained a decisive victory over the light blues at Lord's. It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn the previous day the position of the game was: - Cambridge first innings, 74; Marylebone, 220 for eight wickets. The attendance when the match was continued yesterday morning at 11.35 was considerably smaller than on Monday, but this probably was caused by the meagre scoring of the University. Mr Spiro was bowled for 46, which included a five, four four's, two three's and six two's; total, 229. Six bowlers were put on . . .

In a minority of 155, Cambridge commenced their second venture with Messrs Wright and Bainbridge, at 12.20, who were faced by Flowers (pavilion end) and Woof. Two batsmen were dismissed for four. The Hon J Mansfield aided Mr Turner, and the pair increased the score to 30, at which total the latter was smartly stumped. One run only was added when Mr Studd came in, and Mr Mansfield was stumped. Four wickets realized 31. Mr de Paravicini obstructed his wicket at 43, and was succeeded by Mr Powell. The 50 went up at 1.20, but a dozen runs after Mr Studd was clean bowled. Mr Greatorex aided Mr Powell, and at luncheon 89 runs were registered.

On the resumption of play, Flowers and Woof had charge of the attack. Mr Powell was taken somewhat easily at mid-off, at 90. Mr Marchant followed in. Mr Greatorex was beautifully caught at point at 98 and Mr Rock appeared. Mr Marchant was out to an appeal for leg before at 125. The last two players were both captured by the wicket keeper, the innings closing for 126, thus leaving Marylebone victorious by an innings and 29 runs. Flowers took eight wickets . . .

23 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2841.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 June, page 10)

The prospect of seeing the dark blues play for the first time this season in London attracted a numerous number of onlookers to the Kennington Oval yesterday. Some very singular play was witnessed.

Oxford began remarkably well, Mr Brain and Mr Kemp both batting in fine style, while Mr Page had a most lucky innings. Five batsmen went for 205, and then came a most remarkable collapse, the other half of them only adding a single among them. Six wickets fell in four overs, Mr Roller and Jones each taking three. The Surrey fielding was very indifferent; their batting like that of their rivals was good at the outset, but fell off towards the close. The Oxford fielding taken throughout was good.

The play became a little better after 12, and with the exception of the usual interval was continued until seven o'clock on behalf of Surrey. Jones took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 June, page 10)

If the two matches in which the Universities have been engaged during the past two days are to be taken as an index of the strength of the rival Blues, Oxford have unquestionably the advantage. One of the great things which is too often missing now on the part of a captain is the judgment when to change to bowling and how to arrange the field. Mr Kemp has shown in a marked manner at the Oval in the contest with Surrey that he possesses this faculty. His wicket-keeping and management were generally admired. Although the Surrey eleven were by no means so strong as Marylebone, who have defeated Cambridge in a most crushing style, it must be acknowledged that Oxford are a very fine team. Yesterday's match at the Oval was witnessed by several thousand spectators.

With a narrow majority of four runs in their favour at the close of an innings each, Oxford again sent in Messrs Hine-Haycock and Brain. Barratt and Jones led the attack. At 53 Mr Brain fell to a catch at slip, having, as on the previous day, batted in good style. The 100 was reached at 1.20. Mr Kemp filled the vacancy and batted in excellent style until he made a rather poor hit, which cover-point secured, and which closed the innings at 4.25. six bowlers had been put on. Mr Horner secured four wickets . . .

Surrey, with 256 to win, sent in Messrs Shuter and Bowden to the bowling of Messrs Whitby and Bastard. The last-named batsman obstructed his wicket at 25, and for an addition of six runs Mr Diver returned the ball and Mr Read's off-stump was soon upset. Three for 31. half the wickets were lost for 108. Lohmann fell to a fine catch at cover-point. Wood appeared, and after several changes, Mr Shuter was well secured at long-on by a running side-catch. His innings was composed of 12 four's, a three and seven two's. Barratt fell at mid-on, and the stumping of Mr Horner brought the innings to a close a few minutes before 7. Five bowlers were put on . . . Oxford won by 82 runs, as will be seen from the subjoined score.

23 June: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2838.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 June, page 10)

Some capital cricket was witnessed yesterday at Derby in the opening of the first match this season between the home county and Yorkshire. Owing mainly to the state of the wicket the scoring was not heavy on either side, but Yorkshire, as might have been expected, at the close of play had considerably the better of the game, though the fine bowling of Peate and Harrison. Peate in 40 overs bowled 27 maidens, and took five wickets for 30 runs. Marlow took seven Yorkshire wickets for 46.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 June, page 10)

The chief feature in yesterday's play at Derby was the fine bowling of the veteran Yorkshire professional, Emmett, who in Derbyshire's second innings took seven wickets at a cost of 20 runs. The home county batsmen made a feeble display, and in their second venture were all disposed of for 57, in an hour and three-quarters. This left Yorkshire with but eight runs to get to win. These were soon obtained after luncheon, and Derbyshire suffered defeat by ten wickets.

On Monday night, when each side had completed an innings, Yorkshire were 50 runs on. Yesterday in dull but fine weather, Wood-Sims and Cropper started on the Derbyshire second innings to the bowling of Peate and Emmett. The team were all out at 2 o'clock for 57. After luncheon Yorkshire went in again, and Baker and Harrison soon obtained the few runs required.

26 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2842.html)

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

One of the most interesting matches in which the Australians are to be engaged during their present tour was opened yesterday at Kennington Oval before more than 15,000 spectators. A fairly strong eleven were put into the field for the home team. In most cases they played well; but it is too soon yet to comment on their respective merits.

Successful in the toss, the Australians decided to go in, and at eight minutes past 12 Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman were opposed by Mr C T Studd (gasometer end) and Mr Christopherson. The fast bowler upset Mr Bannerman's wicket when only 16 runs had been made. Mr Murdoch aided Mr M'Donnell, who should have been caught by Mr Read at short mid-on when he had scored 13. He did not long survive his escape, however, as at 25 he was clean bowled. Mr Giffen joined his captain, who had a narrow chance of being run out. Mr Murdoch then cut Mr Studd for four, which caused 30 to be signalled at a quarter to 1. The last-named batsman again cut Mr Studd for three, the ball being misfielded by Mr Steel. Mr Giffen then went out of his ground to play a delivery from Mr Studd, which he missed, and before he could get back was smartly stumped. The outlook of the Australians was by no means bright with three of their best batsmen out for 36.

Mr Palmer, after making a single, was taken by the wicket-keeper. Four for 37. Mr Scott appeared and cut Mr Christopherson for three. A four in the slips by Mr Murdoch sent 50 up. The score was now 52, and a fine cut by the last-named batsman for four advanced it to 56. The Colonial captain was then out to a fine catch at slip by Lord Harris, who took the ball low down and with his right hand. Five out. Mr Bonnor played the first ball he received somewhat badly, and the second proved fatal to him - caught at the wicket. The fielding, with the exception of the mistakes mentioned above, had been excellent, but another bad return was made by Mr Steel which probably let off Mr Blackham. Each player scored fast, and at 80 the first variation in the attack was made, Mr Ridley superseding Mr Studd, while seven runs later Mr Christopherson gave way to Mr Roller. This alteration at once stopped the run getting and only two were added in five overs when the game was adjourned for luncheon.

On its being resumed, Messrs Steel and Christopherson conducted the bowling. Each sent down a maiden, and from the third ball of Mr Steel's second over Mr Blackham scored a single. He followed this hit up by obtaining two twos off Mr Christopherson. Mr Scott made a single, but the next ball he received from the Kent bowler he played on to his wicket. Seven for 95. Mr Midwinter aided Mr Blackham. Both batsmen added a single, after which the latter hit Mr Christopherson to square-leg for four and cut him for a similar number. Mr Midwinter supplemented these items by two twos from Mr Steel, while Mr Blackham scored four in two hits from the fast bowler. Having added a three, Mr Midwinter drove Mr Christopherson straight twice in succession, which hits each realized four. Mr Roller was tried in lieu of Mr Christopherson at 125, but his third delivery Mr Midwinter cut late for four. Two singles were recorded before Mr Blackham cut Mr Steel twice for four, and another four by Mr Midwinter brought the 140 up.

Mr Ridley displaced Mr Steel at 143. Five overs produced three, and then Lord Harris should have caught Mr Midwinter at slip. Mr Blackham next enlivened the game by cutting Mr Roller for four and securing a like number from an on-drive. At 156 Mr Studd relieved Mr Roller, and the

principal hits for a while were a three by Mr Blackham and an off-drive for four by Mr Midwinter. The batsmen continued to play with great determination until at length Mr Grace went on at 173 for Mr Ridley. This variation soon had the desired effect, as Mr Blackham ten runs later obstructed his wicket. He had played a brilliant innings of 69, which included six fours, five threes and 12 twos. Mr Spofforth assisted Mr Midwinter in raising the score to 198, when the famous bowler was caught at mid-off. Mr Boyle hit freely and before he returned the ball the score was 229. Mr Midwinter's fine display comprised seven fours, a three and eight twos.

Dr W G Grace and Mr Studd opened the Gentlemen's batting at 5 o'clock, being confronted by Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Principally by the contributions of Mr Studd the score was carried to 15, when Mr Spofforth in attempting to run that gentleman out converted a single into a four. Mr Studd was bowled at 19. Mr Lucas batted very patiently until, at 70, Mr Giffen, who had gone on for Mr Spofforth at 50, bowled him. Mr Read joined the Gloucestershire captain, and the pair played out time.

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

It was computed that no fewer than 20,000 persons visited Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the second day's play. The weather was beautifully fine. Dr W G Grace, who, it will be remembered, scored over 100 runs in the match between the Marylebone Club and the Colonists at Lord's last month, has up to the present played the innings of the game, making no fewer than 107 runs, the nearest approach to this on the part of England being the 35 scored by Lord Harris.

There was not much to choose between the play of either team, which, taken all round, was of the highest character. Mr Bonnor made an excellent hit for four, the ball dropping close to the Vauxhall gate of the ground. When stumps were drawn on Thursday the visitors had completed an innings for 229, and their opponents, with eight wickets to fall, were only 138 behind.

Punctually as 12 o'clock the Australians came into the field, and were followed shortly afterwards by Dr Grace and Mr Read (the not-outs, with 46 and 11 respectively). Mr Palmer led off the attack by sending down a maiden to the Surrey player. Dr Grace drove the third ball he received from Mr Spofforth, who had charge of the attack at the pavilion end, to the on for a couple, which Mr Read supplemented by placing Mr Palmer to square leg for four. Each batsman made a single, and then Dr Grace, by a cut for three, caused the 100 to be signalled at 10 minutes past 12. Mr Read had just previously nearly run out his partner, who, having made a single, cut Mr Spofforth for four. Two were added, and then two maidens resulted, after which Mr Read obtained four by a lucky hit in the slips. Seven runs later the latter was clean bowled. Three for 120.

Mr Steel joined Mr Grace, who continued to hit with great freedom. Three overs produced two, and then Dr Grace cut Mr Spofforth for two and hit him to square leg for a similar number. Mr Steel obtained three for a like stroke, and, having added two, Dr Grace gained four by a leg hit. A double change in the attack was now tried, Mr Boyle displacing Mr Palmer and Mr Spofforth handing the ball to Mr Giffen. Chiefly by singled the score was advanced to 146, when Dr Grace, by a fine leg hit to the boundary, sent 150 up at 12.50. Mr Steel made a cut for four and an on-drive for two, while his companion, having secured four for a leg hit, the Lancashire gentleman also placed Mr Boyle to leg for four. A good catch at deep cover-point disposed of Mr Steel at 166. Four down.

Lord Harris arrived and for a while contributed most of the runs, among other items being a leg hit and cut for four each. Mr Giffen relieved Mr Boyle at 188, Mr Spofforth having resumed at 165.

For some little time Dr Grace had not made a large hit, but a fine cut for four by the Gloucestershire captain sent the 200 up at half-past 1. The same batsman made another four to leg from Mr Giffen, and after Mr Palmer had resumed at 211, he, by a splendid leg hit for four, completed his 100 at 20 minutes to 2 amid tremendous cheering, which was renewed when he sent the next ball he received in the same direction on to the boundary. This was his last item, however, as he skied a ball over the bowler's head, which was secured by Mr Bannerman running from mid-off. He had played a brilliant innings, which quite reminded one of some of his large scores two or three years ago. His chief figures were 12 fours, three threes and 11 twos.

Mr Ridley then aided Lord Harris. The new batsman only outlived an off drive for two by Lord Harris when he unfortunately played on. Six for 224. Mr Spofforth displaced Mr Palmer after the new batsman (Mr Diver) had added a single. An appeal was immediately made against the last-named for a catch at the wicket, but the decision was "not out." A delivery of Mr Giffen's went for two byes, and then the Australian total was reached by an on drive for two by his lordship, and 5 minutes to 2. Mr Diver next drove a ball of Mr Spofforth's into the pavilion, and two hits by Lord Harris realized four (leg hit and cut for two each), which carried the score to 237. The contestants now retire for luncheon.

The interval over, Messrs Giffen and Spofforth had charge of the attack. The last ball of the third over Mr Diver hit to leg for four, which he quickly supplemented by an off drive for a similar number. The score was taken to 250, when Lord Harris got out of his ground to play Mr Spofforth and was smartly stumped. Mr Roller assisted Mr Diver, who drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four, but was out to a well-judged catch by Mr Scott at long-on soon afterwards. Eight for 257. Mr Christopherson was caught easily by point from the second ball he received, and Mr Welman came in. A leg-bye was registered, and Mr Roller, after making a single, drove Mr Spofforth to the on for two; Mr Welman, in attempting a third run for this hit, was easily run out, owing to a splendid return by Mr Boyle from extra mid-on. Total, 261. Time, 3.15.

The Australians started their second innings at 3.35, their first representatives, as usual, being Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Mr Christopherson opened the attack with a maiden from the pavilion end. Mr Studd bowled from the gasometer wicket, and his second delivery Mr M'Donnell drove straight for two, while his third he cut for three. The same batsman next drove the fast bowler for four, but from the next ball he was brilliantly caught by Mr Studd at deep third man. One for 9.

Mr Murdoch joined Mr Bannerman, who drove Mr Studd to the off for four. One run came from five overs, the proceedings then being considerably enlivened by a lucky hit for three on the part of the Colonial captain and a straight drive by Mr Bannerman for four. Runs now came very slowly, and, with the exception of an off drive for two by Mr Bannerman, only three singles were gained in 11 overs. Mr Murdoch at length secured two in the slips, which were misfielded by Mr Read. The last-named batsman then cut Mr Studd for four, the ball going dangerously close to Lord Harris at slip. Mr Bannerman placed Mr Christopherson to leg for four, and Mr Murdoch obtained a two in the slips, which hit he followed up by an on drive for two. Mr Bannerman then cut the Kentish bowler for three. Mr Steel superseded Mr Studd at 43. Four runs resulted from five overs. Mr Murdoch then drove Mr Christopherson twice to the on for two and three. The fast bowler sent down a wide, and suddenly appeared to tire. The 50 was reached after exactly an hour's play.

Mr Ridley relieved Mr Christopherson at 53, and his underhand bowling was played very cautiously. Mr Murdoch drove him to the off for three, and six overs later he drove Mr Steel straight for two. At 61 Dr Grace was tried at the gasometer end in lieu of Mr Steel. Four runs later

this variation proved successful, Mr Murdoch being finely stumped off the second ball of his fourth over. Mr Giffen aided Mr Bannerman and placed the second ball sent to him to square leg for four. Mr Christopherson resumed at 69, and Mr Giffen, after brilliantly cutting him for three, was bowled - middle stump - in the next over.

Mr Blackham arrived. Mr Bannerman sent Dr Grace to leg for four, and he obtained two more for a similar hit in the next over. Mr Blackham then drove Mr Christopherson straight for four. The same batsman soon made two more hits for four each (to leg and the on), which caused Mr Steel to go on at the pavilion end. Mr Bannerman made a leg hit for three, the 100 going up at a quarter to 6. Mr Blackham was clean bowled at 112, having hit freely for 21, and Mr Bonnor succeeded him. Mr Bannerman cut Dr Grace late for three. Mr Bonnor now made a grand hit among the people for four, while the next ball he placed in the same direction for a similar number. A two-fold change in the bowling was resorted to at 129, Mr Christopherson going on at his old end and Mr Studd taking the ball from Dr Grace. At 137 the Kentish bowler crossed over, Mr Roller bowling at the pavilion end. At 138 Mr Bannerman was finely caught at point. He had batted in an excellent and patient style for 48, having been at the wickets two hours and three-quarters. His principal hits were four fours, four threes and four twos.

Mr Midwinter came in, and Mr Bonnor cut Mr Roller for four. The new batsman cut Mr Christopherson for two, and Mr Bonnor drove the other bowler to the on for two. Mr Steel went on for Mr Roller at 146. His first ball Mr Bonnor placed to square leg for four, but his second proved fatal to that batsman, his leg stump being bowled down. Play then ceased for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 June, page 10)

If any further illustration were needed of the skill of the Australians in the field, it was furnished on Saturday afternoon at Kennington Oval. There was a large concourse of spectators. Dr W G Grace, by his batting, bowling and fielding, was unquestionably the hero of the match, although the Gentlemen were unfortunate enough to lose. Out of the 373 runs obtained from the bat in the double innings, he was accredited with considerably more than a third, and this in spite of his evident lameness of the first and second days.

Mr Midwinter played with the caution which he used to exhibit when in the Gloucestershire team, but he now hits with far greater freedom. It was most disappointing that England, who went in with 188 to win, should, after gaining 104 of this number for four wickets, have lost six wickets with the meagre addition of 37. Lord Harris, curiously enough, fell to the wicket-keeper in each innings. Mr Steel batted in his usual excellent style. Messrs Christopherson and Spofforth tied for the honour in gaining the highest number of wickets from their bowling, each taking 11, the former at a cost of 28 runs less than the colonial.

Within a few minutes of noon Mr Scott and Mr Midwinter (not out 2) were faced by Mr Steel (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson. Mr Midwinter made a single from the fast bowler, which he quickly supplemented by a leg hit for two, a single and another leg hit for a couple. Two maidens ensued, and after Mr Scott had made a single, Mr Midwinter drove Mr Steel to the off for four and cut the same bowler for two. A little later he also drove Mr Christopherson to the on for three. Mr Midwinter next sent Mr Steel to the off for four, and Mr Scott obtained a like number for a similar stroke in the opposite direction. Mr Roller displaced Mr Steel at 175. Mr Midwinter cut the new bowler for two, and his partner drove and cut Mr Christopherson for two and four respectively. Mr Midwinter placed Mr roller to leg for three, when Dr Grace went on at the gasometer end. His first

delivery Mr Midwinter drove to the on for four. A brilliant catch by the Gloucestershire captain at point got rid of Mr Scott at 190, while from the first ball the incoming batsman (Mr Palmer) received he was given out leg-before. Mr Spofforth appeared and secured a single. The first ball Dr Grace sent Mr Spofforth he played very badly, and the second he hit into the hands of Mr Studd at mid-on.

Mr Boyle aided Mr Midwinter, who, when three maidens had been sent down, drove Mr Roller to the on for four, and, after his companion had gained a single, he drove Dr Grace to the on for a couple. Mr Boyle hit Mr Roller to square-leg for four, 200 being hoisted at 10 minutes to 1. Mr Boyle cut the Surrey bowler to the boundary, but off the third ball of Dr Grace's next over Mr Midwinter gave a difficult chance to Mr Studd at short mid-on. Mr Christopherson crossed over at 207, and Mr Midwinter gained a single. The latter twice drove Dr Grace for two to the on, and shortly afterwards he secured four to the on from the Gloucestershire captain, the ball going over the people's heads. Mr Studd took the ball from Dr Grace at 217, and the first ball of his second over Mr Boyle drove to the off for two. Both bowlers were now most difficult to play, and maiden after maiden was registered. At length, after seven overs had been bowled without producing a run, Mr Boyle was out to a fine side catch by Mr Steel at mid-on, the venture closing at a quarter past 1 for 219. Mr Christopherson's analysis since he crossed over was very good, he having bowled nine overs for a single . . . Mr Midwinter played very well; his 47 was composed of five fours, two threes, eight twos and singles.

The Englishmen required 188 to win. Mr Studd and Dr Grace opened the batting at 1.35, and were confronted by Mr Spofforth, who began with a maiden, and Mr Boyle (gasometer end). Dr Grace cut the second ball sent him for three, and secured two more before Mr Studd began his score with a single. Another run by the last-named batsman was followed by four byes from a delivery of Mr Spofforth's. Mr Studd obtained three by a cut from Mr Boyle, who then handed the ball to Mr Palmer, and the Middlesex batsman made a single. A ball of Mr Spofforth's Mr Studd cut for one, and at the conclusion of the over an adjournment was made for luncheon.

The encounter was continued at a quarter to 3. Mr Studd cut Mr Spofforth late for four; Dr Grace added a single, and a fine leg hit by Mr Studd realized four. Dr Grace cut Mr Spofforth for three, and off the next delivery Mr Studd gave a very difficult chance to Mr Bonnor at slip. Mr Grace placed Mr Spofforth to leg for three, which he shortly afterwards followed up with a square-leg hit for four. Mr Spofforth bowled four more byes, and in the subsequent over Dr Grace hit him to leg for two and drove him to the on for a like number, the 50 being registered at five minutes past 3. Mr Studd made a single, and Dr Grace cut Mr Palmer late for four. Two runs later the Gloucestershire captain had a very narrow escape of being run out. The 60 was reached at a quarter-past 3, ten runs having been gained in as many minutes. Without alteration in the score Mr Studd was well taken at third man. One for 60.

Mr Lucas joined Dr Grace. Mr Palmer immediately handed the ball to Mr Giffen, in whose first over Dr Grace secured a single to square-leg. This proved his last contribution, however, as he fell to long slip in the succeeding over of Mr Spofforth's. Two for 61. Mr Read, who then appeared. Began with an on drive for two. Mr Lucas cut Mr Spofforth for two, and drove the same bowler to the pavilion rails for four. The new batsman added one, after which he secured four from a splendid cut off Mr Spofforth. The latter, however, at 79 bowled Mr Read's middle and leg stumps down. Three for 79.

Mr Steel as he came from the pavilion was greeted with loud cheers. A single by Mr Lucas brought 80 up at 3.40. The same played scored the next four runs, when Mr Steel made a single, which was

quickly augmented by the other batsman with a one square-leg hit for four. Mr Steel, who had only scored one in seven overs, now made a fine hit to leg for four, while a little later he cut Mr Spofforth to the boundary. The Lancashire gentleman, with a leg hit for two, caused 100 to be registered at five minutes to 4. A double change in the attack was now resorted to, Mr Boyle displacing Mr Spofforth and Mr Giffen two runs later relinquishing the ball to Mr Palmer. The former alteration speedily had the desired effect, Mr Lucas being clean bowled. Four for 104.

Lord Harris assisted Mr steel, who cut Mr Palmer for three, while his lordship drove the same bowler to the on for two. Mr Steel placed Mr Boyle to square-leg for a couple, and then half a dozen overs produced only two runs, Mr Spofforth having gone on for Mr Palmer at the gasometer wicket. Lord Harris drove him to the on for a single, and Mr Steel obtained four from a cut. The next ball he returned to the bowler, and half the wickets were down for 118. Mr Ridley occupied the vacant wicket, and Lord Harris received a maiden over from Mr Boyle. A delivery of Mr Spofforth's went to the boundary as byes. His lordship then cut Mr Boyle late for four, and after a single by Mr Ridley from the other end, which proved his only item, he made on-drives for two and one. The latter hit sent up the 130 at half-past 4. Mr Ridley was caught without further addition at forward short-leg. Six down.

Mr Diver did not seem at all at home with the bowling. His third ball he skied, and it was most easily caught at mid-on. Seven for 130. Mr Roller came in, and having made one, cut Mr Spofforth for four. From the second ball of the next over Lord Harris was well stumped, and Mr Christopherson appeared, only to see the dismissal of Mr Roller, who was out in a similar manner. Eight and nine for 135. Mr Welman arrived. Mr Christopherson drove each bowler to the on for a single, and Mr Welman obtained four from a lucky hit to leg. The third ball, however, of Mr Boyle's got rid of the Kentish gentleman - easily stumped. The Australians thus won by 46 runs.

26 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2844.html)

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

There was a large company present at Lord's yesterday to witness the first day's play in this match. The weather was delightfully fine. Marylebone went in first, their representatives at the outset being Messrs Russel and Heath, who were faced, a few minutes after noon, by Messrs Whitby and Bastard.

Mr Russel returned the ball at 18 and Hearne came in. The professional soon scored 12 in three hits, which caused Mr Whitby to hand the ball to Mr Page at 36. Two runs later, however, Mr Heath was bowled from the other end. Mr Payne's stay was brief, as having made a single, he was also got rid of by Mr Bastard. Mr Fowler joined Hearne and runs were made faster than hitherto. Mr Whitby resumed at 70, while at 82 Mr Nicholls displaced Mr Bastard. The latter change soon had effect, Hearne being secured at third man without alteration in the total. Only four were added when Mr Miller was bowled. At 108 Mr Page went on again in lieu of Mr Whitby. Mr Fowler was bowled at 115, having played a freely-hit innings of 60, which included a five, seven fours, two threes and eight twos. Burton was taken at the wicket at 136, and when the players retire for luncheon, 137 was registered. After the interval the remaining three batsmen were dismissed for 17, the innings closing at 3 o'clock.

Messrs Hine-Haycock and Brain opened the University innings at 3.20, to the bowling of Woof and Rylott (Pavilion end). Half the wickets were down for 79, and the venture eventually closed for 110 at 5 o'clock. Woof claimed seven wickets . . .

The usual interval having elapsed, Marylebone went in a second time . . .

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

There was an early termination to the match at Lord's yesterday, when the Oxford eleven continued their match with the M.C.C. Overnight the scores stood: - Marylebone, first innings, 154; second innings, 94 for six wickets; Oxford University, first innings, 110; so that with four wickets to fall M.C.C. were 138 runs to the good. Mr Miller and Burton, the not outs, with 23 and one respectively, went on with the M.C.C. innings at half 11, and in less than a quarter of an hour, the other four wickets had fallen for an addition of seven runs.

Oxford had to get 140 runs to win. Though the wicket was still good, there was a thick haze over the ground. Messrs Hine-Haycock and Brain went in first, the bowlers being Rylott and Woof. Mr Brain hit very freely, and despite two changes of bowling, the score was 44 before Mr Hine-Haycock was bowled. Mr O'Brien then went in, and with Mr Brain played such good cricket that before they were separated the victory of the Dark Blues was practically assured. Burton was again tried and F Hearne was put on, but the total went from 50 to 100 in half an hour, and the score was 129 before a catch at mid-off dismissed Mr Brain for an admirable innings. Included in the Old Cliftonians' 75 were eight fours, two threes and ten twos. Eighty-five runs had been added since the fall of the previous wicket.

Mr O'Brien was out leg before at 142, and Mr Kemp taken at mid-off at 144, but the runs were soon

hit off, and Oxford won by six wickets. Mr O'Brien hit nine fours in his excellent contribution of 50.

26 June: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2843.html)

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

The opening of the first match this season between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday, produced some most interesting cricket. At the end of play, however, the Yorkshiremen, with one wicket to fall, were 54 runs on. The weather was fine and there was a large company present.

The home side won the toss and, on a good wicket, of course selected to go in first. Lancashire, however, made a very bad start, the first five batsmen being quite unable to withstand Ulyett's splendid bowling. The total had only reached 34 when five wickets were down. Subsequently Mr E E Steel, a younger brother of Mr A G Steel, played very fine cricket, and it was chiefly owing to his batting that the Lancashire total reached 123.

When Yorkshire went in, the first four batsmen played fairly well, but as six wickets fell for 90 runs, the match began to assume a very level aspect. Peel, however, batted admirably and rendered his side most valuable assistance. He received good support, more especially from Hunter and Harrison.

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

At Manchester yesterday Yorkshire defeated Lancashire after a very hard fight. The first innings of Yorkshire was finished off very rapidly yesterday. When Lancashire went in a second time wickets fell very fast indeed, and but for the capital batting of Messrs H B and E E Steel the total would have been small. The elder brother hit very well for 48 and the Marlborough boy carried out his bat for 30.

Yorkshire wanted 98 to win, but this task did not prove so easy as at first it appeared. The home county bowled and fielded particularly well, and five Yorkshire wickets were down for 44. Ulyett then came to the rescue of his side, and at 20 minutes past 6 he and Peate won the game for Yorkshire by three wickets. Hunter, the wicket-keeper, had to retire from the field in consequence of an injured hand.

26 June: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2845.html)

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

The Nottinghamshire Eleven had a considerable advantage in yesterday's play at Brighton in their second match this season with Sussex. The home county went in first, but despite some excellent batting by Mr Whitfeld, Mr Newham and Tester, the whole side were got rid of for 128, the bowling of Attewell and Barnes proving too good for a large total. Six of the Sussex eleven got into double figures, the most noticeable failures being Mr Wyatt and Mr W Blackman.

Nottinghamshire commenced their innings with Shrewsbury and Scotton, and, despite numerous changes of bowling, these two batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn for the day, the total then being 111. The Nottingham batting at first was very steady, but when once set Shrewsbury hit brilliantly. Scotton was, however, twice missed.

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

The two Nottinghamshire professionals, Arthur Shrewsbury and William Gunn, achieved a remarkable batting triumph at Brighton yesterday. When four Nottingham wickets were down for 124 they became partners, and were not separated until they had added 266 runs, the total when Shrewsbury was thrown out being 390.

He had gone in first and had then scored 209 by almost perfect cricket. For this innings, the largest he has ever played, Shrewsbury was batting six and a half fours, and the only mistake he made was a chance behind the wicket when he had obtained 196. His chief figures were 31 fours, two threes and 23 twos. Shortly after Shrewsbury's dismissal, Gunn was bowled by Arthur Hide for a very fine innings of 122, the best display he has yet given in a first-class match. He had been batting for four hours and had only given one chance in the long field shortly before he was out. Gunn's chief hits were 17 fours, one three and nine twos. The whole of the Sussex team, with the exception of Phillips, went on to bowl during the long innings of the northern county, which eventually closed for 458. Had it not been for Shrewsbury, Gunn and Scotton, their total would have been very meagre in contrast to the first innings total of Sussex.

The home county had only 20 minutes' batting in their second innings, and in that time lost one wicket for ten runs. Thus with nine wickets to fall Sussex have now 320 runs to get in order to prevent a single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 June, page 10)

Sussex had to play a hopeless game on Saturday against Nottinghamshire, at Brighton, but made a plucky uphill fight. On Friday night, just before stumps were drawn, Sussex went in against a tremendous majority of 330, and lost one wicket for 10 runs. Although so decisively beaten, the total of the home county's second innings amounted to 302, a fine performance against the Nottingham bowlers.

Out of this number, no fewer than 233 were scored by Messrs Newham, Ellis, Wyatt and Blackman.

Mr Newham was in while 185 runs were scored, and made 85 by 13 fours, a three, four twos and singles. Perhaps the best cricket of the innings was shown by Mr R T Ellis, whose 51 included nine fours. Between the fall of the fifth and sixth wickets Messrs Newham and Wyatt put on 94 runs. The match did not finish until just before 6 o'clock, when Nottinghamshire were victorious by an innings and 28 runs. Seven bowlers were tried. Barnes obtained four wickets . . .

30 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2846.html)

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

There is always a freshness in the matches between Oxford and Cambridge. Although the scene year after year at Lord's is of almost the same character so far as the picturesque costumes and well-appointed carriages are concerned, yet there is always a difficulty from a cricket point of view. In no other contest do we get 22 gentlemen who are in early manhood meeting on equal terms in a trial of physical skill.

So far as the national game itself is concerned, the elevens usually prove brilliant exponents of it, and the interest taken in cricket by members of the public schools and by University men past and present is so great that it is no wonder a large and fashionable company usually assemble to watch a match. In this respect there was no falling-off yesterday, as about 18,000 spectators were present. The Dark Blues were unquestionably the favourites, and the bowling of Mr Whitby in the Cambridge first innings was very fine. Messrs de Paravicini, Hine-Haycock, Brain and Buckland batted well for their respective sides.

A few minutes before noon the word was passed round that Cambridge had won the toss and, of course, had elected to go in. Mr Whitby opened the bowling from the pavilion wicket, and the field was disposed as follows: - Mr Kemp, wicket keeper; Mr Hildyard, point; Mr Key, cover-point; Mr Nicholls, slip; Mr Buckland, cover-slip; Mr Brain, third man; Mr Hine-Haycock, mid-on; Mr Page, mid-off; Mr Bastard, short leg; and Mr O'Brien, long leg.

A single having been gained in the first over, Mr Bastard went on at the nursery end, the field being Mr Kemp, wicket keeper; Mr Hildyard, point; Mr Key, cover-point; Mr Nicholls, slip; Mr Buckland, third man; Mr Page, mid-off; Mr Whitby, mid-on; Mr Hine-Haycock, extra mid-off; Mr Brain, long-on; and Mr O'Brien, long-off.

Four byes were recorded in Mr Bastard's first over, and Mr Wright having gained a single sent a ball of Mr Whitby's to the off for four. Three maiden overs ensued, and then the same batsman cut Mr Whitby for four. Mr Bainbridge made a late cut for a couple from Mr Bastard, but at 16 placed his leg in front of the wicket and paid the penalty. One for 17. Mr Wright sent a ball to leg for four, but the next he received upset his wicket - bowled middle stump. Two for 22.

Messrs de Paravicini and Studd were now together. The latter having made a hit for two, Mr de Paravicini obtained three fours by an on-drive, a snick and a straight drive. Runs had now been obtained at the rate of one per minute. The Cambridge captain now returned a ball which Mr Bastard finely secured low down. Mr Spiro aided Mr de Paravicini, and after a single by each batsman, Mr de Paravicini cut Mr Whitby late for four. Fifty runs exactly were reached after as many minutes' play through a leg hit by Mr de Paravicini. A bye and four singles having been added, an appeal for stumping against Mr de Paravicini was answered in the negative. With the total at 63 the first variation in the attack was made, Mr Bastard giving way to Mr Nicholls. His first ball Mr de Paravicini drove to the off for four and the third he cut for two. At 71 Mr Spiro succumbed to a fast return catch. Four down.

Mr Mansfield came in, and a sharp piece of fielding was shown by Mr O'Brien. At length Mr de Paravicini's fine innings was brought to a close by Mr Whitby clean bowling him. Half the wickets

were now lost for 80. Mr Turner joined Mr Mansfield, but only two runs had been added when the new comer was bowled leg stump, while Mr Marchant obstructed his wicket without having scored. Seven for 82. Mr Rock and Mr Mansfield now had possession of the wickets. The former secured a lucky snick for four, and at 20 minutes to 2 a leg-bye brought the 90 on the board. Five overs were then sent down for the same number of singles, and then Mr Mansfield drove a ball of Mr Whitby's to the on for four, and an off-drive for four caused the 100 to be signalled at 10 minutes to 2. Mr Page relieved Mr Whitby. Then both Messrs Mansfield and Rock were dismissed without further addition to the total, the former bowled off stump and the latter taken at slip. Eight and nine for 105. Luncheon was now announced, as it only wanted five minutes to 2.

After the usual interval, Mr Topham, the last batsman, went to the wicket with Mr Smith. Messrs Page and Bastard continued the attack. A leg hit for four by Mr Topham and a single took the score to 111, when Mr Smith was clean bowled. Time, 2.50.

Oxford opened their batting with Messrs Brain and Hine-Haycock. The early bowling was intrusted to Mr Rock at the pavilion end and to Mr Bainbridge, who had charge of the other. To the former Mr Wright kept wicket; the Hon Mr Mansfield took point; Mr de Paravicini, cover-point; Mr Smith, slip; Mr Topham, mid-on; Mr Bainbridge, third man; Mr Studd, deep mid-off; Mr Turner, extra mid-off; Mr Spiro, long-on; and Mr Marchant, long-off. Mr Bainbridge's field was placed thus: - Mr Wright, wicket-keeper; Mr de Paravicini, point, standing back; the Hon Mr Mansfield, forward point; Mr Smith, deep slip; Mr Spiro; cover-slip; Mr Topham, long-slip; Mr Studd, mid-off; Mr Rock, forward short leg; Mr Turner, mid-on; and Mr Marchant, long leg.

A single was made off each of the first four overs by Mr Brain, who quickly afterwards sent a ball of Mr Bainbridge's to leg for four, and then drove him to the off for three. With the total at 31 Mr Smith superseded Mr Bainbridge. In his first over Mr Hine-Haycock made seven runs by two leg hits, and at 39 Mr Topham displaced Mr Rock. Six overs realized five runs, and then Mr Brain made a straight drive for four, while a cut by the same gentleman brought the 50 on the register at a quarter to 4. A square-leg hit for three was then made by Mr Hine-Haycock, after which four overs were sent down for a single. Mr Brain having made a fine straight drive for three succumbed to a fine return catch. He had hit very freely for 42, which included three fours, a three and five twos. One for 63.

Mr O'Brien failed to obtain anything - clean bowled. Mr Smith had been displaced by Mr Bainbridge, who was successful in getting rid of him with the last ball of his first over. Mr Page filled the vacancy, and when he had made an on-drive for four from Mr Topham, Mr Smith resumed at his old end. Four singles having been obtained in a couple of overs, Mr Hine-Haycock sent a ball to square leg for four, while Mr Page had a snick for four. Mr Turner was tried for Mr Smith at 95, and a leg hit for three by Mr Page at 20 minutes to five shot the total up to exactly 100. Two fours were made from successive overs - an on-drive to Mr Page and a leg hit to Mr Hine-Haycock. Mr Rock relieved Mr Topham at 110, and in the third following over the Cambridge total was reached at five minutes to 5. Mr Page was then clean bowled, while without alteration in the total Mr Hine-Haycock was also clean bowled. Among his hits were three fours, four threes and three twos.

Messrs Key and Kemp were now together, but the Dark Blue captain soon fell to a fine catch at slip. Five for 118. Mr Hildyard appeared and Mr Key made a cut for four very cleanly. The score had been advanced to 128 when Mr Turner relieved Mr Bainbridge. Only a single had been added when Mr Hildyard was cleverly stumped. Six for 129. Mr Buckland filled the vacancy, and soon obtained twelve in three hits. A smart run-out then got rid of Mr Key. Mr Nicholls arrived to the

assistance of Mr Buckland, who, making an off-drive for four, brought the 150 on the score at 20 minutes to 6. The following ball took Mr Buckland's off stump, and his place was supplied by Mr Bastard. Mr Nicholls gained an off-drive for three from Mr Rock, and soon afterwards sent him to the other side of the wicket for four. Seven having been obtained in four overs, Mr Bastard drove the ball to the boundary.

A two-fold change was now adopted, Messrs Topham and Smith taking charge of the bowling. In the latter's first over Mr Nicholls effected an on-drive for four. Having made a similar hit a little later from Mr Topham, he lifted a ball to long field-off, where it was finely taken. The 200 was registered at 6.15. Five minutes later Mr Bastard was bowled, and the innings closed for 209.

Messrs Wright and Turner started the second Cambridge venture with a deficit of 98 runs. Messrs Whitby and Bastard had charge of the bowling. Only seven runs had been obtained when Mr Turner was bowled - leg stump. Mr Rock arrived . . .

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

The University match was continued at Lord's yesterday. Again the weather was fine, and 9,114 persons paid for admission to the ground, while the total attendance was greatly in excess of that number. Cambridge, at the conclusion of the first day's play, seemed to have a single innings defeat almost staring them in the face; but a far different phase was put on the game when Mr Rock displayed such good batting.

On the opening day the interest was of a somewhat lukewarm character; but yesterday the extraordinary stand made by the early Light Blue batsmen caused the greatest enthusiasm. This, however, passed off when six batsmen were dismissed for 17. The hitting of Messrs Hine-Haycock and Page was highly commendable in the first innings of Oxford, as they played with care when it was quite needed. It may be mentioned that the appearance of Lord's has been considerably improved this year, the enclosures by the side of the pavilion and in various other parts of the ground reflecting great credit on Mt Pearce.

Punctually at half-past eleven the Dark Blues emerged from the pavilion. Messrs Whitby and Bastard took possession of the bowling against Messrs Wright and Rock (the not-outs with ten and one). A single and a bye only came from four overs. Mr Wright then sent a ball to leg for a couple from Mr Whitby, and made another good hit in the same direction for four. A wide and a single were made in Mr Bastard's next over. Fourteen runs were registered in ten overs and then five were sent down without anything being scored off them. Mr Wright continued to hit well to leg, scoring nine by this means almost in succession. Mr Page superseded Mr Whitby at 38. His first over was a maiden; but in Mr Bastard's next Mr Wright made an on-drive, from which the ball alighted on to the awning of the covered stand and glanced over to the boundary. This brought 40 on the board at five minutes past 12. Mr Page's fifth delivery, however, proved fatal to him through a capital catch at the wicket. Two for 43.

Mr Studd appeared, and a late cut by him was the only contribution in five overs. The same batsman, with an off-drive for four, took the total to precisely 50 at 12.20. A cut for three by Mr Rock and an off-drive for four from Mr Studd were made in an over of Mr Page's. With the total at 58 Mr Bastard gave up the ball to Mr Nicholls. Two on-drives were made - one by Mr Studd for four and the other by Mr Rock for three. Mr Whitby displaced Mr Page at 72. The 90 was reached at 12.55, and after some uninteresting play the 100 at 1.10. Runs were obtained at a slow pace,

seven overs only realizing four. Mr Bainbridge then drove a ball of Mr Whitby's to the off for four, and that gentleman gave way to Mr Bastard. Mr Mai narrowly escaped being stumped from his fourth ball. Mr Page went on in lieu of Mr Buckland, and a single having been made in four overs luncheon intervened, Mr Rock not out 45.

The interval having elapsed, Messrs Whitby and Bastard continued the bowling, and runs came very slowly. At 1.48 Mr Page relieved Mr Whitby. The 150 was reached at 10 minutes past 3. Mr Page then showed an excellent piece of fielding at mid-off. Eight runs were the product of a corresponding number of overs, and at 3.25 the 160 was registered. Without any addition to the total Mr Rock was finely caught at wicket on the leg side. Four down. Mr de Paravicini filled the vacancy, and very shortly afterwards Mr Bainbridge succumbed to the wicket-keeper. Five for 164.

Hitherto Cambridge had done remarkably well; but after Mr Spiro had come in and Mr de Paravicini had scored eight by an off-drive and leg-hit there was a very sudden fall of wickets, eight wickets being shortly down for 173. The rest of the innings needs little description, the last two wickets falling in one over - Mr Mansfield bowled and Mr Topham taken at wicket. Total, 177. Time, 3.55.

With 80 runs for victory, Oxford sent in Messrs Hine-Haycock and Brain to start getting them. Messrs Rock and Smith were the bowlers. Mr Brain was baffled by the second ball, when Mr O'Brien came in; but he also failed to score. The downfall of these great batsmen before a run had been obtained was naturally greeted with great cheering on the part of the Light Blue partisans. Mr Page appeared and soon secured a single from each bowler. He next hit Mr Rock to square-leg for two, and cut the same bowler for three. Having added another single, his partner gave a difficult chance to Mr Smith at slip. Mr Page made a fine off-drive for four, which he soon followed up with an on-drive for two. Mr Topham displaced Mr Rock at 16, all of which number was made by Mr Page. The latter hit the new bowler to square-leg for a couple, and then Mr Hine-Haycock opened his score with a fine on-drive for two.

One run later Mr Turner went on at the nursery end in lieu of Mr Smith. Two maiden overs ensued and then Mr Page gained four by a somewhat lucky hit in the slips, while three overs later Mr Hine-Haycock sent a ball from Mr Topham well to leg for four. Mr Bainbridge was tried for Mr Topham at 31; but Mr Page finely cut him for four. Mr Hine-Haycock obtained a single for a sharp run, and after his companion had driven Mr Turner to the off for two he placed the other bowler to leg for a couple - 40 being signalled at 10 minutes past 5. Further changes in the attack were now made, Mr Turner giving way to Mr Smith while Mr Rock resumed at his old end. This had the effect in reducing the rate at which runs had been made for some time; but Mr Hine-Haycock soon cut Mr Smith for four, and after adding a single his partner, with an excellent cut, which realized four, caused 50 to be hoisted at 5.20. Mr Smith relinquished the ball to Mr Studd at 52. His first delivery was a wide, while in each of three overs a single was secured. Mr Rock, who had sent down half-a-dozen overs for one run, now gave way to Mr Topham. Mr Page drove the last-named to the on for four, but was then rather easily caught at cover-point. Mr Page had batted in his usually determined style for 38, composed of five fours, a three, three twos and single. Two for 61.

Only 19 runs were required for victory, when the Dark Blue captain made his appearance. Mr Kemp made a single from Mr Studd. A double change in the attack was now resorted to, Messrs Rock and Smith resuming instead of Messrs Topham and Studd. Mr Rock started with a maiden, but in Mr Smith's over Mr Hine-Haycock made two fine hits (an on-drive and a cut) for four each, which took the score to 70. Mr Bainbridge again went on for Mr Smith. Mr Hine-Haycock made a leg hit for three and then a bye was registered. The next four runs (two on-drives for two each)

were made by Mr Hine-Haycock from the fast bowler. This took the score to 78. Mr Kemp made a single, and another run by the Oxford captain won the match by seven wickets.

30 June: PLAYERS v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2847.html)

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

At Brammall-land Ground, Sheffield, yesterday, an enormous crowd, of whom 17,956 paid for admission, witnessed the opening of the first of the two matches arranged between the Australians and the Players of England. The English professional eleven, although weakened by the absence of Barnes, Shrewsbury and Flowers, was strong, being composed of six players from Yorkshire, two from Lancashire and one each from Surrey, Notts and Kent, while the Colonists put the same team in the field that defeated the Gentlemen at the Oval last week. The weather was bright in the morning, but very dull later on.

The Players went in first on a good wicket, and in two hours and 20 minutes scored 130 runs for one wicket previous to luncheon. Afterwards nine wickets fell for 100 runs. The heroes of the day undoubtedly were Ulyett and Barlow, who became partners with the score at 16 and raised it to 130, thus adding 114 runs for the second wicket. Ulyett never played better than he did yesterday. His defence was sound and his hitting clean and brilliant. His 76 included a five to leg (run out), ten fours, three threes and two twos.

Barlow, who went in first, stayed until the total was 169. He played with great care and patience, but he hit four fours, four threes and two twos. Neither he nor Ulyett gave a chance. Maurice Read batted very freely for 31, but last five wickets fell for 34 runs, and the innings closed at 5 colonist for 230. Mr Spofforth was decidedly the most successful bowler, as he took six wickets for 80 runs.

Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman opened the innings of the Australians to the bowling of Peate and Ulyett. A sensational start was witnessed, as Peate's third ball dismissed Mr Bannerman, and off Ulyett's second delivery Mr M'Donnell was caught in the slips. Thus two good wickets were down for one run. Messrs Murdoch and Giffen were then together, and when the total was at 12 Barlow relieved Ulyett. Runs then came fast, and Emmett was tried at 48. Five runs later Mr Giffen was smartly stumped for 31. Messrs Midwinter and Murdoch played out time, when the latter, who had shown fine cricket, was not out 25.

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

At Sheffield yesterday the Australians gave yet another remarkable illustration of their all round playing strength in batting and bowling, and their astonishing tenacity in playing an uphill game. At one time there was every probability of the Colonials having to follow on, as seven of their wickets were down for 96. Messrs Bonnor and Palmer were next together, and put on 78 runs for the eighth wicket.

It will be remembered that when play ceased on Monday night the Players had completed an innings of 240 and the Australians had lost three wickets for 65. Rain fell during the night and in the morning, but when play was resumed yesterday the weather was fine, and there was another enormous crowd of people present throughout the day.

The overnight not-outs, Messrs Murdoch and Midwinter, went on with the Australians' batting, but they were soon got rid of, and with seven wickets down for 96 it appeared as though the Australians

would fare badly. Messrs Bonnor and Palmer, however, altered the aspect of the game, and despite frequent bowling changes raised the score to 174 before Mr Bonnor was caught at deep mid-off. His innings of 70 was a fine display of batting. He began carefully, but soon hit out. Two drives, which pitched on the roof of the Pavilion, were made off successive balls from Peate. Mr Bonnor's figures were 12 fours, two threes, five twos and six singles. Mr Palmer carried out his bat for a patient and invaluable 28.

The Players on going in a second time started with 41 runs to the good. Bates was out with the total at six, but Barlow and Hall were batting well when the Yorkshireman was so severely injured by a ball from Mr Spofforth that he had to leave the field. Then two wickets fell for the addition of a run. Subsequently Hall went on with his innings. He assisted Barlow to put on 50 more runs and was then caught off Mr Spofforth. The Yorkshire captain's accident was unfortunate for his side. Hall's innings of 51 included a five to leg, six fours, two threes and two twos. Late in the day the wickets fell fast, and when play ceased the score was 106 for seven wickets. Thus the Australians possessed a slight advantage, as the Players were only 147 runs on with three wickets to fall.

It should be mentioned that Mr Blackham was hit in the face by a ball from Mr Spofforth just before the close of play, and had to retire. It will be noted that Emmett bowled very well, taking five Australian wickets at a cost of 41 runs.

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

Mainly owing to the mistakes they made in the field, the Players of England were yesterday at Sheffield defeated by the Australians. Without wishing to discount their victory, it is only fair to say that the Australians owed their success to the bad fielding of the Englishmen. Messrs Bannerman and Bonnor, whose batting virtually brought about the result, were missed no fewer than seven times. On Tuesday evening when play ceased, the Englishmen, with three wickets to fall, were 147 to the good.

Yesterday at 10 minutes past 12, Emmett and Grimshaw went on with the English batting, to the bowling of Messrs Boyle and Spofforth. At 117 Grimshaw was caught at points for six, and Peate came in. The last comer only added five runs and then was bowled. Emmett was next caught at short mid-on, and the innings closed for 134.

Wanting 176 to win, the Australians began their second innings at five minutes to 1, Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opening the batting to the bowling of Peate and Ulyett. Runs came but slowly, and the total had only reached eight when Mr M'Donnell was brilliantly caught at deep mid-off by Emmett off Peate's bowling. Mr Bannerman was twice let off by Peate from two successive bar returns, but at 17 Mr Murdoch was stumped and Mr Giffen was caught and bowled, all three wickets falling to Peate. In the same over Mr Midwinter had a narrow escape at cover-point, Ulyett making a grand attempt to secure the catch. Then Mr Bannerman had another life at the hands of Bates in the slips. At 25 Mr Midwinter was splendidly caught in the long field. Mr Bonnor came in and steady play ensued, the bowling being too good to take a liberty with. The 50 went up after 80 minutes' play, and five runs later Emmett relieved Ulyett. Emmett's first over yielded eight runs. Bates went on for Peate at 64, but no further wicket fell before lunch time, when the score was 65 for four wickets.

On resuming Peate and Ulyett were the bowlers. With four runs added Mr Bonnor returned the ball hard to Ulyett, who could not hold it. At 82 Emmett relieved Ulyett, and two runs later Mr Bonnor

was let off at the wicket. After batting through 28 overs without scoring, Mr Bannerman made a single off Peate, while Mr Bonnor cut Peate for three and drove Emmett for four, making his individual score 50. When three runs were wanted to complete the 100 a double change in the bowling was resorted to, Bates and Barlow going on. Later Ulyett and Emmett resumed, and at 1.30 Mr Bannerman skied a ball to mid-off, but Briggs failed to secure it. Briggs, Peate, Ulyett and Hearne were tried in turn, but all failed to bring about a separation, as Bonnor, with a five to leg, made the winning hit, and the Australians proved victorious by six wickets.

3 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2849.html)

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

Two powerful elevens met at Kennington Oval yesterday. The Gentlemen included four of this year's Oxford University team - viz., Messrs T R Hine-Haycock, T O'Brien, H V page and H O Whitby. The feature of the day's play was the brilliant innings of Ulyett, who, out of 213 runs made while he was in, contributed 134. Having gone in first he was out third, after being at the wickets nearly three hours. The fielding on both sides was excellent.

The Players won the toss and decided to go in. Their first representatives were Barnes and Ulyett, who were opposed at ten minutes past 12 by Mr Whitby (pavilion end) and Mr Page. The score had been advanced to 18 when Barnes, having made more than two-thirds of this number, was completely beaten by a ball from Mr Whitby. Barlow joined Ulyett, and for a time runs were obtained very slowly. At length the Yorkshireman drove Mr Whitby straight for four, while Barlow later on cut Mr Page for two and drove the other bowler to the on for three. Ulyett then drove Mr Whitby straight for four. Dr Grace relieved Mr Page at 48 and opened with a maiden over. Mr Whitby did not prove so fortunate, as Ulyett, having cut him for four, placed him to leg for a similar number, 50 going up a few minutes before 1 o'clock.

Ulyett continued to make most of the runs, and with an on-drive for four sent the 100 up at 20 minutes to 2. A delivery of Mr Robertson's went for four byes, after which Mr Whitby resumed at his old end. He started with a maiden, and in his second over, after a ball had gone for four byes, bowled Barlow. The out-going batsman had played a most patient innings. Two for 111. Shrewsbury arrived, and at lunch time the score was 133 for two wickets.

On resuming, Messrs Page and Whitby shared the bowling. Ulyett drove the former to the off for four, and two runs later gained three for a like stroke. He next made two splendid off-drives from Mr Whitby. One hundred and fifty runs were signalled at ten minutes to 3. The Yorkshireman continued to score at a great pace, securing eight (by off and on-drives) in an over of Mr Page's. Mr Robertson went on in lieu of Mr Whitby at 165, and Ulyett with a fine off-drive for four from the new bowler completed his 100 at five minutes past 3 amid loud cheering. Dr Grace relieved Mr Page at 179. At 3.40 the score amounted to 200. Ulyett scored six in two hits from Dr Grace (an on-drive for four and a cut for two), and at 208 Mr Robertson gave way to Mr Whitby. A further variation in the attack was tried at 212 - Mr Lucas relieving Dr Grace at the gasometer end. This change had immediate effect, as, Shrewsbury having scored a single, Ulyett in attempting to drive was secured at slip. He had played a brilliant innings of 134, which included 21 fours, six threes and seven twos. No fewer than 102 runs had been put on since the fall of the second wicket.

Hall came in. Only eight runs had been added when Shrewsbury was caught in the slips. Four for 221. Flowers assisted Hall and made three good off-drives for four each from Mr Whitby in three overs. The Nottingham batsman was then smartly taken at the wicket. Five for 237. Bates appeared, and Hall gave a somewhat easy chance of stumping. A smart piece of fielding by Mr Page at mid-off was now witnessed. Bates drove Mr Lucas to the on for two, and a little later sent the same bowler to the off for a couple. A well judged catch by Mr Diver at long-on got rid of Bates at 246. Six down. Briggs filled the vacancy. An appeal for a catch at wicket against Hall when he had made ten was answered in the batsman's favour. At 268 an alteration in the attack was tried, Mr Page going on at the pavilion wicket, while Dr Grace superseded Mr Lucas eight runs

later. Briggs was missed by Mr Robertson at slip before a run had been added. He did not long survive his escape, however, as Dr Grace with his next ball clean bowled him.

Read joined Hall. Mr Lucas after some smart fielding at deep mid-off missed Read at long leg - a rather difficult chance. Hall was caught at cover slip at 291, and five runs later Pilling was run out. Peate, after making two in the slips and a single, was easily caught at point, and the innings closed at a quarter to 6. Total 299.

Messrs Shuter and Hine-Haycock opened the Gentlemen's innings at five minutes past 6. Peate led off the attack from the gasometer end and started with a maiden. Ulyett had charge of the bowling at the pavilion end. At 26 Ulyett dismissed Mr Hine-Haycock with a bailer, and Mr Lucas appeared. Barnes relieved Peate at 43, while Barlow at the same total displaced Ulyett. Mr Lucas by a cut for a couple sent 50 up a few minutes before 7. An over later stumps were drawn for the day.

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

Play was resumed in this match yesterday, in almost abnormally hot weather, at the Kennington-oval. On the previous evening, when play ceased, the Players had been dismissed for 299, while a wicket of the Gentlemen had been lost for 51 runs. The not-outs, Mr J Shuter, with 26, and Mr Lucas, with nine, were opposed by Peate (gasometer end) and Ulyett, at five minutes past 12.

A leg hit for two by Mr Shuter was the only contribution in the first three overs. Then the same batsman by a splendid off-drive to the boundary obtained four. Mr Lucas, having made a single, sent a ball of Ulyett's to square leg for three, but he then lost the company of Mr Shuter, who returned the ball in the fast bowler's next over. Two for 61. Mr Diver came in. Four maiden overs ensued, and then Mr Lucas was bowled with a good ball from Peate. Three down. Mr O'Brien joined Mr Diver, who was clean bowled before he had scored. Four for 66.

Dr Grace arrived, and four overs produced three. Dr Grace added a single, and then a ball of Ulyett's went for four byes. Mr O'Brien drove the last-named bowler for four, and at 78 an alteration in the attack was tried, Barlow going on for Ulyett. Dr Grace drove the new bowler to the on for a couple, while his companion cut Peate for two. Mr O'Brien fell to slip at 83, and five wickets were down. Mr Read aided the Gloucestershire captain, who made a single from each end. Mr Read then hit Peate to leg for four, and two runs later an off-drive by Dr Grace also realized four. At 97 the last-named batsman was missed badly by Hall from behind the bowler. Mr Read by a fine leg hit to the boundary caused the 100 to be registered at 10 minutes past 1. The Surrey gentleman was bad at 103, and Mr Page came in.

Dr Grace placed Peate to leg for two, and Mr Page cut Barlow for four. Runs were then obtained very slowly until Dr Grace obtained eight (two twos and an on-drive for four) in an over of Peate's. Barlow handed the ball to Flowers at 122, and from his fourth delivery Mr Page, in trying to hit round to leg, was taken by square-leg, standing rather close in. Seven for 122. Mr Welman arrived, and having made five runs in eleven overs, was smartly taken at the wicket. Mr Robertson came in, and Barnes bowled in place of Peate. Eight runs, including a leg hit by Mr Robertson for four, were added when the Players retire for luncheon.

After the interval Peate and Flowers conducted the bowling. Mr Robertson was caught at slip at 146, while two runs later Mr Whitby was bowled, the innings closing at 3 o'clock for 148.

Being 151 in arrear, Mr Lucas and Dr Grace opened the second venture of the amateurs, at 20 minutes past 3. Peate (gasometer end) and Ulyett were intrusted with the bowling. Three singles were made in six overs, and then Dr Grace obtained a four in the slips. Each batsman contributed a single, after which Dr Grace placed Ulyett to square leg for two, and then four leg-byes were registered. In Ulyett's following over the Gloucestershire captain made a cut and a leg hit for four each, while, after Peate had sent down a maiden, he drove the fast bowler to the off for four. At 34 Flowers relieved Ulyett, but Dr Grace soon secured two by an off-drive, and an over later Mr Lucas gained three for a similar stroke. A further change in the attack was tried at 43, Barnes relieving Peate. Dr Grace, with a cut for four, sent up 50 at five minutes past 4. The latter next drove Flowers for two, and in the following over cut and drove the Nottingham player for four. Barlow went on in lieu of Flowers at 64.

Dr Grace, having completed his 50 at a quarter-past 4 by an excellent on-drive to the boundary, cut Barlow for four. Mr Lucas now gave a very hard chance to Shrewsbury at rather deep mid-on. Profiting by his escape, the Middlesex gentleman made an on-drive for three, which Dr Grace supplemented by an off-drive for four. Barnes gave way to Briggs at 81, but his first ball Dr Grace cut very late for four. At 86, however, the Gloucestershire captain was out to a fine side catch at long-off. He had played a brilliant innings of 66, his principal hits being eleven fours and four twos. Mr Shuter came in and Peate resumed at the gasometer end. For the first ball of Barlow's next over Mr Shuter fell to the wicket-keeper, while off the second Mr Read was out in a similar manner. Both these wickets fell at 86, and Barlow by taking them thus performed the hat trick.

Mr O'Brien appeared and scored very fast. An off-drive for three by the Oxford University player sent the 100 up at five minutes to 5. Ulyett displaced Barlow at 104, and a brilliant piece of fielding by the last-named was witnessed in the long field. Bates went on at 126, while ten runs later Barnes relieved Peate, and Mr O'Brien was secured by Read running from long-on at 147, having played a freely hit innings of 42. The first ball Mr Diver received he played rather tamely into the hands of slip. It was remarkable that all three Surrey batsmen should have been dismissed by the first ball sent to them. Half the wickets were now down for 147.

Mr Page filled the vacancy and Mr Lucas by a fine on-drive for four averted the single innings defeat at 10 minutes to 6. Mr Page, having made a single, had his leg stump upset. Mr Hine-Haycock aided Lucas, who was taken at the wicket one run later. He had been in more than two hours and a half for 37, and had played in his usually excellent style. Seven for 153. Mr Welman came in and runs were gained very slowly, after two fours from Mr Hine-Haycock. Peate took the ball from Barnes, and with his third delivery bowled Mr Welman. Eight for 173. Mr Robertson came in, and at 195 Barlow went on for Ulyett. Mr Robertson was caught at wicket for an invaluable 13, and Mr Whitby was caught at third man, the innings closing at 10 minutes to 7 for 198. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 July, page 6)

By glancing at the score on Friday evening, it would have been seen that this match was evidently a foregone conclusion for the Players, who required only 48 runs to win in their second innings. Consequently there were very few people present on Saturday morning at Kennington-oval. An earlier start than usual at the Surrey County Ground was made, as at 20 minutes to 12 Shrewsbury and Bates faced the attacks of Messrs Whitby (pavilion end) and Lucas.

Among other items, Bates cut the Oxford University bowler for three. Shrewsbury then drove Mr Lucas very hard to the off, but the ball being brilliantly fielded by Mr Read at cover-point, no run was obtained. A leg-bye was recorded, after which Bates contributed four and Shrewsbury finely cut Mr Whitby for a similar number. Mr Page displaced Mr Lucas at 15. Bates drove the new bowler twice to the on, from each of which strokes he received two. The third ball of the next over from the other end, however, Shrewsbury, unfortunately for himself, played hard into his wicket. One for 19.

Barnes came in, and after the Yorkshireman had made two singles, played Mr Page to square leg for four, and cut him for a like number. Bates, by leg and square-leg hits, next secured six. Dr Grace relieved Mr Page at 37, but Bates quickly cut him late for four. Mr Robertson took the ball from Mr Whitby at 41. Barnes, having cut the latter for three, placed Dr Grace to square leg for four, and thus won the match for the Players by nine wickets.

3 July: ENGLAND XI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2848.html)

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

Yesterday at Huddersfield the Australians, fresh from their triumph over the Players at Sheffield, encountered at the St John's Ground a mixed team of amateurs and professionals, got together by the Hon M B Hawke. Mr Blackham, who received a painful blow in the face on Tuesday at Sheffield, did not take his usual place in the Colonial eleven, Mr Alexander playing in his stead.

Winning the toss, the Englishmen took full advantage of an excellent wicket. Two wickets fell for 26 runs, but after that the batsmen accomplished a remarkable performance. Scotton and Mr E T Hirst added 106 runs for the third wicket, and while Attewell and his fellow batsman from Nottingham were together 133 runs were added for the fourth wicket. The Australian fielding was not up to the usual high standard of the team, and at times it was absolutely bad. It will be seen from the score below that the Englishmen have scored 320 for five wickets, and that Scotton is not out 101 - a splendid innings.

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

On Thursday, at the St John's Ground, Huddersfield, the English Eleven were batting for the whole of the afternoon, their score at the close of play standing at 320 for the loss of five wickets. Yesterday they went on with their innings and maintained so well the high standard of the previous day that when at ten minutes past 3 the last wicket fell, the total amounted to 453. This is the second highest score ever made against an Australian team in this country, the highest being 481 made in May of the present year by the Marylebone Club and Ground at Lord's.

Curiously enough the best individual score on that occasion - 134 by Mr A G Steel - was exactly tied yesterday by Scotton. The Nottinghamshire batsman accomplished a very remarkable performance. He was batting altogether for six hours and was in while no fewer than 397 runs were scored. Only on a perfect wicket could any batsman have done so well against the bowling of Messrs Spofforth, Palmer, Giffen and Boyle. Scotton his eleven 4's, eight threes and twelve twos. He and Grimshaw added 134 runs for the sixth wicket. It was an extraordinary fact that Scotton participated in three stands of over 100 runs each. Such a fact cannot often have been recorded in connexion with an important match. Grimshaw's finely hit 77 included one six - 4 for an overthrow - six fours, three threes and seven twos.

On the Australians going in to bat, Mr M'Donnell hit most brilliantly, and Mr Bannerman played with the care and steadiness which have made him famous. At the call of "time" the Colonists had scored 135 for four wickets, so that to-day they will have to use all their energies to save the game, winning being although out of the question.

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 July, page 6)

The drawing of stumps on Friday at the St John's Ground, Huddersfield, left the score in the following position - England team first innings, 453; Australians, first innings, with four wickets down, 135. On Saturday, therefore, the Australians had nothing to try for but a draw.

Play was resumed at ten minutes past 12, and in the course of an hour the first innings of the Australians was completed for 175, the last six wickets adding only 40 runs. The cause of this sudden breakdown was the very fine bowling of Attewell, who took in all six wickets at a cost of only 39 runs - a brilliant achievement. Being in a minority of 278, the Australians had, of course, to "follow on."

Again the English bowling was of an admirable character, and so feeble was the resistance offered by the batsmen that when the fifth wicket fell the total was only 38. A single innings defeat by the Australians seemed at this point almost certain. Eleven runs were added and then, unfortunately for the Englishmen, a heavy shower of rain delayed the game for three-quarters of an hour. Not only was valuable time lost, but on the resumption of the game the bowlers had to contend against the disadvantages of a slippery ground and a wet ball. Mr Scott batted with great determination, and Mr Midwinter ably seconded his efforts, the result being that during their partnership these two batsmen put on no fewer than 68 runs. Mr Scott's 50 included seven fours, three threes and four twos, and was altogether a very good performance. Its value to the side could not be over-estimated.

Rain fell again at a later period of the afternoon, and at ten minutes to 6 the match had to be abandoned. Though the wet weather robbed them of an actual victory, the English eleven could claim a moral one, for at the final drawing of stumps the Australians had only three wickets to fall and wanted no fewer than 154 runs to avert a single innings defeat. At the commencement of the game the Englishmen were not thought to have a chance of success, and they are therefore entitled to all the more credit for their performance. Attewell's bowling in the first innings was again capital. In no match since he first came to prominence in 1881 has this young cricketer done such great things. The Australians were a good deal handicapped by the enforced absence of their famous wicket-keeper, Mr Blackham - still suffering from the severe blow in the face he received on Thursday last at Sheffield - and it should be mentioned that Mr Murdoch has a bad hand, which of necessity interferes with his batting.

3 July: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2850.html)

The first match this season between the above counties commenced yesterday at Brighton in the presence of a large number of spectators. The cricket during the day was of a highly interesting character, and when stumps were drawn there was little to choose between the position of the two elevens.

Sussex went in first at a quarter past 12, and were not out until 20 minutes past 5, the total amounting to 270. Tester and Mr Newham added 75 runs for the second wicket, and Mr Newham and Mr Whitfeld 45 for the third. Afterwards Mr Blackman and Jesse Hide hit very freely for a time. Mr Newham's chief hits were 11 fours, two threes and six twos, and Mr Whitfeld was at the wickets for two hours and a half for his 44, which included six fours and three threes. Wootton took five wickets . . . Kent had three-quarters of an hour's batting . . .

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

There was some very fine batting yesterday at Brighton in the second day's play of the match between Sussex and Kent. When play ceased on Thursday afternoon Sussex had finished a first innings for 270, and Kent had lost one wicket for 53. Yesterday the visitors continued their innings, but only Lord Harris showed any form against the Sussex bowling. His innings included 15 fours, a three and five twos.

Sussex, who were 51 runs ahead on the first attempt, went in a second time. Tester and Mr Newham played very steadily and between them put on 111 runs before the amateur was out - leg-before-wicket to Wootton. Jesse Hide next joined Tester, and the two batsmen played out time, the total then being 176 for two wickets. Sussex are now 227 runs on, with eight wickets to fall. Mr Blackman claimed four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 July, page 6)

A draw was the result of the first match of the season between Sussex and Kent, which came to a conclusion on Saturday at Brighton. Sussex had a great advantage at the finish, and had time permitted they must have won. When stumps were drawn on Friday night an innings had been completed on each side, and Sussex on going in a second time had lost two wickets for 176.

Continuing the batting on Saturday, they were not all out until the total had reached 464. This was mainly due to the brilliant hitting of Jesse Hide, who scored 112. His chief hits were 14 fours. Kent's only chance was to play for a draw, but before the expiration of time seven wickets fell for 130. In the second innings of Kent, Humphreys took four wickets . . .

7 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2851.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 July, page 11)

In accordance with custom the Gentlemen and Players meet each other twice in succession, although the selection of competitors is different. After suffering a severe defeat at Kennington Oval from a strong team of Players, the Gentlemen put a more representative eleven into the field at Lord's yesterday, and the absence of any county match naturally caused both sides to be more powerful than otherwise would have been the case. The cricket was characterized by all-round excellence. Ulyett proved the highest scorer of the day, while Mr Christopherson and Mr Steel were the most successful bowlers.

Having won the toss, the Players opened their batting at a quarter past 12 with Barlow and Bates, who were faced with Dr Grace (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson. With the score at 26 Bates was missed by Mr Rotherham at mid-on. At 35 a two-fold change in the attack was tried, Mr Page relieving Dr Grace and Mr Steel superseding Mr Christopherson. The score rose very slowly; 50 was signalled at five minutes past 1. At 61 Mr Rotherham relieved Mr Page, but the separation was effected from the other end, Bates being bowled, middle stump, at 65. Ulyett appeared; and for a long time nothing but singles was scored. At luncheon time the score stood at 102.

The interval over, Messrs Rotherham and Christopherson were intrusted with the attack. With the score at 138 Barlow, who had been batting two hours and 20 minutes, was caught at the wicket for 43. Barnes joined Ulyett. Mr Steel was tried at 155 for Mr Page, and at 177 Mr Christopherson gave way to Dr Grace. The 200 went up at a quarter past 4. After making an off-drive for four, the Yorkshireman was well caught at long-on by Mr Read. He had played an excellent innings of 94; three for 209. Shrewsbury came in, but was bowled, leg stump. Hall had his off stump bowled before he had scored, and half the wickets were thus down for 213.

Flowers aided Barnes, who fell to slip at 215. Hearne arrived, and shortly afterwards Mr Steel got rid of Flowers with a bailer. The 250 was reached at ten minutes past 5. An addition of 18 saw the dismissal of Hearne, bowled leg stump, and Peate joined Emmett. The former after making nine, which included an off drive for four, was bowled. Nine for 277. Sherwin assisted Emmett in carrying the score to 290, when the latter fell to slip. Time 5.45.

At five minutes past 6 Mr Lucas and Dr Grace started the Gentlemen's batting. With the score at 38 Dr Grace was bowled leg stump, and Mr O'Brien aided Mr Lucas. The batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 July, page 14)

Play in this match was resumed at Lord's yesterday morning at 11.35 before a large company of spectators. Overnight when stumps were drawn the Players had finished an innings for 290, while their opponents had lost one wicket for 50. Mr O'Brien and Mr Lucas, the not outs, with four and 24, were now faced by Peate (nursery end) and Barlow.

Mr Lucas had his off stump bowled down at 55. Mr steel joined Mr O'Brien, who at 65 was out to a brilliant catch by Flowers at third man, the ball being taken low down with the left hand. Lord

Harris came in. Barlow bowled Mr Steel at 74, and four wickets were down. Mr Read assisted Lord Harris, who placed Peate to leg for two. Both batsmen played with the greatest caution. A double change in the attack soon took place, Emmett relieved Peate, while Barlow handed the ball to Flowers. A leg hit for two by the Kent captain sent the 100 up at 20 minutes to 1. Barnes went on in place of Emmett at 122. Four byes caused 150 to be signalled at 1.35. Barlow took the ball from Ulyett at 165, and eight runs after Hearne displaced Peate, Lord Harris drove the Kent bowler for two, and, having made a single, cut Barlow for a couple. On run later the players retired for luncheon.

On continuing play at a quarter to 3 Peate and Barlow shared the bowling. The Kent captain was smartly taken at the wicket at 242. He had played a very fine innings of 85. Now fewer than 168 runs had been put on since the fall of the last wicket. Mr Read returned the ball to Barnes before another run was scored. The Surrey amateur's excellent 67 included seven fours, four threes and six twos. The innings eventually closed at 20 minutes to 5 for 296.

In a minority of six, the Players started their second venture with Shrewsbury and Hall at 5 o'clock. Three wickets were down for 21 when Bates joined Ulyett. Both batsmen scored fast, and the latter by an off drive to the boundary caused 50 to be recorded at a quarter to 6. Dr Grace took the ball from Mr Christopherson at 55, and at 60 Mr Rotherham relieved Mr Steel. The score rose rapidly, and Ulyett, after driving Dr Grace on to the covered seats in front of the grand stand, drove Mr Lucas, who had gone on for Mr Rotherham at 81, into the Pavilion for four and over the Players' seats for a similar number. Bates by a leg hit to the boundary sent up the 100 at a quarter past 6.

Mr Lucas gave way to Mr Christopherson at 102, and eight runs later Mr Page superseded Dr Grace. This change should have been successful, as Mr Read let off Bates at long on when the latter had made 50. Mr Steel took the ball from Mr Christopherson at 142, and Mr Paravicini went on in lieu of Mr Page at 147. Another fine drive by Ulyett, however, sent the ball into the pavilion. At length a separation was effected, Ulyett being splendidly taken at slip. Barlow aided Bates, who returned the ball to Mr Steel at 169. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

On Tuesday when stumps were drawn for the day in this match at Lord's, the game was left in a very interesting condition, the scores being - Players, first innings 290; second innings, 169 for five wickets; Gentlemen, first innings 296. Yesterday morning Messrs Christopherson and Steel opposed Barlow, the overnight not-out with two, and Flowers.

The Nottinghamshire professional, having made two singles and an off-drive for four, lost the company of Barlow, who was bowled. Six for 175. Hearne joined Flowers, who ran himself out at 183. Emmett came in, but having made a single, cut the ball into the hands of point. Eight for 184. Peate appeared, and immediately drove Mr Christopherson to the off for four. Runs were obtained rather rapidly, and the 200 was registered at 20 minutes past 12. At 206 an attempted short run cost Hearne his wicket, which was thrown down by Mr Page from mid-off. Sherwin aided Peate, and at 209 Mr Page displaced Mr Christopherson. The new bowler's first ball found its way into the Yorkshireman's wicket, the innings closing at half-past 12.

The Gentlemen wanted 204 runs for victory, and at 10 minutes to 1 Dr Grace and Lord Harris opened the innings to the bowling of Barlow and Peate. The Gloucestershire captain secured two from an on-drive; but Lord Harris was taken at slip before he had scored. Mr Lucas occupied the

vacant wicket. The Middlesex amateur played with his usual caution. Barlow handed the ball to Flowers at 26, and the second ball of his third over completely baffled Mr Lucas. Two for 29. Mr Steel arrived. With the score at 48 Ulyett relieved Flowers, but Dr Grace speedily obtained four by an on-drive from the fast bowler, 50 going up at five minutes to 2. Soon afterwards an appeal for stumping against Mr Steel was decided in the batsman's favour. At 57 the players adjourned for luncheon.

Peate and Flowers were the bowlers at a quarter to 3. A fine on-drive by Mr Steel realized five (run out). Peate gave way to Emmett at 70. Dr Grace, among other items, contributed a four (late cut), an off-drive for three and a square leg hit for four, while Mr Steel cut Emmett for three. Barnes went on in lieu of Flowers at 97, but Dr Grace drove him to the pavilion rails for four, the 100 being reached at 3.35. Dr Grace next played Barnes to leg for two and cut Emmett for four. In the following over from Barnes Dr Grace gained an off-drive for four. Emmett handed the ball to Ulyett at 119, and after Mr Steel had made four to leg Bates displaced Barnes. Mr Steel completed his 50 at five minutes past 4. A two-fold change in the attack was tried at 145, Barlow and Peate going on for Bates and Ulyett. A straight drive from the slow bowler by Dr Grace caused 150 to be signalled at a quarter-past 4. Further variations in the bowling were resorted to at 163, Peate crossing over to his old end and Flowers resuming. The latter change brought about the dismissal of Mr Steel, who was taken at forward short-leg. He had played a brilliant innings of 63, which comprised a five, five fours, three threes and six twos. No fewer than 137 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket.

Mr O'Brien joined Dr Grace, who was very shortly afterwards bowled by Flowers at the nursery wicket, which had cut up somewhat. The Gloucestershire captain's fine innings of 89 included nine fours, five threes and 11 twos. Mr Read and Mr O'Brien were now together. The latter hit Flowers to leg for four. Neither batsman seemed at home with the bowling, but after a while Mr O'Brien drove Peate to the off for three, and Mr Read obtained four for an on-drive. Two on-drives by the Surrey amateur realized four each, and then Mr O'Brien by an on-drive for two won the match for the Gentlemen by six wickets at 10 minutes past 5.

Tuesday 8 July, page 11: THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

At a committee meeting of the Marylebone Club, held yesterday in the Pavilion at Lord's, the following resolution was passed: -

"That the Committee of the Marylebone Club having learned with regret that Barnes and Flowers, two professionals engaged on their staff at Lord's, refused to play for the Players of England v The Australians at Sheffield on June 30, one of the representative matches, do by this resolution express their strong disapproval of their want of public spirit."

10 July: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (First Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2852.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 July, page 11)

Owing to the heavy rain yesterday at Manchester, it was found impossible to make a commencement in this match - the first of the three representative contests arranged between picked elevens of Englishmen and Australians. The public waited about until after luncheon, when the weather showed some signs of improvement. An inspection of the ground about a quarter to 4, however, precluded any idea of play for the day, and it was accordingly agreed to postpone the start until this morning,

The teams are: - England. - Dr W G Grace, Messrs T C O'Brien, A P Lucas, A G Steel and A N Hornby, Barnes, Barlow, Ulyett, Shrewsbury, Pilling and Peate. The Australians. - Messrs W L Murdoch, A C Bannerman, P S M'Donnell, W Midwinter, H F Boyle, J M'C Blackham, G E Palmer, H J H Scott, G Giffen, F R Spofforth and G J Bonnor.

The Colonists have up to the present played 16 matches, ten of which they have won. Of the remaining six matches, they were defeated in four and two were drawn games.

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

At Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday, the first of the three great matches arranged between the representative cricketers of England and Australia was commenced in the presence of an enormous assemblage of spectators. The ground was spongy, so that the bowlers had the advantage. The fortunes of the day went badly for England, who were all got rid of for 95, a poor total for such a powerful batting side.

Shrewsbury played fine cricket, but of the others Messrs Steel and Lucas alone sustained their reputation. The three batsmen named made 73 out of the full total. Messrs Boyle and Spofforth bowled finely, and were supported by splendid fielding. The first Australian wicket fell at 10, but Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell batted finely, as did Mr Midwinter subsequently.

At five minutes past 12 Dr W G Grace and Mr Hornby opened the English innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. When Dr Grace had scored six runs Mr Hornby, in stepping out to a ball from Mr Boyle, was neatly stumped. Ulyett came in and hit Mr Boyle for a single. Another disaster now befell the English team as Dr Grace, who had made 8, was well caught at short mid-on. Two for 13. Shrewsbury joined Ulyett, and then a heavy shower interrupted play. Ulyett was bowled, and three wickets were down for 13.

When Mr A G Steel joined Shrewsbury runs came much faster, the score being rapidly taken to 45. Then Mr Steel was caught at cover point from a bad stroke. Mr Lucas followed, and the score had reached 63 when Mr Palmer relieved Mr Boyle, but the latter resumed at 82. One run later Shrewsbury was bowled for a splendid 43, and Barnes, who followed, returned the first ball he received from Mr Boyle. Then, with the score at 83 for six wickets, luncheon was announced.

Mr O'Brien joined Mr Lucas, Messrs Spofforth and Boyle, as before, being the bowlers. Mr O'Brien was dismissed by the first ball sent down by Mr Spofforth. At 93 Barlow was taken in the

slips, the ball having touched the wicket-keeper's hand. Pilling was caught at cover-point without scoring, and Peate being bowled, the first innings of England was over for the meagre total of 95, at ten minutes past 3.

At 3.30 Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the batting of Australia to the bowling of Peate and Ulyett. Both batsmen played steady cricket, but only 10 runs were scored when Mr Bannerman was out leg-before-wicket, and Mr Murdoch joined Mr M'Donnell. At 28 Barlow relieved Ulyett, and Mr Steel took the ball from Peate at 41. Mr Murdoch cut and drove Mr Steel to the off for four each in that bowler's first over. Then Mr M'Donnell skied a ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. The young Victorian had scored 36 by free hitting. Two wickets were down for 56 when Messrs Giffen and Murdoch became partners. The in-coming batsman made two boundary hits in quick succession, while Mr Murdoch also hit hard. At 73 Barnes displaced Barlow, Peate resuming in place of Mr Steel. Two runs later Mr Murdoch gave an easy chance to Mr Steel at cover-point off Barnes, his total then being 23. The Australian captain had added only another five to his score when he was cleverly caught at point. Three wickets for 86.

Mr Midwinter followed in, but at 90 Mr Giffen was caught and bowled. When Mr Bonnor partnered Mr Midwinter the English total was soon passed. At 97 the ninth wicket fell, Mr Bonnor having the misfortune to hit his wicket. Mr Blackham joined Mr Midwinter, and the 100 was soon reached amid cheers. At 116 Mr Steel relieved Barnes, and in his third over Mr Blackham was out leg-before-wicket. Six for 118. Mr Scott joined Mr Midwinter, who drove Peate to the boundary and straight for four in one over, bringing on Dr Grace at 128. The latter sent down six overs before a run was scored off his bowling. At 139 Mr Steel gave way to Barnes, and at 141 Mr Scott was clean bowled. Messrs Palmer and Midwinter played out time, stumps being drawn at 6.15, with the score at 141 for seven wickets, Mr Midwinter being not out, 29.

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 July, page 7)

A drawn game was the result of the first of the three great matches between the representative cricketers of England and Australia, condition at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Saturday. It will be remembered that on Friday evening when stumps were drawn, the Australians had a distinct advantage, the score standing as follows: - England, first innings 95, while the Australians had gained 141 for seven wickets.

The innings of the Colonials terminated on Saturday for 182, and when the Englishmen went in a second time they played very pluckily. Dr Grace batted admirably for 31, and five other members of the team obtained double figures. The weather was fine, and there was again an enormous crowd present.

Play commenced at five minutes past 12, when Messrs Midwinter and Palmer, the overnight not-outs, continued the Colonial batting to the bowling of Ulyett and Peate. Mr Midwinter added a single, and was then let off at the wicket by Pilling. Profiting by his escape, Midwinter drove Peate over the rails. He was shortly afterwards caught at point for 37. Eight wickets were now down for 158. Mr Spofforth came in and hit up 13 very rapidly before he was cleverly caught behind the bowler. Nine for 172. ten runs later Mr Boyle was bowled, and the innings of the Australians closed at ten minutes past 1 for 182, or 87 to the good.

Dr W G Grace and Mr A P Lucas opened England's second innings to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle. Both batsmen played carefully, and with the score at 12 Mr Boyle gave way

to Mr Giffen. No wicket had fallen, however, when luncheon was announced, the score then being 18, of which number Dr Grace had made 16.

On the game being resumed, Messrs Spofforth and Giffen shared the bowling. Dr Grace and Mr Lucas played very cautiously, for the bowling and fielding of the Colonists were excellent as usual. Seventeen overs were sent down for eight runs. Then Dr Grace sent a ball from Mr Spofforth on to the pavilion steps for four. At 33 Mr Palmer took the ball, and at 36 Mr Boyle displaced Mr Giffen. Five runs later Dr Grace was bowled off his pads by Mr Palmer for a faultless 31. He had been batting 70 minutes. One wicket for 41.

Ulyett, the next comer, was caught at mid-off for a single, and Shrewsbury joined Mr Lucas, who hit Mr Palmer grandly to the leg boundary. Shrewsbury made an off-drive for four, and this brought on Mr Spofforth at 57. At 62 Mr Giffen went on in lieu of Mr Palmer and bowled Mr Lucas, who had made 24, with a bailer with the score at 70. Mr Lucas had been batting two hours for his runs, obtained by fine cricket. Mr Steel partnered Shrewsbury, and Mr Boyle resumed at 78. A splendid cut by Mr Steel off Mr Boyle for four followed, and at 4.35 the single innings defeat was averted. The score rose to 97, when Mr Palmer again went on; but Mr Steel cut him for four, and the "100" went up amid loud cheering. Five runs later Mr Bonnor relieved Mr Giffen, and at 106 Shrewsbury, who had again batted finely for 25, was clean-bowled by Mr Palmer. Barnes came in, but at 110 lost Mr Steel, who was caught at the wicket. Barlow joined Barnes, who was clean-bowled at 114.

Mr O'Brien came in, and Mr Spofforth went on again. Mr O'Brien played rather luckily at first, and then hit Mr Spofforth square for four. He was subsequently well caught at mid-off. Mr Hornby and Pilling were soon got rid of, and Peate came in. Off the first ball Peate received four byes were scored. The Yorkshire slow bowler then hit Mr Palmer square for four, after which four byes were run. When time expired the batsmen were still together, the score being 180 for nine wickets, and the match was left drawn, as above stated.

10 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2853.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 July, page 11)

In the first match this season between Sussex and Surrey, which commenced yesterday at Brighton, rain interrupted play shortly before 4 o'clock for two hours, and in consequence there was very little opportunity for cricket when play was resumed.

Surrey, who were well represented, went in first, and the early part of the innings was notable for the excellent batting of Abel and Maurice Read. The first wicket fell with the total at 10, and then the two Surrey professionals got together and before they were separated added over 100 runs. Afterwards Mr Roller contributed 10, but the other batsmen did little, and when rain stopped play Surrey had lost eight wickets for 149.

On resuming, Barratt and Mr Horner hit freely and took the score to 177 before the former was caught at the wicket by Mr Newham. Sussex had a few minutes' batting before stumps were drawn for the day. Juniper's bowling was very effective, and it is worthy of note that all his wickets were taken before the rain fell. He obtained four wickets . . .

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

At Brighton, yesterday, Surrey won a decisive victory over Sussex. It will be remembered that on Thursday night Surrey had completed a first innings of 177, and Sussex on going in had scored eight runs without losing a wicket. On continuing their innings yesterday, the Sussex batsmen made but a poor show. With the exception of Mr Whitfeld, who hit up 22; Jesse Hide, who scored 19; and Mr Wyatt, who carried out his bat for 31, the others made no resistance to the Surrey bowling, and they were all out for 92.

Being 85 behind Sussex had to follow on. They improved slightly on their first display, as the total reached 113 before they were disposed of. Jesse Hide scored 23 and Humphreys carried out his bat for a like number. Surrey required only 28 runs to win, and these Messrs Shuter and Bowden speedily obtained, and the match ended in a ten wickets' victory for Surrey.

14 July: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2855.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 July, page 10)

The metropolitan counties began their return match at Lord's yesterday in the presence of a large company of spectators. Middlesex won the toss, and within a few minutes of noon Messrs Walker and Pearson were opposed by Barratt and Mr Morton. The innings closed for 126. Mr Walker carried his bat through the innings for 47, which included five fours, a three and five twos.

Messrs Shuter and Bowden opened the Surrey at 25 minutes to 3, and it closed at 6.10 for 147. Middlesex, in a minority of 21, went in a second time . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 July, page 10)

So great an advantage had Surrey at the close of Monday's play at Lord's that it seemed almost a foregone conclusion for the visitors. Such it proved. Middlesex, who had been in a deficiency of 21, had lost four wickets for 18.

Mr Ridley played a masterly innings. The bowling of Barratt and Mr Horner was excellent; the former took nine wickets and Mr Horner eight. The subjoined score shows that Surrey won by seven wickets.

14 July: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2854.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 July, page 10)

Gloucestershire yesterday, in the opening of their first match this season against Nottinghamshire at Gloucester, showed to considerable advantage.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 July, page 10)

Despite the excellence of their first venture at Gloucester on Monday, there now seems every prospect of the western county being defeated. At the close of the first day's play Gloucestershire had completed an innings for 201 and Nottinghamshire had lost a wicket for 19.

Yesterday the visitors' total reached 204, or three to the good. Gloucestershire lost six wickets for 60, or only 57 runs "on."

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 July, page 10)

When stumps were drawn at Gloucester on Tuesday evening, each side had completed an innings, Nottinghamshire then having the narrow majority of three runs. The home county went in a second time, and had lost six wickets for only 60 runs. A downfall of rain prevented the game being resumed yesterday until 1 o'clock.

Mr Boughton, the not out of the previous evening, was then accompanied to the wickets by Mr Vizard. Shaw and Barnes led the attack. One run only had been made by the last-named batsman when he failed to keep a ball of Shaw's out of his wicket. Seven for 70. The remaining three batsmen added only nine runs. Mr Boughton fell to a catch at slip, Gregg was clean bowled and Woof played the ball easily into point's hands. Total 79. Time 1.55.

With only 77 to win, Nottinghamshire, after the luncheon interval, sent in Barnes and Scotton. Woof and Dr W G Grace were the bowlers. With a hot sun on it, the wicket began to play very treacherously, and the second ball sent to him Barnes sent into the hands of third man. Flowers, filling the vacancy, infused some spirit into the game by hitting a ball of Dr W G Grace's to square leg out of the ground, for which, of course, six runs were registered. Only 19 had been reached, however, when he fell to an excellent catch behind the bowler.

Gunn joined Scotton, and at 41 Gregg superseded Dr W G Grace. A separation was effected by woof, who clean bowled Gunn. Mr Dixon filled the vacancy and some very steady cricket ensued. With the score at 52, however, the new comer fell to a catch at extra mid-off. Four wickets were now down, and still 25 runs were required for victory. Selby aided Scotton, and these excellent batsmen soon gained the runs, Nottinghamshire being thus left winners by six wickets. In the double innings Shaw took nine wickets . . . For Gloucestershire, Woof claimed seven wickets . . . Shaw's analysis in Gloucestershire's second innings was remarkable, as he claimed eight wickets for 28 runs.

14 July: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2856.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 July, page 10)

Yesterday a match was commenced at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, for the benefit of Allen Hill, the fixture being Yorkshire v Lancashire. Strong teams were put into the field.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 July, page 10)

Yesterday, at Sheffield, Yorkshire suffered their second defeat this season. When the game resumed Lancashire, who had lost four wickets overnight for 105, continued, and completed their innings for 170. Briggs batted most brilliantly, and was not out at the finish for 75.

Yorkshire, who were 42 behind on the first innings, made a most disastrous start a second time, and were all out for 72, leaving Lancashire 31 to get to win. Small as this task seemed, it cost the visitors four good wickets.

14 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105686.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 July, page 10)

After experiencing an unsatisfactory finish to their match with the England eleven at Manchester, the Australians yesterday met Leicestershire at Leicester. Mr Cooper was included in the Colonial team. Successful in the toss, the county deputed Wheeler and Mr Hay to open the batting. The bowling was intrusted to Messrs Spofforth and Palmer.

Only ten runs were made when Mr Spofforth caused Wheeler to return him the ball. Mr C Marriott then assisted Mr Hay, and for a time the batting triumphed, the last comer among other hits driving the ball straight for four. A change in the bowling was adopted at 27 when Mr Palmer handed the ball to Mr Boyle. This put a decided check on the rungetting; but as no wicket could be obtained two further variations were made, Mr Cooper going on instead of Mr Boyle and Mr Giffen for Mr Spofforth. The last named alteration soon had the desired effect as Mr Marriott played round to a ball, which short-leg secured. Mr Hay next had Warren for a partner; yet runs were freely obtained so that at 68 Mr Palmer resumed in place of Mr Cooper. With an addition of 12 runs Mr Hay's excellent innings was brought to a close by his being clean bowled. Mr Turner came in but soon obstructed his wicket. Mr Stone proved a steady companion for Warren until he sent the ball back to Mr Spofforth. Five wickets were now down for 99.

Luncheon was announced, after which Turner accompanied Warren to the wickets. A slight cessation of play was caused by rain. After this a catch at long-on dismissed Warren, who had batted exceedingly well. The remainder of the eleven rendered little or no assistance to Turner and the innings realized 143,..

On the visitors going in, Rylott bowled admirably, and five wickets (with four of which he was credited) fell for 60 runs, or 83 to the bad.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 July, page 10)

A decisive victory for the Australians by ten wickets was the result of the match at Leicester between the Colonists and the county team. On Monday the home team did fairly well, scoring 143 in their first innings and getting rid of five Australians for 60.

Yesterday, however, the game went all the other way, owing to the excellence of Messrs Spofforth and Boyle's bowling. The gentlemen divided the wickets, the former for 28 runs and the latter for 21. The complete score appended will show that the Australians won as above stated.

Tuesday 15 July, page 10: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

The second match under this title will commence at headquarters, Lord's Ground, on Monday next. Ten of the England team have already been decided upon - viz., Lord Harris, Dr W G Grace, the Hon A Lyttelton, Mr A G Steel, Mr A P Lucas, Mr W W Read, Barnes, Peate, Shrewsbury and Ulyett. The eleventh place rests between Mr S Christopherson and Flowers. The selection will not be made until the morning of the match.

17 July: MIDDLESEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2859.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 11)

So much attention has been attracted by the Australian cricketers that it is no matter for surprise that their reappearance on a London ground should have been looked forward to with great interest. The attendance at Lord's yesterday, therefore, was numerous, although not so large, perhaps, as on a fashionable day. With the exception of a heavy shower, the weather was fine.

Punctually at noon the Australians appeared in the field, having lost the toss. Mr I D Walker received the first over from Mr Spofforth (pavilion end). Nothing was gained from it, and Mr Palmer went on at the nursery wicket. The second over was also fruitless. In the third, Mr Lucas with a late cut sent the ball to the pavilion railings. Five overs were bowled for only three singles. Mr Walker then drove Mr Spofforth for two, but in the same bowler's following over the Middlesex captain fell to an excellent catch low down at slip. One wicket, nine runs.

The Hon A Lyttelton came in, and led off in a promising manner, but at 13 he was clean bowled. Mr Ridley, after being in for three overs, was served in the same manner; while, without any addition to the total, Mr O'Brien, the newcomer, fell to a catch at the wicket. Messrs Lucas and Pearson were now together. With the assistance of four byes the total advanced to 26, when a "bailer" disposed of Mr Lucas. Half the wickets were now lost. Mr Vernon secured four by two cuts in an over of Mr Palmer's. The bowling, however, appeared to be irresistible. At 40 Mr Pearson was clean bowled, and Mr de Paravicini came in. The first hour's play was productive of 45 runs, the latest important hit being an off drive by Mr Vernon for four. At 40 Mr de Paravicini was clean bowled. An off drive for two by Mr Vernon shot the total beyond 50 at ten minutes past 1 o'clock.

Mr Robertson joined Mr Vernon. Both these batsmen were dismissed by Mr Palmer in one over - Mr Vernon splendidly caught at extra mid-off and Mr Robertson smartly taken at the wicket. Burton brought up the rear; but before he had much chance of gaining anything Mr Cottrell retired, clean bowled. The innings was thus brought to a close, the eighth, ninth and tenth wickets all falling at 53., Time, 1.20.

With these meagre results against them, the Australians sent in Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell. Burton started the bowling from the pavilion end. The Australians' start was most disastrous as the second ball Mr Bannerman received was secured by mid-off, and Mr Murdoch came in. Mr Cottrell was the next bowler. Four maiden overs were bowled, and then Mr M'Donnell obtained a single, although an excellent piece of fielding by Mr Vernon at third man was nearly fatal to him. The bowling still proved most difficult to deal with, and when only four runs had been obtained in 11 overs a fine ball struck Mr M'Donnell's leg stump. Two wickets, four runs.

Luncheon now intervened, after which Mr Giffen appeared at the wickets with Mr Murdoch. Mr Cottrell and Burton were the bowlers. Mr Giffen batted steadily and effectively, his driving being particularly clean. From hits on either side of the wicket he obtained 12 runs in three overs. The first really important contribution made by the Australian captain was a cut to the boundary off Burton. The last-named handed the ball to Mr Walker at 31. The second delivery Mr Giffen drove straight for two, the third he sent to the on for four, and the last he hit round to leg for two. In the Middlesex captain's second over Mr Murdoch drove the ball to the on for four. Rain stopped play at

ten minutes past 3 for a little over a quarter of an hour.

Immediately after play was resumed, an on drive for two sent the score up to 50. Mr Giffen then hit a ball to leg for four, but the next from Mr Cottrell clean bowled him. Three for 54. Mr Bonnor appeared, and Burton relieved Mr Walker. At this point an excellent piece of fielding on the part of Mr O'Brien from long-leg nearly caused Mr Murdoch to be run out. Burton was then hit about rather freely. Mr Bonnor drove successive balls straight and to the off for four each, and in the last case the ball went over the covered stand. Mr Murdoch sent the ball to leg for four, and at 77 Burton gave way to Mr Robertson. Two overs were sent down without result. Then Mr Bonnor, with a late cut off the new bowler, secured four. This he soon followed up with three on drives which produced eight runs. Mr de Paravicini relieved Mr Cottrell at 92; but when Mr Murdoch had obtained six by two on drives in an over of Mr Robertson's, rain caused a delay of nearly an hour.

On resuming, Mr Cottrell and Burton were the bowlers. The first ball Mr Bonnor drove well to the off for three, which caused 100 to be signalled. Following up his success, this gentleman delighted the on-lookers with a few vigorous hits, and then succumbed to a catch by third man. His excellent innings consisted of a five, three fours, a three and two singles. Mr Midwinter came in. Mr Murdoch sent a ball of Mr Cottrell's to leg for four, while the new comer drove Burton on either side of the wicket for four each. His innings, however, was then abruptly ended through a splendid ball from Burton. Five for 133. Mr Blackham arrived, and cut the ball very crisply to the spectators. Two wickets fell in an over of Mr Cottrell's - Messrs Blackham and Scott, both clean bowled. Seven for 140.

Mr Murdoch was now joined by Mr Palmer. Five overs yielded only two singles; but at 148 Mr Palmer skied a ball round to short-leg, where it was secured. Mr Spofforth assisted Mr Murdoch, and by an off-drive for four caused 150 to be registered at 6 o'clock. The celebrated Australian batsman should have been taken at point a little later on. Profiting by his let-off, he sent a ball of Mr Cottrell's to leg for four, which Mr Spofforth supplemented with an on drive with the same result. At 176 Burton gave way to Mr Lucas, and two runs later Mr Cottrell was displaced by Mr Robertson. The last change had the desired effect, the third ball finding its way into Mr Spofforth's wicket. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

The Australians added another item to their already numerous list of successes by easily defeating Middlesex at Lord's yesterday. Although the colonists made only the moderate score of 188 in their first innings, their opponents were unable to equal this in two. The result was mainly attributable to the excellent bowling of Mr Spofforth. It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Thursday the score was - Middlesex, first innings, 53; Australians, 179 for nine wickets.

At 25 minutes to 12 Mr Murdoch, the not-out of the previous evening with 59, was joined by Mr Boyle. Four overs produced a single only, and then Mr Boyle drove a ball to the off for three and Mr Murdoch made a similar hit for four. In the following over Mr Boyle was taken at mid-off. Total, 188. Mr Murdoch, who had gone in first wicket down, played a very fine innings and remained unconquered. His principal hits were seven fours, two threes and 11 twos. Time, 11.45.

With a deficiency of 135, the Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Walker went in for Middlesex. Mr Spofforth and Mr Palmer conducted the attack. The former led off from the pavilion end, and the second ball proved fatal to Mr Lyttelton, who was well taken at the wicket. Mr Lucas assisted Mr Walker, and

hit a ball of Mr Palmer's finely to leg for four. The Middlesex captain cut the same bowler for four, and Mr Lucas added a similar number by a clean leg hit. Two runs were the result of three overs, and then Mr Walker fell to a fine catch at short slip. Two for 20.

Mr Ridley filled the vacancy and made a rather dangerous hit for a couple, the ball going over Mr Boyle's head at mid on. An off-drive for four by Mr Lucas brought the 30 on the telegraph board after as many minutes' play. A single from two overs only was obtained when Mr Ridley was clean bowled. Three for 33. Mr O'Brien joined Mr Lucas. Singles only were made from the next four overs, after which Mr O'Brien made six by two on-drives. A leg hit for a couple by the same batsman caused 50 to be registered at 10 minutes to 1. Mr O'Brien supplemented these hits by a fine on-drive to the boundary from Mr Palmer. Having gained a single, Mr Lucas was run out, owing to his companion calling him for a drive, which went to Mr Bannerman at deep mid-off, and before Mr Lucas could recover his ground, the Australian had thrown the wicket down. Four for 55.

Mr Pearson's stay was brief and unproductive, as the second ball Mr Palmer sent him found its way into the wicket. Five for 55. The innings closed for 106, thus leaving the Australians victorious by an innings and 29 runs.

17 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2860.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 11)

About 4,000 persons were present yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, when the return match between the above counties was commenced. The profits for the match will be assigned to the once famous Nottinghamshire professional, J C Shaw.

Yorkshire, who went in first, were all got rid of for the meagre total of 95. The chief feature of the innings was Hall's steady batting. Nottinghamshire went in and lost four wickets for 31. Selby then joined Scotton, and the pair played out time.

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

Owing to a very brilliant batting performance by Bates, the Yorkshire team left off in a much better position yesterday than might have been expected at the close of the first day's play in their match against Nottinghamshire. Yorkshire had finished an innings over night for 95, and Nottinghamshire had lost four wickets for 46 runs.

Yesterday the home county's innings finished for 114, so that on going in again they were only 19 runs behind. Ulyett and Hall made 20 runs for the first wicket, and then Bates came in and scored 116. At the conclusion of the Yorkshire innings stumps were drawn for the day, and Nottinghamshire were left with 181 runs to get to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 July, page 8)

This match was brought to a conclusion on Saturday at Nottingham, and resulted in the victory of Nottinghamshire by seven wickets. At the commencement on Saturday's play Nottinghamshire required 181 to win, and commenced the task with Shrewsbury and Scotton, Peate and Bates sharing the bowling.

The score advanced to 90, at which total Scotton was bowled by Rawlin and Barnes caught at the wicket. Flowers joined Shrewsbury, and it was not until 130 had been reached that the latter was caught at cover-point. Gunn joined Flowers, and the necessary runs were soon obtained . . .

17 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2857.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 11)

Yesterday's cricket at Tonbridge in the return match between Kent and Sussex was in no way remarkable. Twenty-one wickets fell for 218 runs, and the only score at all important was Mr W H Patterson's 43. It will be seen that Sussex, with a wicket down in their second innings, are still 14 runs to the bad.

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

Three of the Sussex batsmen were seen to great advantage at Tonbridge yesterday during the second stage of their return match with Kent. On Thursday when stumps were drawn Sussex had scored a first innings of 98 and had lost one wicket for four runs in their second venture, while Kent had completed a first innings of 116.

When, however, Messrs Whitfeld and Newham continued the innings of Sussex they entirely altered the aspect of the game. The wicket played easier, and both batsmen hit with freedom and brilliancy. Numerous bowling changes were resorted to without effect, and at luncheon the score was 191 for one wicket.

After the interval Mr Newham, who had played all the Kentish bowlers freely and well, was out leg before wicket to Mr Christopherson for a brilliant innings of 137. Mr Whitfeld, who had played excellent cricket for 63, was caught at cover point. Jesse Hide batted well for 50, but the rest of the team did but little, and the innings closed for 294. Kent went in a second time, and at the end of the day had scored 92 at the expense of four wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 July, page 8)

At the close of Friday's play in this match Kent required 195 to win, with six wickets to fall. G Hearne and O'Shaughnessy (the not outs, with 9 and 0 respectively) were confronted by Tester and Humphreys. O'Shaughnessy was speedily bowled and Wootton stumped. Mr Kemp, Pentecost and A Hearne were soon disposed of, and the innings terminated at 1.10 for 163. W Humphreys claimed four wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Sussex won by 113 runs, Umpires, H Holmes and J Street.

17 July: LANCASHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2858.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 11)

The cricket in the opening of this county contest, which commenced at Liverpool yesterday, was full of variety and interest. Surrey went in first and began so badly that five of their best batsmen were down for the small score of 23. Then, however, the aspect of the game was completely changed. Mr Shuter and Mr Bowden got together and hitting saved the side from collapse. The total was then taken to 57 before they were parted. Mr Shuter, who went in when three wickets were down for 12, was not got rid of until 106. The total reached 163.

Lancashire also made a bad beginning, Mr D Q Steel and Barlow being out for two runs. Mr A G Steel and Briggs, however, improved matters, and at the close of the day's play the home county were 61 behind with three wickets to fall.

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

At Liverpool yesterday, Surrey defeated Lancashire by 29 runs, after a very close and thoroughly well-contested game. The fielding on both sides was remarkably good, and in the last innings, when Lancashire went in to get 133 to win, Mr Bonnor bowled very finely, and it was in no small measure due to his efforts that Surrey gained their success.

21 July: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (Second Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2861.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 July, page 11)

Although three representative matches under this title were arranged, that which opened at Lord's yesterday was generally looked upon as the real test of merit. The morning opened dull, and just before play began a drizzling shower came on. Despite the weather, however, there were nearly 20,000 people present during the day, and the game was watched with keen interest. The Colonials went in first, and the batting throughout their innings was above the average. The same may be said of the English team during the hour and three-quarters they were in. The fielding of both teams was also good.

The game was begun at noon, Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman being opposed by Peate (nursery end) and Barlow. Before a run had been scored Mr M'Donnell was clean bowled (second ball). Mr Murdoch filled the vacancy and made a splendid cut for a single, which was saved by Lord Harris on the boundary. After Mr Murdoch had given a very difficult chance at point, Mr Bannerman secured six by two cuts. With the total at 17 Barlow handed the ball to Ulyett. A separation, however, came from the other end, Peate clean bowling Mr Bannerman. Two for 25. Mr Giffen came in, and shortly afterwards Mr Murdoch obstructed his wicket. Three for 32.

Mr Midwinter joined Mr Giffen. When 39 had been reached, Ulyett was displaced by Mr Christopherson. Two maiden overs were bowled, and then Mr Midwinter drove a ball to the off for two. Five runs were the product of the next four overs, and then Mr Midwinter in attempting to drive a ball, let it escape into his wicket. Four for 46. Mr Bonnor followed in. A cut through the slips by Mr Giffen caused the 50 to be signalled at 1 o'clock. At 80 Mr Christopherson went on in lieu of Peate. The only hit in four overs was an off drive for three by Mr Bonnor. This proved his last item, however, as he then skied the ball to point. Mr Blackham appeared, and Mr Giffen obtained four by a fine leg hit off Barlow. Without adding to the score, the new batsman ran himself out, and was succeeded by Mr Scott. The latter speedily contributed four by a very late cut, which, after Mr Giffen had obtained two, he supplemented by another fine cut for four. The 100 was registered at 10 minutes to 2. Peate relieved Barlow at 104. A drizzling rain again began to fall, and as it was five minutes to 2 the game was adjourned for luncheon, the score being 117 for six wickets.

After the customary interval the batsmen were faced by Mr Christopherson and Peate. The last delivery of the former's Mr Giffen cut to the boundary, and in the professional's over Mr Scott made a similar stroke for three. The South Australian next gained four (by two on drives) and Mr Scott secured a three through the slips. At 132 a splendid ball from Peate dismissed Mr Giffen, who had played an excellent innings of 63. Seven for 132. Mr Palmer assisted Mr Scott. The latter cut and drove Mr Christopherson to the boundary, which caused that bowler to retire in favour of Peate, who crossed over to his old end. Dr Grace had charge of the attack at the pavilion wicket. These variations immediately stopped the run-getting, four maidens ensuing. The play was then enlivened by an on drive by Mr Scott, which realized three, and an on drive by Mr Palmer for four, the 150 being recorded at 3.20. Five runs later Mr Palmer fell to an easy catch at point. Mr Spofforth did not give the Englishmen much trouble, as, after his companion had placed Dr Grace to leg for four and gained a single, he was easily taken at forward short-leg.

Mr Boyle occupied the vacant wicket and an unexpected stand was made. Mr Scott for a while

contributed the greater portion of the runs. A two-fold change in the attack was resorted to at 174, Barlow and Ulyett displacing Dr Grace and Peate. At 178 the Gloucestershire captain injured his hand in attempting to field a hard cut by Mr Boyle and retired. Mr Murdoch acted as his substitute. At 185 Peate resumed. Mr Steel was tried at 223 for Mr Christopherson. Mr Scott in the Lancashire gentleman's first over made six, but off the second ball of the following over from the amateur was splendidly caught at point. The young Victorian had played a grand innings of 75. The innings thus closed for 229. Time, 4.30.

England's venture was opened at a quarter to 5 by Dr Grace and Mr A P Lucas. Mr Spofforth opened the attack from the pavilion wicket, and had his field disposed as follows: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Boyle, short mid-on; Mr Scott, short-leg; Mr Bonnor, long-on; Mr Murdoch, point; Mr Giffen, cover-point; Mr M'Donnell, slip; Mr Midwinter, third man; Mr Bannerman, mid-off; and Mr Palmer, extra mid-off. Mr Palmer was intrusted with the bowling at the nursery wicket, and his field were placed thus: - Mr Blackham, wicket-keeper; Mr Boyle, short mid-on; Mr Midwinter, long-on; Mr Scott, square-leg; Mr Spofforth, point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Murdoch, third man; Mr Bannerman, mid-off; Mr Giffen, extra mid-off; and Mr M'Donnell, long-off.

The chief hits for a while were an on-drive to the boundary by Dr Grace and a leg hit by Mr Lucas, the ball also reaching the people. Thirty runs were obtained at the rate of one per minute. Only seven had been added when Dr Grace was brilliantly caught at slip. Shrewsbury aided Mr Lucas. The Nottinghamshire professional was immediately appealed against for leg-before, but the decision was given in his favour. The score was slowly advanced to 46, when Mr Lucas was out in exactly the same manner as Dr Grace.

Ulyett went in, but had scarcely taken up his position when a sharp shower caused the players to make for the pavilion. They were again entering the field when another sharp downpour ensued, and delayed the game ten minutes. At 68 Mr Giffen relieved Mr Spofforth, and at 83 Mr Boyle displaced Mr Palmer. The former change brought about the separation, as at 90 Shrewsbury was very cleverly stumped. He had played a fine innings of 27. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 July, page 5)

The interest taken in the Australian cricketers remains unabated. Probably there has never been so numerous and appreciative a crowd at Lord's than that which yesterday assembled to witness the play of the Colonial team against the combined talent of England. The official record shows that 16,388 paid for admission, and, taking into consideration the number of members and others, it is computed that there were over 20,000 persons present.

England have at present the better of the situation. Mr A G Steel has again shown himself to be a wonderful cricketer. His bowling was excellent, but his batting when he went in third wicket down was simply superb. All the devices of which the visitors were masters did not interfere with his free batting. Barlow played with his customary care, and during his partnership with Mr Steel the total was advanced to 233 before the latter was dismissed. The Australians went in with a deficit of 150 runs, and gained the admiration of all on the ground by the sturdy way in which they fought an uphill game. At the close of Monday's play, it will be remembered, Australia had finished their first innings for 229, while their opponents had lost three wickets for 90.

At half-past 11 Ulyett (not out 18) and Mr Steel resumed England's innings to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Giffen. At 113 a change in the attack was tried, Mr Giffen handing the ball to

Mr Spofforth. Mr Palmer dismissed Ulyett with a "yorker," and his place was filled by Lord Harris, who, at 135, was bowled middle stump. Barlow joined Mr Steel. At 198 an appeal against Barlow for a catch at the wicket was answered in the batsman's favour. The "200" was reached at 1.35, and Australia's total at 2 o'clock. At luncheon time Mr Steel had made 77 runs and Barlow 36.

Mr Bonnor had charge of the bowling from the contest being resumed at a quarter to 3. His first delivery Barlow sent to leg for two, but from the second he was easily taken at slip. Six for 233. No fewer than 98 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket. Mr Read came to the assistance of Mr Steel. At 264 Mr Midwinter was tried for the first time during the innings, and at 272 Mr Read was bowled. Seven down. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton was Mr steel's next partner. Fifteen runs came in as many overs. At 4 o'clock 330 runs were recorded. Mr Palmer clean bowled Mr Lyttelton at 348 and Peate came in. Mr Steel gave a difficult chance to Mr M'Donnell at long-off, and the next ball sent him found its way into the wicket. He had played a magnificent innings of 148. nine for 351. Mr Christopherson and Peate were now together. It was not until 28 had been added that Mr Christopherson was easily caught at long off. Time 4.30. Total 379.

In a minority of 150, the Australians began their second attempt with Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Peate opened the attack from the nursery wicket. Mr Christopherson was intrusted with the bowling at the pavilion end. At 30 a double change in the bowling was made, Ulyett and Mr Steel relieving Peate and Mr Christopherson. Mr Steel bowled Mr M'Donnell, who was succeeded by Mr Murdoch. A leg hit for three by Mr Murdoch caused "50" to be hoisted at a quarter to 6, but after this item 10 overs were sent down for half as many runs. almost immediately afterwards, a ball from Ulyett proved fatal to Mr Murdoch, who was smartly caught at forward short leg. Two for 60.

Mr Giffen appeared, and Mr Bannerman was let off by Peate low down at long slip. The last-named batsman did not long survive his escape, as having driven Barlow for three he returned the ball to Ulyett. Three for 65. Mr Bonnor arrived. He scored a few runs and was then brilliantly caught and bowled from a tremendous hard drive. Four for 73. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 July, page 12)

There was only a short day's play in this interesting match at Lord's Ground yesterday. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday the game seemed to be all in favour of England, but the wonderful manner in which the Australians can play a losing game favoured doubts as to whether they would not be able to make a drawn match of it. In fairness to our visitors it must be noted that the pavilion wicket showed unmistakable signs of wear.

The great cricketing county of Yorkshire rendered most valuable service through its two bowlers Peate and Ulyett. The former in the first innings secured six wickets for 85 runs; but even his achievement was quite eclipsed by that of Ulyett, who, perhaps, has never bowled in better style. He secured seven wickets at an average of only five runs each. Dr Grace, who was unable to field on Tuesday owing to an injury to his hand, had sufficiently recovered to take part in the match yesterday.

Mr Scott and Mr Giffen continued the second venture of the Australians at 25 minutes to 12. Ulyett finished his overnight incomplete over, and Mr Steel had charge of the bowling from the pavilion end. Mr Giffen made a single from the amateur, and in the succeeding over Mr Scott gained two

from a leg-hit and three from a cut. The last-named having secured a single off Ulyett played Mr Steel finely to leg, reaching the boundary. Ten runs had been made in as many minutes, but without further alteration in the score Mr Giffen was well caught at slip. Five for 84. Mr Midwinter appeared, and off the second ball sent him he secured a single. Peate displaced Mr Steel at 85. Only two were added when this variation should have proved successful, as Mr Read let off the new batsman at slip. Profiting by his escape, Mr Midwinter drove the slow bowler to the on for three, but at 90 Ulyett clean bowled him. Six down.

Mr Blackham came to the assistance of Mr Scott, who drove Peate brilliantly to the on for four. Each bowler sent down a maiden, but then Mr Blackham was badly hit on the hand by a ball from Ulyett and was unable to take further part in the game. Mr Palmer followed in, and his companion made an excellent square-leg hit to the boundary, while the third ball of the succeeding over the former sent to leg for a couple, which completed the "100" at a quarter-past 12. Mr Scott next drove Peate to the off for three, and an over later (Mr Palmer meanwhile having gained a single) he obtained two for a similar stroke. Mr Palmer was then credited with a three to leg from each bowler, which caused Barlow to supersede Peate at 112. Mr Scott secured a run from both ends, which Mr Palmer supplemented by hitting Ulyett to leg for four. This proved the latter's last contribution, however, as a ball from the last-named bowler found its way into his wicket. Seven for 118.

Mr Spofforth was Mr Scott's next partner. A single by each batsman and a maiden over ensued, after which Mr Scott drove the Lancashire man to the off for two. Mr Spofforth then contributed six (a cut for four and a two to leg), which was followed by two maiden overs. Another splendid off-drive by Mr Spofforth realized four, but he was out soon afterwards to a good catch at extra mid-off. Eight for 133. Mr Boyle occupied the vacant wicket. Six overs produced four runs, including a leg hit for two by Mr Boyle. Lord Harris then missed an easy catch at short-leg, which should have got rid of Mr Boyle, who almost immediately afterwards sent a ball from Ulyett to the leg boundary.

Mr Scott made a single and Mr Boyle an off-drive for three. The latter was clean bowled by Ulyett at 145, the innings closing at a few minutes past 1. Mr Scott again batted well, his principal hits were three fours, two threes and three twos. It will be seen from the subjoined score and analyses that England won by an innings and five runs.

21 July: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2862.html)

Day 1 - no report found

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 July, page 5)

The return match between these two counties ended at Southampton yesterday in a decisive victory for Surrey. At the drawing of stumps on Monday the score stood - Surrey, 324; Hampshire, 90 for the loss of seven wickets.

Proceeding with their first innings yesterday, the home county, owing chiefly to Young and Dible, raised the score to 127 before they were all out. They had, however, to follow on, and scored 197. Surrey sent in two batsmen, who scored the necessary run, the match thus being won by 10 wickets.

24 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2864.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 July, page 10)

The Nottinghamshire powerful eleven began a match with a moderate team of Marylebone at Lord's yesterday, in fine weather. The visitors went in at 20 minutes past 12, Shrewsbury and Scott being their first representatives. Rylott and Burton were intrusted with the bowling.

Both batsmen made several very fine hits, and at 39 a change in the attack was tried, Wootton superseded Rylott. Still runs were gained somewhat rapidly, the "50" being reached, after 40 minutes' play, by an on-drive for three from Shrewsbury. Wootton handed the ball to G G Hearne four runs later on, but after Shrewsbury had given a difficult chance to slip Rylott resumed bowling. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, Shrewsbury returning the ball to Burton at 71. He had played excellent cricket for 42, which included four fours, two threes and six twos. Barnes joined Scotton. At 76 three wickets fell. Scotton was run out, owing to an excellent piece of fielding by Mr Russel at mid-off, Flowers was bowled and Barnes dismissed in a similar manner. Gunn and Selby were now together, but the total was still unaltered when the players retired for luncheon.

Play being resumed, the score was advanced to 95, when a smart catch at the wicket got rid of Gunn. Attewell aided Selby, and the pair batted wonderfully well. The "100" was hoisted a few minutes before 3 o'clock. Runs were scored fast, but at 143 Hearne bowled Selby. Six down. Walter Wright filled the vacancy. Only a single was added when Attewell fell to mid-off. Seven for 144. Morley cut the ball into the hands of point at 145, and after 20 had been added Wright ran himself out. Sherwin and Shaw gave Marylebone a lot of trouble. The Nottinghamshire captain by an on-drive to the boundary sent up "200" at 4.35. The last-named batsman was taken at slip with the total at 210, and the innings thus closed at a quarter to 5. Burton claimed four wickets . . .

At five minutes past 5 Mr Wright and Mr Russel opened the club's innings. Attewell and Flowers had charge of the bowling. Beyond Mr Wright none of the batsmen could make much headway against the famous Nottinghamshire bowlers, and the game was greatly in favour of the visitors when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 July, page 9)

As was generally expected, the Marylebone team which opposed Nottinghamshire was easily beaten yesterday at Lord's. When play ceased on Thursday evening, the visitors had completed an innings for 210, while their opponents had lost seven wickets for 74. Yesterday Attewell and Barnes soon dismissed the three remaining batsmen, the innings closing at 12 o'clock for an addition of 19. Barnes claimed five wickets . . .

Being 117 runs in arrear, the home team followed on at 12.25. Messrs Russel and Marshall were confronted by Barnes and Attewell. The first ball sent down by the former, Mr Russel cut for four, but with the total at 12 Barnes clean bowled him. Mr Wright aided Mr Marshall, who was smartly taken at wicket four runs later on. G G Hearne and Mr Wright hit freely, and at 28 a change in the bowling was tried, Attewell handing the ball to Walter Wright. This alteration soon had the desired effect, as at 38 Hearne fell to slip. Three down. W Hearn came in, and Morley went on in lieu of

Barnes at 43. Only two had been added when a splendid ball from the other bowler completely baffled Mr Wright. Mr Speed again failed to score, and Wheeler succeeded him. A four through the slips by the new batsman caused 50 to be recorded at 20 minutes to 2. Just before the luncheon interval Hearn was run out owing to a misunderstanding between the two batsmen.

At a quarter to 3 Mr Welman and Wheeler continued the Marylebone innings. Runs were gained very slowly. At 76 Flowers displaced Morley. Only two had been added when Wright, who had been bowling wonderfully well, got rid of the amateur. Seven down. Burton was caught by the wicket-keeper at 87, and Wootton was well taken at slip four runs afterwards. Rylott and Wheeler carried the score to 99, at which total Wright bowled the latter. Nottinghamshire were thus victorious by an innings and 18 runs. Wright took four wickets . . .

24 July: SUSSEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2865.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 July, page 10)

The Sussex eleven yesterday, at Brighton, accomplished a sensational batting performance against the Australians. The home side won the toss and on a splendid wicket went in first. Mr Cooper's bowling soon proved effective, as Mr Ellis was caught for a single and Mr Newham was stumped without scoring. Mr H Whitfeld and Tester then made a stand and took the total to 70, when Mr Whitfeld was bowled by a "yorker" from Mr Palmer for 34, and Tester, two runs later, was caught for 31.

Five wickets were down for 126 when Mr G N Wyatt went in, and the sixth wicket fell at 161 and the seventh at 191. Mr Wyatt, who had scored 31, was next joined by Phillips, the Sussex wicket-keeper, and a most remarkable and determined resistance was offered. Change after change was resorted to without effect, and the Colonial bowling was completely mastered. After all the usual bowlers had been tried Messrs Midwinter, Bonnor and M'Donnell in turn took the ball. At 5 o'clock, amidst tremendous cheering, 300 runs were recorded on the telegraph board. Mr Cooper's peculiar slow deliveries, successful as they were at the outset, proved useless later on, and Messrs Spofforth and Palmer did most of the hard work throughout the day's play.

At 20 minutes past 5 Mr Wyatt completed his 100. Shortly afterwards Phillips, having made 92, gave a palpable chance to Mr M'Donnell at slip, which that fieldsman failed to take. This and a hard chance given by Mr Wyatt to Mr Murdoch behind the wicket were the only mistakes which occurred during the long stand. Eventually, at 373, the parting came, Mr Wyatt being bowled for a magnificent 112, the chief figures of which were one five, 13 fours, four threes and seven twos. Juniper failed to score, but Arthur Hide acted on the defensive and assisted Phillips to complete his 100. This second individual score of three figures following so rapidly on that of Mr Wyatt's caused considerable enthusiasm. The spectators were so delighted with Phillips's performance that a subscription of 20 guineas was raised on the ground for the benefit of the veteran Sussex wicket-keeper.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 July, page 9)

Yesterday at the end of the second stage of the match between the Australians and Sussex at Brighton, the Colonists, as might have been expected after the large score made by Sussex, had still the worst of the game. The morning was dull and gloomy, and later a thunderstorm and heavy rainfall did not tend to improve the condition of the wicket. Although the county still have a great advantage, it might have been much greater if the Sussex fieldsmen had held the chances offered to them. Mr M'Donnell was missed by Tester before he had scored, and again by Mr Newham when he had made 25, and Mr Murdoch, after making nine, cut a ball straight through Mr Ellis's hands at point.

Phillips (109) and Arthur Hide (4) continued the Sussex batting. The innings was quickly finished, as Phillips, after making two more runs, was easily caught, and the Sussex innings closed for the grand total of 396.

Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman opened the Australian batting. The wicket, consequent on a

heavy shower between the innings, did not play at all well. Rain drove the players to shelter at 1 o'clock, and prior to the luncheon hour no further play took place, the score then being 41 for no wicket.

On resuming, Mr Bannerman was bowled a bailer at 45. With the total at 60 Messrs Giffen and Murdoch became partners, and as the score rose to 95 without a parting being effected, Humphreys was tried. The new bowler proved most effective, as Mr Giffen was dismissed at 100, and both Mr Scott and Mr Bonnor were out at 108. Mr Midwinter then joined his captain and a determined stand was made. No fewer than 112 runs were added by splendid cricket before Mr Murdoch was caught at 220 for a very fine innings of 87. His hits included one five, 13 fours, one three and five twos. The Australian captain, after his one mistake, batted in a style worthy of his great reputation.

It should be noted that the fine innings of 111 scored by the veteran Sussex wicket-keeper, Phillips, included one seven, four for an overthrow, 15 fours, two threes and six twos. Throughout the day a large number of spectators was present. There is every probability of an interesting and exciting finish to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 July, page 10)

The encounter between the Australians and Sussex at Brighton on Saturday ended in a draw very much in favour of the county. When stumps were drawn the game was left unfinished, and Sussex, with six wickets to fall, only wanted 33 runs to win.

It was time that prevented the Australians from suffering a severe defeat. Four wickets fell in the county's second innings for 25, but three of the batsmen were run out. This would probably not have happened if an anxiety to make runs quickly had not actuated the Sussex batsmen. They found it was impossible to lose and they hit more rashly than they would have done in ordinary circumstances. The county team deserve great praise for playing so good a game against their formidable antagonists. On Friday night six Australian wickets were down for 223, and on Saturday, mainly owing to the batting of Messrs Boyle and Cooper, the total reached 309, or 87 behind the large Sussex total.

When the Australians followed on Messrs M'Donnell, Bannerman, Giffen and Scott were all out for 13. Messrs Murdoch and Bonnor by capital cricket then added 78 runs. Mr Midwinter supplemented his fine score of 67 in the first venture of the Australians by 27, and the second innings of the Colonials eventually ended for 144. Humphreys in the match took 11 wickets for 166 runs. A subscription of £18 10s was raised for his benefit on the ground.

Sussex were left with 58 runs to get to win, but with very little time in which to obtain them. Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter bowled. Had there been another half-hour's play Sussex would have probably earned a well-deserved victory. As it was, they lost four wickets for 25 runs before time expired, and the match ended as stated above.

24 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2863.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 July, page 10)

Gloucestershire had distinctly the worse in the opening of their match with Lancashire at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday. The same was interrupted by rain several times, but considerable progress was nevertheless made. Gloucestershire, with the choice of innings, sent in Dr E M Grace and Mr Gilbert to face the bowling of Barlow and Watson.

Three wickets fell for 25. Afterwards matters went badly for the western county, until Dr W G Grace and Mr J H Brain got together and the total was taken to 90 before Mr Brain was bowled in trying to hit round to the leg. Subsequently Mr Page was bowled at 107 and Mr Taylor caught in the slips at 109. Five runs later, Dr W G Grace, who had hit brilliantly for 53, played a ball on to his wicket. After his departure the Gloucestershire innings soon closed.

When Lancashire went in Mr Hornby hit hard but luckily for 46, and Mr Taylor and Briggs played capital cricket . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 July, page 9)

During the progress of the match between Lancashire and Gloucestershire yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester, the news of the death of Mrs Grace, the mother of the famous cricketers, reached the elevens engaged, and the match, out of respect to the Gloucestershire captain and his brother, was abandoned.

24 July: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2866.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 July, page 10)

At Dewsbury yesterday, in the first match this season between Yorkshire and Surrey, there was an excellent day's cricket, 337 runs being made for the loss of 13 wickets, an average of nearly 26 runs per wicket.

The Surrey men, who went in first, scored consistently well, Maurice Read, Mr Diver and Mr Key all batting excellently. The first wicket did not fall until the total had reached 50, and this number was increased to 106 before the second batsman was got rid of. When the ninth wicket fell the score was 214, and Mr Horner then joined Wood. These two, quite unexpectedly, put on 52 runs. Yorkshire went in for 50 minutes' batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 July, page 9)

Some remarkable cricket was witnessed at Dewsbury yesterday in the second stage of the match between these counties. Yorkshire, after having to follow on, played up so well and with such determination that when stumps were drawn Surrey were left with 167 runs to get to win and nine wickets to fall.

This change in the aspect of the game was mainly due to the extraordinary hitting of Peate, who scored 95. He was considerably lucky, being missed before he had made a run, again when he had scored 31, and afterwards when he had made 78. Despite these blemishes, Peate's innings was a fine display of clean hitting, and proved of immense value to his county. He made 16 fours, one three and six twos. Hayley also played capital cricket. Surrey went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 July, page 10)

Heavy rain fell at Dewsbury on Saturday and caused the match between the above powerful teams to be left unfinished. Stumps were drawn soon after 4 o'clock . . .

28 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2869.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 July, page 5)

The absence of Drs W G and E M Grace from the Gloucestershire Eleven rather decreased the interest which was shown at the meeting of two such counties as Yorkshire and Gloucestershire. Still there were a great number of spectators on the Horton-park-avenue ground at Bradford yesterday, and there was a capital day's play. The weather was far from being bright and the wicket was all in favour of the bowlers. Peate was absent from the home side, for whom Mr Woodhouse batted very successfully.

The visitors went in first, and up to luncheon time did very well. Afterwards, however, the wickets fell very quickly and the side was out for 117. Mr Townsend scored 44; Peel took six wickets for 40 runs and Emmett four for 27 runs. When Yorkshire went in the first few batsmen did not show to advantage, but on Lee being joined by Mr Woodhouse runs were put on very rapidly . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 July, page 7)

The Gloucestershire players were completely overmatched yesterday in their contest against Yorkshire at Bradford. In excuse for Gloucestershire it must, of course, be remembered that Drs W G and E M Grace were not playing and, moreover, the team had yesterday to contend against bad luck, the wicket being decidedly difficult during their second innings. Had they fielded better they would have escaped with a less severe beating, for Emmett in making 37 runs gave four distinct chances.

Grimshaw, a batsman whose success as a rule is hardly commensurate with his ability, played a really capital innings of 71, making five fours, six threes and six twos. Two of the most prominent features of the game were the admirable bowling of Peate and the highly successful first appearance made for Yorkshire by Mr W H Woodhouse, whose future play for his county will be watched with considerable interest. Appended is the full score, from which it will be seen that Yorkshire won by an innings and 57 runs.

28 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2868.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 July, page 5)

Some sensational cricket was seen at the Mote-park Ground, Maidstone, yesterday, when the first match this year between the above southern counties was commenced in fine weather. The wicket, affected by the recent rains, played so treacherously that between 12 o'clock and 6.15 24 wickets fell for 236 runs. Lord Harris won the choice of innings and put Surrey in first. They were all out in less than an hour and a half for the meagre total of 44, not a single batsman reaching double figures. Wootton and Mr Lipscomb bowled with great success, the latter taking five wickets . . .

Kent on going in lost two wickets for 13, but Messrs Wilson and Jones and Lord Harris played capital cricket, more especially the Kentish captain, who hit in brilliant style, and the home county's innings eventually reached 140. Lord Harris's 66 included eight fours, two threes and four twos. The Surrey batting considerably improved in their second venture . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 July, page 7)

It will be remembered when play ceased in this match at the Mote-park Ground, Maidstone, on Monday evening, the home county had the game greatly in their favour. Surrey had finished an innings for 44, and in their second attempt had lost four wickets for 52. Kent's first innings, mainly owing to the excellent batting of Lord Harris, realized 140.

Yesterday morning Maurice Read and Mr Roller (the overnight not-outs, with 28 and two respectively) were opposed by Mr Lipscomb and Wootton. Ten runs were gained in the first over of the former, but the professional speedily got rid of Mr Roller. Mr Key joined Read and several changes in the bowling were resorted to before the last-named batsman was bowled by the Kent captain. The remaining members of the side played in excellent style, and the innings eventually closed for 174. Wootton took seven wickets (all bowled) . . .

Kent, wanting 79 for victory, sent in Mr Mackinnon and F Hearne, who were confronted by Mr Roller and Barratt. Two wickets were down for four runs when Lord Harris and Mr Wilson became partners. Rain stopped the game for a short time when only five runs were registered. On continuing play both batsmen scored rapidly, and although the metropolitan county frequently altered the bowling the necessary runs were gained shortly before 4 o'clock. Seven bowlers were tried . . . It will be seen from the appended score that Kent won by eight wickets.

28 July: DERBYSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2867.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 July, page 5)

There was considerable interruption by rain yesterday at Derby in the match between Derbyshire and Sussex. Play had to be suspended at the conclusion of the Sussex innings at ten minutes past 4, and it was not resumed until 20 minutes to 6. During the day only 137 runs were made, the wicket being very soft and treacherous.

Although the Derbyshire men did not take advantage of all the chances offered to them, the visiting county were all disposed of for the small total of 125, only Mr Wyatt and the two Hides getting into double figures. W Chatterton bowled very successfully, his four wickets only costing 33 runs. Derbyshire went in, and Wood-Sims and Cropper kept up their wickets until stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 July, page 7)

The cricket at Derby yesterday in the above match was again considerably interfered with by rain. After Derbyshire had passed the Sussex total, with only five wickets down, Mr W Blackman was put on to bowl. He proved remarkably successful, as the last five wickets, which all fell to him, only realized 32 runs, and the Derbyshire innings closed for 149. Sussex went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 31 July, page 5)

Sussex yesterday, at Derby, gained a well-earned victory over Derbyshire. When the game was resumed, the southern county, with two wickets down in their second attempt, were 23 runs to the good. The fortune of the game at first went against Sussex, as, the wicket playing falsely, five batsmen were disposed of with the score at 64. Then Tester, who had been once missed, and Humphreys, by steady cricket, added 40 runs and, after the departure of Humphreys, Mr Wyatt assisted Tester to put on 31 more.

It was mainly owing to these two stands that the Sussex second innings reached 145, which left Derbyshire 122 to get to win and two hours and five minutes in which to obtain them. The Derbyshire batsmen commenced well, scoring 60 for the loss of two wickets. Then ensued a most extraordinary downfall of wickets, the third and fourth fell at 64, and the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth at 69. Finally, with Mr Evershed away, the Derbyshire second innings ended for 71, and the match terminated in a victory for Sussex by 50 runs.

31 July: PLAYERS v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2871.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 1 August, page 10)

The interest shown in Anglo-Australian matches does not seem to have decreased in the slightest degree, and yesterday a very large crowd of spectators were present at Kennington Oval. Although considerably weakened by the absence of some of the famous Nottinghamshire professionals, the Players put a fairly strong side into the field. The wicket at first did not play at all well, but as the day wore on it improved somewhat. The weather was fine, but during the latter part of the day the bad light placed the batsmen at a great disadvantage.

Successful in the toss, the Players commenced batting a few minutes past noon with Hall and Ulyett. Mr Spofforth opened the bowling from the pavilion, and Mr Boyle was intrusted with the attack at the gasometer end. Hall was soon smartly taken at the wicket. He had made 10 out of the 11 runs scored. Maurice Read came in, but at 30 was splendidly caught at long-on. Bates joined Ulyett. The new batsman was speedily disposed of - clean-bowled. Briggs filled the vacancy. Ulyett drove Mr Spofforth for four, but then fell to a brilliant catch at slip. Four for 42.

J Hide arrived, and Briggs hit Mr Spofforth to the square leg boundary. The 50 was reached at five minutes past 1. The Lancashireman secured a single from each end, but after four byes had been recorded was easily caught at short mid-on. Five for 56. Two maiden overs were sent down before Mr Spofforth clean bowled J Hide. Humphreys, who went in next, was soon bowled, and Emmett aided Hearne. The Yorkshireman sent the second ball he received to leg for three; but after this time only two singles were obtained in seven overs. At 87 a change in the bowling was tried, Mr Palmer displacing Mr Boyle. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, Emmett being bowled at 90. The players now adjourned for luncheon.

After the customary interval Peate and Hearne continued the English batting. The former was soon disposed of by Mr Spofforth. Nine for 94. Hunter was Hearne's next partner. The Yorkshireman secured four singles, and then a fine off drive for four by the Kent batsman caused the 100 to be signalled at 3 o'clock. Hunter added five (a cut for four and a single) before Hearne was bowled, and the innings closed at ten minutes past 3 for 107.

The Australian batting was commenced by Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman, who were opposed by Peate and Emmett (pavilion end). Each bowler sent down two maidens, after which Mr M'Donnell made a single. The first ball, however, Peate sent Mr Bannerman found its way into the wicket. One down. Mr Murdoch came in, and both batsmen played with great caution. Emmett handed the ball to Ulyett at 26. The score was advanced to 39, at which total Humphreys relieved Peate. Mr M'Donnell, by a cut for three, sent 50 up at 4.20, but without addition the Australian captain had the misfortune to play on. Two down.

Mr Giffen joined Mr M'Donnell, who at 57 was stumped, and Mr Scott aided Mr Giffen. The former placed the Sussex bowler to leg for four and made an off drive for two. Peate resumed bowling at 66, and this change should have immediately proved successful as Mr Giffen was missed by Humphreys at point. Profiting by his mistake, he immediately scored four (two leg hits). Mr Scott was easily stumped at 73 and Mr Bonnor succeeded him. A splendid piece of stumping at 92 got rid of Mr Giffen. Six down. Mr Midwinter followed in.

Some magnificent hitting was now witnessed. Mr Bonnor drove the ball on to the top of the pavilion and sent the succeeding one to the boundary, the 100 going up at ten minutes past 5. The same batsman drove the last ball of the over among the spectators on the roof of the pavilion. 117 runs had been scored when a ball of Hide's completely mastered Mr Midwinter, and Mr Blackham came in. Peate resumed bowling, and at 136 got rid of the new batsman. Mr Palmer occupied the vacant wicket. In attempting a fourth run for a cut, Mr Bonnor was run out, the ball being splendidly returned by Briggs, who, it may be mentioned, fielded in excellent style throughout the innings. Mr Bonnor's 68 was composed of ten 4's, two 3's, eight 2's and half-a-dozen singles. Eight for 149. Mr Palmer was bowled at the same total, and Mr Spofforth was out in a similar manner after Mr Boyle had gained two. Total 151. Time, 5.55.

The Players began their second venture with Bates and Hall at ten minutes past 6 in an exceedingly bad light. Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter were the bowlers. The latter dismissed Bates with his third delivery, and stumps were then drawn for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 August, page 8)

Undoubtedly to Mr Spofforth are the Colonials most indebted for their easy victory over the Players of England team at Kennington Oval yesterday. Throughout the match his bowling was superb, as he captured 14 wickets at an average cost of six runs each. The Englishmen were not favoured by the wicket, but there was no excuse for their very meagre scoring. With the exception of Ulyett, they were completely puzzled by the Australian's deliveries. The weather was fine, and there was again a large company present. When play ceased on Thursday evening each side had finished an innings, the Players for 107 and the Australians for 151, and the Englishmen having gone in a second time had lost one wicket for five.

Within a few minutes of noon Ulyett and Hall continued the English innings. Mr Midwinter and Mr Spofforth had charge of the attack. The latter clean bowled Hall with the score at 13, and Read joined Ulyett. The Surrey professional placed the first ball he received to leg for a couple, and drove the last ball of the same over to the on for a like number. After some brilliant fielding by Mr Bannerman at third man, Ulyett cut Mr Spofforth finely for four. The Yorkshireman then called his companion for a short run, but before Read could reach the crease his wicket was thrown down by Mr Blackham from mid-off. Three for 23.

Briggs occupied the vacant wicket. Ulyett sent Mr Midwinter to square-leg for two, and obtained a four through the slips from Mr Bonnor. Twenty-five runs were secured in as many minutes. Briggs having played Mr Midwinter square for two was clean bowled by him with the succeeding ball. Four for 35. Hide appeared, and Ulyett cut Mr Spofforth for a couple, but only four singles had been added when an easy catch at cover-point got rid of the Sussex batsman. Five for 41. Hearne was bowled by Mr Spofforth one run later, and the following ball from the pavilion end dismissed Humphreys. Six and seven for 42. The Players still required two runs to avert a single innings defeat when Emmett came in, but without alteration in the score the last-named batsman was splendidly caught at slip. Eight down.

Peate aided Ulyett. The latter, after his companion had gained a single, drove Mr Spofforth finely to the off for three, and the innings defeat was thus saved at 1 o'clock. Peate next made 10, including off and on drives for four, in an over of Mr Midwinter's, which caused that bowler at 63 to give way to Mr Palmer. With the total at 68 Mr M'Donnell let off Peate at long-on, while from the next ball Mr Spofforth should have caught and bowled Ulyett. At 71 a well-judged catch at

long-on got rid of the latter, who had played in excellent style for 33, which included three fours, a three and five twos. Hunter arrived, but only to see the dismissal of Peate - clean bowled. Time, 1.25. Total 71.

The Australians only required 18 to win, and at a quarter to 2 sent in Messrs M'Donnell and Bonnor. Peate and Hide conducted the attack. The first-named batsman secured two for a square cut, and Mr Bonnor a lucky three through the slips. The score soon reached 17, at which total Peate bowled Mr Bonnor. The Players did not seem to like the idea of adjourning the game for luncheon when only 11 runs were necessary to finish the match. As no Australian batsman appeared, however, they retired, amid cries of "play" from the large crowd of spectators. During the interval the people assembled in front of the pavilion and groaned and hissed.

When the bell was rung at 20 minutes to 3 for the resumption of play, the crowd made a rush for the wickets and, knocking down the rope at stakes, pulled up the stumps, which they threw in all directions. Although the players, umpires and some constables several times attempted to clear the field, it was not until the arrival of additional police that the crowd returned at half-past 3. Messrs Murdoch and M'Donnell then continued the game. The runs were hit off in 10 minutes, the winning hit (an on drove for a single) being made by Mr M'Donnell. The subjoined score will show that the Australians won by nine wickets.

31 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2870.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 1 August, page 10)

Considering that the brothers Grace were unable to assist their county yesterday at Nottingham and the respective strength of the two elevens, Nottinghamshire did not possess a very great advantage over Gloucestershire at the drawing of stumps. The wicket was very slow, as during the day only 150 runs were scored, for the loss of 19 wickets.

Nottinghamshire, who won the toss, put their opponents in first, and in an hour and 55 minutes Gloucestershire were all out for the small total of 49. Mr Pullen carried his bat for 24. The great feature of the innings and, in fact, of the whole day's cricket, was the splendid bowling of Alfred Shaw, who took eight wickets in 41 overs (24 maidens) for 29 runs, and Attewell, who claimed two wickets . . . The former, of course, was greatly assisted by the state of the ground, but his performance must be enumerated among the remarkable achievements of the season. Shaw, it should be mentioned, accomplished the hat trick, dismissing Mr Townsend, Painter and Mr Page with successive balls.

When Notts went in, Flowers and Scotton batted admirably, the former making 50 out of 61 runs while he was at the wicket. Scotton showed untiring patience, being in two hours and 15 minutes for 19. The Gloucestershire fielding was very smart, some capital catches being made, especially those which got rid of Shrewsbury and Mr C W Wright . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 August, page 8)

At Nottingham yesterday the home county gained a decisive victory over Gloucestershire. Nottinghamshire this year have in county matches carried all before them, as they have won all the eight encounters of that kind in which they have been engaged.

The feature of the cricket yesterday was the bowling of Alfred Shaw, who took six wickets for 36 runs and, for the second time during the match, accomplished the hat trick by dismissing Messrs Pullen, Townsend and Painter with successive balls. The performance of the hat trick twice in a county match is probably without precedent. Throughout the contest the famous slow bowler took 14 wickets for 65 runs.

The wicket played no better yesterday as, although no rain fell on Thursday, there was a heavy dew yesterday morning and the hot sun made the ground more treacherous than before. This does not however excuse the meagre batting of Gloucestershire who were all out in their second innings for 63. This left the home county only eight runs to get to win. Nottinghamshire sent in Scotton and Shrewsbury who speedily hit off the runs, and the home team won the match by ten wickets . . .

4 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2874.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 August, page 8)

After the unfortunate contretemps at the Oval on Friday last, it was gratifying to find at Canterbury yesterday that harmony and a spirit of fairness were the predominant characteristics of the large company of spectators. The Canterbury week is quite unique in its character, and there is no prettier scene of its kind in England than that which may be witnessed on the St Lawrence ground when two first-rate teams meet.

Yesterday the prestige which the Australians have deservedly gained caused the attendance to be even larger than usual. No enthusiasm was shown, but the spectators were orderly and appreciative. The day's cricket proved quite worthy of the occasion. Mr Wilson batted well, as did Mr Mackinnon. Both the bowling and fielding of the Colonials were up to their usual high character. At present the Australians have the better of the game.

Play began exactly at noon, when Kent, successful in winning the toss, went in on a good wicket. Mr Mackinnon and F Hearne were placed in opposition to Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter. They started well, as Mr Mackinnon hit the second ball to square leg for three, and off the third ball Hearne obtained four by a hit in the same direction. The first ball delivered by Mr Midwinter Mr Mackinnon drove to the on for four, and a single by the same batsman caused 12 runs to be registered as the result of two overs. Mr Mackinnon should have been run out soon afterwards. A ball from Mr Spofforth proved fatal to Hearne, who was well taken at point. One for 21.

G G Hearne appeared, and the next six overs only yielded three runs. The professional's first important contribution was a late cut for four. For a few overs the run-getting was checked, then two leg-byes for four each were followed by an on-drive by Mr Mackinnon for four. Fifty runs were signalled after a little more than half an hour's play. Only eight runs had been added when Mr Mackinnon was easily caught at point. Lord Harris was loudly cheered as he went in, and Mr Midwinter handed the ball to Mr Palmer. Only two singles had been made by the Kent captain when he was clean bowled. Three for 64.

Mr Patterson came in. Nothing but singles were obtained from the bat for 11 overs. Mr Spofforth, who up to this point had bowled his last 19 overs (16 maidens) for three runs and two wickets, gave way at 74 to Mr Giffen. The second ball of the change had the effect desired by the Australians, Mr Patterson being clean bowled after having contributed a useful 19. Mr Wilson came next on the list, and an off-drive made by him off Mr Giffen caused 100 to be reached at 20 minutes to 2. Mr Wilson was fortunate enough to snick the ball to the boundary, and when luncheon was announced no further separation had been effected.

The interval over, Messrs Spofforth and Palmer were intrusted with the bowling. Mr Wilson hit the ball round to the boundary, and then gave a very hard return catch to Mr Palmer, which was not held. One hundred and twenty runs were announced at 3 o'clock. Only two had been added when G Hearne, who had batted very cleverly, was bowled middle stump. Half the wickets were now lost. His place was supplied by Mr Kemp. A well-timed hit to leg by Mr Wilson caused 130 to be called at half-past 3. Mr Giffen now superseded Mr Spofforth, and in the second over of the change Mr Wilson was drive on to his wicket. Mr Christopherson's stay was brief, he had made but a single when a yorker dismissed him. The following ball was almost of the same description and

sent Wootton back scoreless. Eight wickets for 153. A Hearne arrived, but was soon taken at slip. Mr Lipscomb, the last man in, secured an off-drive for four and a single, and was then completely beaten by a ball from Mr Palmer. The innings closed at 10 minutes to 4 for 169.

After the customary interval the Australians opened their batting with Messrs M'Donnell and Bonnor. Mr Lipscomb and Wootton were the bowlers. Mr Bonnor secured five runs and was then bowled leg stump. Mr Murdoch joined Mr M'Donnell. Runs came very fast after the first few overs; Mr Murdoch obtained six by an leg hit and an off-drive in one over off Mr Lipscomb, and his companion imitated his example from Wootton's bowling. Runs continued to come at a rapid rate. The Australian captain cut Mr Lipscomb for four and Mr M'Donnell drove Wootton straight with an equally satisfactory result. Fifty runs were obtained in half an hour. A twofold variation in the bowling was then adopted. Wootton crossed over and Mr Christopherson went on at the hop-garden end. Nine runs were made in four overs, and then, to the undisguised gratification of the spectators, the Australian captain was disposed of by Lord Harris at mid-off. Two for 61.

Mr Giffen did not remain long, as after having secured an off-drive for four and a single, he was taken at mid-off. Mr A C Bannerman came next on the list. The 100 was signalled at half-past 5, and at 103 a double change was adopted, Mr Lipscomb going on in place of Wootton and A Hearne for Mr Christopherson. Still runs were gained and another change was tried, Wootton resuming. At 136 Mr Bannerman was run out and play ceased for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 August, page 10)

Yesterday the match between the Australians and Kent assumed a new aspect. The Australian innings fell far short of expectation, the four outstanding wickets only adding 41. F Hearne played exceedingly well for the county, while, save for a chance in the early part of his innings, Lord Harris batted admirably. It may be noted that the extras in Kent's double innings were no fewer than 50. The great feature of the day's play was the rapid manner in which six of the Australian wickets fell in their second attempt. Too much praise cannot be awarded the home team for their magnificent bowling and fielding. The match has reached a most interesting state and an exciting finish may be expected to-day.

It will be remembered that on Monday evening Kent had completed an innings for 169, and only three of the Australians had been dismissed for 136. At half-past 11 yesterday Mr M'Donnell, the not out with 80, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Scott. A Hearne started the bowling, and his third ball Mr M'Donnell cut into the hands of point. His excellent innings of 80 comprised seven fours, six threes, five twos and singles. Mr Midwinter arrived to the aid of Mr Scott. Wootton was intrusted with the attack from the opposite end.

With the total at 155, Mr Midwinter was dismissed by a ball which rose very quickly and struck the top of his wicket. Mr Blackham filled the vacancy, but after having made a straight drive for four and two more runs, he was very smartly stumped. Seven for 166. The three remaining wickets only produced 11 runs. Mr Palmer and Spofforth were both got rid of in an over of A Hearne's, the former taken by third man running from point and the latter secured at the wicket. A catch at mid-off dismissed Mr Scott, and the innings closed at 20 minutes past 12.

Kent began their second venture with Messrs Mackinnon and Kemp. Messrs Giffen and Palmer were the bowlers. The first two overs produced 14 runs. Subsequently runs came so freely that an alteration in the attack was thought desirable, and the bowlers crossed over. This quickly had the

required effect, Mr Kemp being clean bowled at 42. G Hearne joined Mr Mackinnon, and after 35 minutes' play the 50 was reached. G Hearne was bowled and Lord Harris came in, but soon lost the company of Mr Mackinnon, who succumbed to a full-pitched ball. Three for 71. Mr Patterson cut the ball into the hands of point, and Mr Wilson aided Lord Harris. The first hour's play produced 77 runs, and at luncheon the total stood at 87.

Only two runs had been added on the resumption of play when Mr Wilson was clean bowled. Half the wickets for 89. F Hearne came in, and after some free hitting 130 was reached at five minutes past 3. Mr Spofforth gave way to Mr Giffen, but this change rather accelerated than checked the run-getting. At 169 F Hearne was caught at mid-on. Mr Christopherson remained at the wickets while 17 runs were added, and was then caught at slip off Mr Midwinter. Seven for 186. Wootton, Lord Harris's next partner, was clean bowled. Eight for 205. A Hearne appeared, and when seven runs had been added Lord Harris retired, bowled. He had batted in his usual excellent style. A Hearne was bowled, and the innings closed for 213. Time, 4 hours 25 minutes.

The Australians had 206 set them to win. Messrs Bonnor and M'Donnell started the batting, and Mr Lipscomb and A Hearne were the bowlers. When 15 runs had been gained Mr Bonnor was finely caught at long off. Mr Murdoch scored only four in nine overs, and then was splendidly caught by Lord Harris at mid-off. After eight had been obtained Mr M'Donnell was bowled off stump. Three batsmen were thus dismissed for 36. Messrs Bannerman and Giffen were now together, but the latter soon fell to a catch at wicket.

Mr Scott infused some life into the game, obtaining three fours by off drives and a cut, and Mr Bannerman also hit well. The total was taken to 62 when Wootton relieved Mr Lipscomb. Excellent fielding was shown at this point of the game. At 74 Mr Christopherson relieved A Hearne, in whose third over Mr Scott fell to a sharp catch at slip. Five for 74. Mr Midwinter joined Mr Bannerman, but at 83 was clean bowled. Stumps were then drawn for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 August, page 10)

Fifty minutes sufficed yesterday on the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, to bring the match between the Australians and Kent to a close. The weather was again fine but the attendance was not particularly large. The wicket played rather badly. The excellent bowling and fielding of Kent was generally admired, scarcely a mistake was made, and the Australians suffered a defeat which they took in very good part. It may be mentioned that this is the first defeat inflicted on the Australians by a county team since Nottinghamshire beat them by a wicket in 1880.

On the resumption of the game Mr Spofforth, in the absence of Mr Lipscomb, fielded for him. Mr Bannerman, the not-out with 17, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Blackham. Wootton and Mr Christopherson bowled. It soon became evident that both were in good form. Six overs were sent down without any substantial result. There was one slight chance of running Mr Bannerman out, but Wootton in his anxiety missed the opportunity. The 15th ball that Wootton sent down Mr Blackham ran out to drive, but it took his wicket. Seven for 85. Mr Palmer came in and started with a single. In the next over he was struck on the hand. At noon Mr Lipscomb came on to the field. The bowling continued excellent. Only six runs from the bat were registered as the result of half-an-hour's play. Mr Palmer, by an off-drive, made a single off Wootton, but in the next over Mr Christopherson found out the weak point in his defence and bowled him, middle stump. Eight for 92.

Mr Spofforth joined Mr Bannerman, and the 100 was passed at 12.20. Before another run had been added Mr Spofforth was dismissed by a splendid return catch, Mr Christopherson running nearly half way up the wicket and securing it. Nine for 101. Mr Boyle was last on the list. Mr Bannerman then cut a ball of Wootton's for four, and in the next over of the same bowler obtained three to leg. This proved to be the last hit of the match, as Mr Boyle was easily bowled by Wootton. Total 109. Time, 12.30. Thus Kent won by 96 runs.

4 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2875.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 August, page 8)

These counties were represented by their strongest elevens yesterday at Kennington Oval, where they began their return match. It was computed that there were no fewer than 18,000 spectators present. The visitors won the toss and a few minutes past noon Shrewsbury and Scotton opened their batting. Barratt and Mr Roller conducted the attack. The Nottinghamshire innings closed for 216. Walter Wright carried out his bat for 50 - contributed by sound defence.

Surrey made an excellent start, as 70 runs were registered before a fine catch at the wicket got rid of Abel. Mr W W Read was out in a similar manner at 78, while at 81 Mr Key was bowled by a good ball from Attewell. Mr Roller and Mr Read then became partners, and the pair played out time . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 August, page 10)

A large and enthusiastic crowd was present at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the second day's play in this match. Overnight Nottinghamshire had finished an innings for 216, and three Surrey batsmen were out for 96. Punctually at noon the game was continued by Read and Mr Roller (the not-outs with nine and three respectively). Walter Wright and Attewell had charge of the bowling.

The first ball of the former's Read hit to square leg for four, which brought the "100" up. Six wickets were down for 168, when Mr Bowden joined Mr Diver. Only four runs had been added when a magnificent catch at point got rid of Mr Diver. The retiring batsman had hit brilliantly for 41. The innings eventually closed for 243. Time, 3.15. Attewell claimed four wickets in 66 overs . . .

With a deficiency of 27, Nottinghamshire went in a second time at 25 minutes to 4, their first representatives being Shrewsbury and Scotton. Mr Roller and Barratt were the bowlers. Both batsmen showed capital defence; but at 34 Scotton was rather easily caught at point. Barnes came to the assistance of Shrewsbury. Barratt, who had been relieved by Mr Horner at 28, resumed at 52; about 11 runs later on gave way to Abel. Despite these and other changes, however, a fine cut by Barnes to the boundary sent up the "100" at 5.30. Runs were now obtained very fast, and the next 50 only occupied 35 minutes. The batsmen continued to play in their best style and were still together when "time" was announced. No fewer than eight Surrey bowlers were put on . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 August, page 10)

After three full days' excellent cricket the return match between these counties ended yesterday at Kennington-oval in a draw, greatly in favour of the visitors. At the drawing on stumps on Tuesday evening the score was as follows: - Nottinghamshire, first innings, 216; second innings, 177 for one wicket; Surrey, first innings, 243. At 5 minutes past 12 yesterday Barnes (not out, 72) and Shrewsbury (not out, 82) continued the Nottinghamshire defence. Mr Roller and Barratt were the bowlers.

An appeal against Shrewsbury for leg before was answered in the batsman's favour, but only a single had been added when Barnes returned the ball to Mr Roller. The retiring batsman had hit freely and well for 72. Flowers was bowled at 196, and Mr C W Wright came in. The amateur, by an on-drive for four, sent up 200 at 12.20. Shrewsbury shortly afterwards completed his 100 with a cut for two; and Mr Wright lost his wicket in attempting a third run. Four for 206.

Gunn was well caught at point at 228. Selby and Attewell were both bowled, and at 263 a smart catch at the wicket got rid of Shrewsbury, who had played an exceedingly fine innings of 127. He hit no fewer than 18 fours. The last two wickets gave Surrey considerable trouble, as it was not until 71 had been added that Sherwin was caught at cover point. The innings thus closed for 334 at 20 minutes past 3. Eight bowlers had been put on . . .

Surrey wanted no fewer than 307 to avert defeat. Mr Shuter and Abel were their first batsmen, and were confronted by Attewell and Shaw. Both bowlers were most difficult to play, and only five runs were obtained in a dozen overs. The score was gradually carried to 32, at which total Wright superseded Shaw. This change speedily proved successful, as the last ball of the first over bowled Mr Shuter. Mr Diver appeared, and at 52 Attewell handed the ball to Barnes. Without alteration Wright dismissed Abel, while two runs later on Barnes bowled Mr Diver. Messrs Bowden and Read added 52 before the former was easily caught at mid-on. Mr Read was out on an appeal for leg before at 111, and Mr Key, who succeeded him, fell to the wicket-keeper at 149. Mr Roller was secured at mid-off when six runs had been added. Wood arrived, but "Time" was called soon afterwards and the game left drawn, Surrey requiring 153 to win, with only three wickets to fall . . .

4 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2873.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 5 August, page 8)

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 August, page 10)

After a capital day's cricket yesterday at Southampton, the return match between the above counties was left in a very level state. On Monday Hampshire scored 307 runs, and Sussex on going in lost one wicket for 13 runs. Yesterday Sussex finished the innings for 235. Hampshire went in again . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 August, page 10)

The finish of the return match at Southampton between these counties proved very exciting. On Tuesday when stumps were drawn the game stood: - Hampshire - first innings, 307; second innings, 47 for four wickets; Sussex - first innings, 235. Play was resumed yesterday. Hampshire's second innings closed for 96, Mr A C Richards alone batting well. His innings of 40 was an admirable performance. Mr W Blackham obtained five wickets . . .

Sussex, who had to go in to get 169 to win, began badly, but afterwards Mr Newham, assisted by Humphreys, J Hide and Mr Wyatt, scored freely, and the match was won by the visitors with three wickets to spare.

4 August: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2872.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 August, page 8)

At Derbyshire, yesterday, Lancashire, in the opening of their return match with Derbyshire, had all the best of the game, as each side having completed an innings the Northern county were 82 runs on.

Lancashire, who went in first, lost five wickets for 28, and then Mr Hornby and Barlow got together and before they were separated put on 96 runs. Derbyshire were all out for 80. They must consequently follow on to-day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 August, page 10)

Yesterday at Derby the home county suffered a severe defeat at the hands of Lancashire. It will be remembered that at the end of the first day's play Derbyshire were 82 runs behind, and yesterday they had to follow on. Their batting in the second venture was terribly weak. Four men were dismissed without scoring, and the innings closed for 46. It will be seen from the appended score that Lancashire won by an innings and 36 runs.

7 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2878.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 August, page 10)

Yesterday the St Lawrence Ground at Canterbury presented its usual gay appearance on what has always been styled the "ladies" day. The favourable weather enabled it to appear at its best, and there was a very large attendance. Both Kent and Middlesex well sustained their reputation. A subscription was collected on the ground for the benefit of the Kent professionals who played so well against the Australians.

Having been successful in the toss, Kent sent in Messrs Mackinnon and Kemp at 10 minutes past 12. Burton and Mr Cottrell were the bowlers. The most important hit out of 21 runs was a cut for four by Mr Kemp, who then fell to a bailer. One down. Without alteration in the total, G Hearne, the new comer, was clean bowled. Two for 21. Lord Harris, who supplied the vacancy, made a very fine straight drive for four, and then fell to a capital catch at point. Mr Mackinnon next had Mr Patterson for a partner, and the bowling received a most pronounced check. Forty runs were the result of the first hour's play.

The next important item was a cut for three by Mr Patterson. An easy chance given by Mr Mackinnon to short leg was not accepted, and a two-fold bowling change was adopted. Mr Walker relieved Burton at 55, and five runs later Mr Cottrell gave way to Mr Robertson. Mr Patterson made an on-drive for four and a snick for the same number. To these contributions Mr Mackinnon added an off-drive for four. Mr Walker handed the ball to Mr Webbe at 82.

After the luncheon interval Messrs Cottrell and Webbe were intrusted with the attack. Mr Patterson hit the former twice for three, and Mr Mackinnon cut Mr Webbe for four. The latter and Mr Cottrell now crossed over. A drive to the on from the last named by Mr Patterson brought 100 runs to the telegraph board at five minutes past 3. Six runs later, a change was resorted to, Mr Webbe giving way to Burton. Still runs came quickly, until Mr Patterson, who had made eight by an off-drive and a cut, was taken at forward point. His principal hits were six fours, three threes and five twos. Mr Wilson arrived, and soon made two excellent drives on either side of the wicket for four each.

The total having reached 143, Mr Mackinnon was well caught low down by the bowler. F Hearne next came in. With the addition of three runs only, Mr Wilson played on, and one over later Mr Christopherson was clean bowled. Seven for 147. Twenty-two runs were put on, and then the remaining three wickets collapsed, Wootton and F Hearne being both taken at point and Mr Lipscomb bowled leg stump. Total 169. Time, 4.25. Five bowlers had been engaged, but only two with success. Burton obtained six wickets . . .

At 25 minutes to 4, Messrs I D Walker and Webbe took possession of the wickets. Wootton and Mr Christopherson were the bowlers. The first three overs were maidens. Mr I D Walker then drove a ball of Mr Christopherson's to the on for four. A very fine square leg hit by Mr Webbe from Wootton followed, and Mr I D Walker drove the ball to the on for four. A separation was speedily effected, however, Mr Webbe being driven hard on to his wicket. One for 23. Mr Ridley appeared and with Mr Walker played out time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 August, page 10)

The match between Kent and Middlesex was resumed yesterday on the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, at 11.30. A fine day attracted a large company of spectators. Messrs Walker and Ridley (the not-outs, with 54 and 19) resumed their batting at half-past 11. Wootton and Mr Christopherson led the attack.

Seven runs were made in two hits (an off drive and cut) by Mr Ridley, and three figures were announced at 11.45. Immediately afterwards Mr Walker fell to the wicket-keeper, who stood well back. The vacancy was filled by Mr Pearson, who speedily made 12 by two cuts and a leg hit. When 119 had been recorded Mr Ridley fell to a catch at wicket, while, without alteration in the total Mr Vernon got out of his ground and paid the penalty. Mr Thornton was bowled and Mr De Paravicini aided Mr Pearson. The score was speedily advanced to 135, at which stage Mr Christopherson handed the ball to A Hearne. Mr Pearson soon sent him to square leg; three runs were safely made, but in trying the fourth the striker was run out. Six for 138.

Mr Cottrell joined Mr De Paravicini, but after 24 runs had been added was well taken at third man. Sixteen runs were added by Mr Robertson, who was then clean bowled. Clarke was served in the same manner. Burton made his appearance, and the "200" was announced at a quarter past 1. Six runs later Burton was bowled. Mr De Paravicini had batted well for 41. Wootton proved the most successful bowler, as he secured six wickets . . .

Messrs Kemp and Mackinnon opened Kent's second venture against the bowling of Burton and Mr Cottrell. Five runs only had been made, when Mr Mackinnon fell to a catch behind the wicket. G Hearne filled the vacancy. After luncheon 19 runs were added before Hearne was bowled. Lord Harris aided Mr Kemp, and some excellent cricket advanced the score to 45, when a catch at wicket got rid of the last-named batsman. Mr Patterson supplied the vacancy, and the batting triumphed for many overs. The three figures were reached at 4.15. Nine runs only had been put on, when Mr Patterson fell a victim to venturesomeness, the ball being well thrown in by long slip.

Mr Wilson went in, but at 127 was caught behind the wicket keeper. F Hearne, who supplied the vacancy, was soon easily taken by point. Mr Christopherson was bowled. Wootton remained in for a very short time, and was then taken at wicket. Lord Harris next had A Hearne for a partner. Within five minutes of time the Kent captain was bowled, and stumps were then drawn for the day.

During the luncheon interval in this match Lord Harris, in the presence of a numerous company, addressing the three Hearnese and Wootton, said that on the previous day a subscription had been made for them upon the ground as a reward for their successful efforts in the match against the Australians. It was a spontaneous evolution of fielding on the part of some Kent enthusiasts, and was in no way suggested by any member of the county club. Of the total of £80 collected there was no less than five guineas in pence. That the collection should have been attended with such satisfactory results was as much due to respectful conduct and excellent behaviour of the recipients both in and out of the cricket field as to the good cricket they had shown in the match. His lordship spoke in complementary terms of the four players, and announced that the fund would remain open for a few days, and then be paid out to the men in equal shares.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 August, page 10)

Middlesex, who easily defeated Kent at Lord's on June 21 by 242 runs, again beat them on Saturday in the return match, which concluded the Canterbury Week. On Friday evening when play ceased, Kent, after being in a minority of 37 on the first innings, had gone in a second time and were 153 runs to the good with one wicket to fall.

On Saturday, at 25 minutes to 12, A Hearne (not out 1) and Mr Lipscomb continued the Kent batting to the bowling of Mr Robinson and Burton. Nine runs were added, after which the former was displaced by Mr Cottrell. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as at 209 the amateur returned the ball. Time, 11.55. Mr Cottrell took four wickets . . .

After the customary interval, Middlesex, who required 173 runs for victory, commenced their task with Messrs Thornton and Walker. Mr Christopherson and Wootton were the bowlers. Among other items, Mr Thornton contributed four cuts for four each; but with the score at 21 the professional dismissed him, while ten runs later on he also bowled Mr Ridley. Two down. Mr Pearson arrived. Several changes in the bowling were resorted to, but without success; and the 100 was signalled at 1.35. Mr Walker was bowled at 102, and half-a-dozen runs later on Mr Pearson, who had played an admirable innings of 50, was out in a like manner. Messrs Webbe and Vernon now had charge of the batting, and when luncheon was announced they had increased the score to 120.

Mr Vernon, having been missed at mid-off, lost the company of Mr Webbe at 158. Mr de Paravicini joined Mr Vernon, who speedily hit off the necessary runs, and Middlesex won by five wickets . . .

7 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2876.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 August, page 10)

Dr W G Grace, playing for his county against the Australians yesterday on the College Ground at Clifton, carried his bat for a grand innings of 116 - for the third time this season scoring an innings of over 100 against the Colonists. He was at the wickets yesterday for three hours and a quarter, and during the whole of that time never gave a chance. His hitting was clean and hard, and his superb innings included 11 fours, seven threes, 11 twos and 29 singles.

It was mainly owing to the batting of the Gloucestershire captain that his side were in for the best part of the day, but just praise must also be awarded to Mr Gilbert and Dr E M Grace, who went in first and put on 78 for the first wicket, the former batsman hitting with all his old freedom and confidence for 57. The other feature of the day's play was the stand made by Dr W G Grace and Mr Townsend, whose partnership yielded 91 runs. The Australians tried no less than seven bowlers. Mr Midwinter took four wickets for 41 runs. Mr Spofforth was severely punished, as he was hit for 42 runs and did not get a wicket.

After the Gloucestershire innings had closed for the large total of 301, the Australians only had a quarter of an hour's batting prior to the drawing of stumps. They began with Messrs Spofforth and Palmer, who had scored 14 runs without being separated when play ceased for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 August, page 10)

Yesterday, at Clifton, in this match, the Australians, continuing their innings, increased their score to 295 for eight wickets. The resumption of play yesterday at first gave but little prospect of a large total, as at noon three more wickets had fallen for the addition of 28 runs.

Then Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell became partners, and the latter, hitting freely and well, while his partner acted on the defensive, 76 runs were put on. Excepting one chance, when he had made 25, Mr M'Donnell 62 was an extremely fine innings. Mr Bannerman was out with the score at 142, after two hours' batting, for 23. Then Messrs Giffen and Scott made a long stand and fairly wore down the county bowling. By their joint efforts the score rose to 215, when Mr Giffen was bowled by Mr Townsend for 48. Seventy-three runs had been put on for the last wicket.

When Mr Bonnor came to Mr Scott's assistance 45 more runs were gained, and of these Mr Bonnor made 29 in ten minutes. Mr Midwinter was in until just before the call of time, when he was bowled by Woof. With the fall of his wicket play ceased for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 August, page 10)

As was generally expected after the large scores made by Gloucestershire on Thursday and the Australians on Friday, the above match, played on the college ground at Clifton, ended on Saturday in a draw. When play ceased on Friday the Australians, with two wickets to fall, were only six runs behind the county total. Rain fell during the interval, and finally put a stop to the game before the usual time of drawing stumps.

In view probably of the great match between England and Australia to-day, the Australians did not put on Messrs Spofforth or Palmer to bowl. The place of the latter in the field was taken by Mr Alexander. The batting performance by Gloucestershire cannot be too highly estimated. The main credit of the western county's achievement rests with Messrs Brain and Pullen. These two amateurs got together when the score was 22 for one wicket, and, playing in brilliant style, put on 109 runs before they were separated. Mr Brain, who went in first, scored 108 out of 181, and though twice missed, his innings could scarcely have been surpassed as an exemplification of dashing batting. He hit one five, 12 fours, one three and 15 twos, and made his runs in 1 hour 55 minutes. It is worthy of remark that Mr Brain's 108 is the tenth innings of over 100 scored against the present Australian team.

7 August: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2877.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 August, page 10)

The Hampshire county team accomplished a remarkable batting performance yesterday on the Antelope Ground at Southampton, in their first match this season with Somersetshire. Going in first, they were at the wickets all day, the total at 5 o'clock being 300. At the fall of the fifth wicket play ceased for the day, Mr Powell then being not out 106.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 August, page 10)

There was some remarkable scoring yesterday at Southampton, when Hampshire played a first innings of 645. Mr Powell scored 140, in which were no fewer than 25 fours. Mr Armstrong and Mr Duncan advanced the score from 475 for six wickets to 574 for seven wickets, and Mr Sheldrake and Mr Duncan raised the total to 644. The last two wickets fell rapidly, and the total reached 645, the second largest total ever made in England, beating by two runs the historical 643 scored by the Australians against Sussex in 1882.

When the visitors went in a poor start was made, but Messrs Terry and Robinson put on 91 while they were together.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 August, page 10)

As might have been expected, the long score made by Hampshire on Thursday proved far too great for the Somersetshire team, who on Saturday at Southampton suffered defeat by an innings and 169 runs. Though they were beaten the Somersetshire batsmen showed some capital batting, and in the second innings Mr J B Callen played a remarkably fine 93, and hit no fewer than 19 fours.

The match did not terminate until about a quarter past 4. The wicket played almost as well at the close of the game as at the start, and it is well worthy of mention that the number of runs scored in this match was 1,121.

11 August: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA (Third Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2879.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 August, page 10)

Little was it expected that the Australians, against such an eleven as that which they opposed at Kennington-oval yesterday, would make such an extraordinary score. Three of the four batsmen who went in obtained over a hundred runs each, and two of them are still not out. It will be remembered that in May, when the Colonists opposed the Marylebone Club and Ground, Dr Grace, Mr Steel and Barnes each scored over a hundred in the first innings of Marylebone.

Perhaps since the first appearance of the Australians at the Oval there has rarely been such an assemblage of spectators. No fewer than 14,648 paid for admission, but in the aggregate there were more than 15,000 present. The heat was intense, but the English fielding, with one or two exceptions, was excellent. From first to last the spectators were by no means stinting in their applause both of batting and fielding. No fewer than ten bowlers have been tried up to the present.

At five minutes past 12 the Australians, who had won the toss, sent in Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Peate opened the bowling from the gasometer end, while Ulyett conducted the attack from the pavilion wicket. Mr M'Donnell cut Peate for four and the last ball of the same over he drove to the off for a couple. Ulyett sent down a maiden, but in the following over from Peate, Mr M'Donnell made a single and Mr Bannerman an off-drive for four. The former batsman then cut Ulyett to the boundary, after which Mr Bannerman was easily taken at point. One for 15.

Mr Murdoch came in. The first ball sent him the Australian captain placed to leg for a couple. Nineteen overs produced 23, including two cuts for four each by Mr Murdoch. Mr M'Donnell then scored nine in an over of Peate's, while a single by the same batsman brought up 50 at a quarter to 1. Without alteration in the total Mr Steel superseded Peate, but at 63 the Lancashire amateur crossed over and was succeeded by Barnes at the gasometer wicket. Both batsmen scored freely, however, and a further change in the attack was tried at 83 - Barlow relieving Mr Steel. The rate of run-getting now slackened considerably. A straight drive for two by Mr M'Donnell caused the 100 to be registered at half-past 1 o'clock. Barnes now handed the ball to Dr Grace and some fine fielding by Mr Read at point was witnessed. Peate went on at the pavilion end for Barlow at 112, and two runs later on Mr Read was put on with lobs. The batsmen, however, were still together when the luncheon bell rang, the score being 130.

Peate and Barnes were intrusted with the bowling on the game being resumed at 10 minutes to 3. The first three overs proved maidens, but Mr M'Donnell then cut Barnes for four and in the following over drove Peate to the off for a like number. The Australian captain obtained seven by two cuts, which took the score to 146. Ulyett now displaced Peate. Mr Murdoch secured a single and his companion four from a cut in the new bowler's first over. The latter hit sent up 150 at 3 o'clock. Peate relieved Barnes one run later, but Mr M'Donnell, by driving him for four, completed his 100 at five minutes past 3. Mr Murdoch had just previously given a rather hard chance to the wicket-keeper. Two singles were added, and then Mr M'Donnell was taken low down at slip by Ulyett. The retiring batsman had played a brilliant innings of 103, which comprised 14 fours, two threes, 11 twos and singles.

Mr Scott joined Mr Murdoch. Two maiden overs ensued. Mr Scott, after cutting Peate for three, gained four from a similar stroke off Ulyett. The Australian captain next added three twos, while,

after a couple by Mr Scott, a single was converted into five by an overthrow to the boundary. Mr Murdoch scored two twos and Mr Scott an on-drive for four. Ulyett handed the ball to Barlow at 186. Mr Read was again tried at 187 for Peate, but at 198 he gave was to Dr Grace. An off-drive by Mr Scott for four from the Gloucestershire captain sent up the second hundred at a quarter to 4. An appeal against Mr Scott for a catch at the wicket was decided in favour of the batsman. Four overs realized a single, after which Mr Murdoch drove Barlow to the off for four and, having made a single, cut the other bowler for three. The Australian captain obtained three more for an on-drive, which advanced the score to 215. A double change in the bowling was now tried, Peate and Mr Steel going on for Dr Grace and Barlow. The largest item in nine overs was an off-drive by Mr Murdoch for four, but then Mr Scott drove a ball from Mr Steel's on to the pavilion and Mr Murdoch secured four from an off-drive. Barnes displaced Mr Steel at 232, but at 248 he was superseded by Scotton. A single later on Peate handed the ball to Lord Harris. Seven runs were gained in his lordship's first over. After Mr Murdoch had gained four from a leg hit, he drove the professional to the on for four, which hit completed his hundred at five minutes to 5.

Mr Scott cut Lord Harris for four. Mr Steel went on in lieu of Scotton at 283, and the change should have proved successful, as Mr Scott, who had made 60, was missed by Lord Harris in the long field straight behind the bowler. The Kent captain, however, had to run some distance from long-off before he could get to the ball. Ulyett was tried from the gasometer end at 284. Mr Murdoch, by an off-drive for four, caused 300 to be hoisted at half-past 5. Half-a-dozen runs later on another twofold variation in the attack was resorted to, Peate and Barlow relieving Ulyett and Mr Steel. The principal hits for a while were two fours, viz., an off-drive by Mr Murdoch and a leg hit by Mr Scott. Peate gave way to Mr Read at 322, but the Surrey amateur handed the ball to Mr Lyttelton at 341. The latter's position at the wicket was taken by Mr Read. Mr Murdoch, by an on-drive for three, sent up 350 at ten minutes past 6. At the same total Barlow gave way to Barnes and five runs later Mr Lyttelton was displaced by Dr Grace. Despite these changes, however, no separation was effected, and Mr Scott, shortly before "Time" was announced, obtained him three figures by an off-drive for three.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 August, page 6)

So completely was the English bowling mastered at Kennington Oval yesterday and Monday that every member of the team was tried. It was when the score stood at 532 for six wickets, however, that Mr Lyttelton, who had been tried overnight, went on again with lobs and brought about the rapid downfall of the remaining four batsmen. His position as wicket-keeper was occupied by Dr Grace.

The first ball that Mr Lyttelton sent down had the desired effect, Mr Midwinter being well caught at the wicket amid tremendous applause. Following up this success, the renowned wicket-keeper got rid of Mr Blackham, leg-before-wicket, at 545, and bowled Mr Spofforth at 549, while at 551 Mr Boyle was caught from a delivery of the same bowler. Only eight runs had been scored from his bowling.

The great feature of the day, however, was the batting of Mr Murdoch, whose innings, although marred by three chances - two of them very difficult - was a magnificent display of sound defence. The Colonists were batting nine hours and three-quarters, and runs were thus obtained at the rate of nearly 57 an hour. On England going in a good start was made, but when Dr Grace seemed well set he was run out. Although very hot, the weather was not so close as on Monday. There was again a large crowd on the ground, 14,225 of whom paid for admission. It will be remembered that when

stumps were drawn the evening before Australia had obtained 363 for the loss of only two wickets.

Messrs Scott and Murdoch (the overnight not-outs with 101 and 145 respectively) continued the Colonists' innings at five minutes past 12. Barnes started the bowling from the pavilion end, and from the last ball of the over Mr Scott made a single. Peate bowled a maiden, but after a leg-bye had been recorded Mr Scott was finely taken at the wicket. His principal hits were a five, 15 fours, three threes and seven twos. No fewer than 207 had been added since the fall of the last wicket.

Mr Giffen joined Mr Murdoch. Three maidens ensued, and the next eight overs only produced ten runs. Mr Murdoch then sent Peate to leg for four. A double change in the bowling was tried at 386, Ulyett and Mr Steel displacing Peate and Barnes. Among other items the Australian captain contributed two fours (a leg hit and a cut). Mr Giffen, by a leg hit for two, caused the fourth hundred to be signalled at 1 o'clock. The same batsman soon supplemented this hit with a fine on drive for four and later on a leg hit to the boundary. Mr Steel handed the ball to Barlow at 420. Mr Murdoch placed the new bowler to square leg for a couple, but when he had increased his score to 173 he was missed by Barlow at third man. Mr Giffen was easily taken at short mid-on at 432. During the partnership 67 runs had been added.

Mr Bonnor came in, and a bye and a single were registered, after which Mr Murdoch obtained four from an on drive. Mr Bonnor secured two twos by on drives, while Mr Murdoch cut Barlow twice for four. The 450 was reached a few minutes before 2 o'clock. Dr Grace went on in lieu of Ulyett at 454, and this change proved successful, as his third ball Mr Bonnor cut into the hands of point. Half the wickets were thus down for 454. An adjournment was now made for luncheon.

The game was continued at a quarter to 3, Mr Murdoch (not out 90) being accompanied to the wickets by Mr Midwinter. Dr Grace and Barnes were the bowlers. Mr Murdoch cut the latter for four, and his companion drove the Gloucestershire captain to the off for a like number. Six overs later Mr Murdoch, with an excellent cut for four, completed his "200" at five minutes past 3. Mr Midwinter gave a very hard chance to the wicket keeper at 473, and four runs later Dr Grace was relieved by Ulyett. Mr Murdoch sent the ball dangerously close to Mr Steel at short mid-on when he had made 205. Seventeen runs were obtained in ten overs, and then from the third ball of Barnes's ff over Mr Murdoch was well caught by Peate low down at slip. The Australian captain's 211 was composed of 24 fours, nine threes, 22 twos and singles. Six for 494.

Mr Blackham joined Mr Midwinter, and by a leg hit for three sent up "500" at 20 minutes to 4. Half a dozen runs were added, and then another two-fold change in the attack was tried - Peate and Mr Steel superseded Ulyett and Barnes. Mr Midwinter was missed at cover-point by Scotton one run later on. Each bowler sent down a maiden, after which Mr Midwinter cut Peate for three, and Mr Blackham having made a single cut Mr Steel for a couple. An appeal against the last named batsman for leg before was answered in the negative. Mr Steel gave up the ball to Barlow at 523, and after each batsman had cut Peate for four that bowler was displaced by Mr Lyttelton. Dr Grace kept wicket.

The first ball Mr Lyttelton bowled proved fatal to Mr Midwinter, who was well taken at the wicket on the leg side. Seven for 532. Mr Palmer filled the vacancy, but at 545 lost the company of Mr Blackham, who was given out leg before. Eight down. Mr Spofforth appeared, and Shrewsbury immediately relieved Barlow. The whole of the team had thus been tried. Mr Spofforth's stay was brief, as, after driving the amateur for four, he was clean bowled by the following ball. Nine for 549. Mr Boyle was caught by Lord Harris running from mid-on soon afterwards, and the innings closed at 10 minutes to 5 for 551.

The usual interval having elapsed, Dr Grace and Scotton opened the English batting. Mr Bonnor led off the attack from the pavilion end, and in his first over Dr Grace scored five by a square-leg hit to the boundary and a single. Mr Palmer had charge of the bowling at the gasometer end, and his first over produced one run. Mr Bonnor sent down a maiden, but the professional finely cut the other bowler for four. A short delay was then caused owing to the encroachment of the spectators on the field of play. On the game being resumed, Scotton gained a single, and shortly afterwards played Mr Bonnor to leg for a couple. Ten runs later Dr Grace hit Mr Bonnor twice to square-leg for four. In the following over, however, he had the misfortune to be run out. One for 32.

Barnes came to the assistance of Scotton. After the pavilion bowler had sent down a wide, Barnes placed Mr Palmer to leg for a couple. Each batsman made an excellent cut for four in the following over, while at ten minutes to 6 an off-drive by Scotton for a couple brought up 50 after 40 minutes' play. Barnes then cut Mr Bonnor finely for four, which caused that bowler to retire in favour of Mr Spofforth at 54. The last-named batsman scored six additional runs (five from Mr Palmer) before he was splendidly caught by Mr Midwinter low down at third man. Two for 60.

Shrewsbury was next on the order, and Mr Palmer gave way to Mr Boyle without alteration in the total. Shrewsbury cut the latter brilliantly for four, and at 68 Mr Midwinter displaced Mr Boyle. Both batsmen played with their usual care, however, and had increased the total to 71 before stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 August, page 10)

England were mainly indebted to Scotton and Mr Read for the creditable draw they made with Australia yesterday at Kennington Oval. It will long remain in the minds of those who witnessed Scotton's batting how he defied the various attacks of his opponents and the elegant manner in which he defended his wicket when matters were looking anything but bright for the mother country. Perhaps a finer display than that of the Nottinghamshire professional has seldom, if ever, been witnessed in a match of such importance. Had it not been for him England might possibly have suffered a severe defeat. He went in first, but received little assistance beyond that given by Mr Steel before being joined by Mr Read with the score at 181 for eight wickets.

Runs were then obtained very fast, as may be judged from the fact that during the partnership 21 fours were made. The aspect of the game was completely changed and the innings realized 345. Shrewsbury made some brilliant hits in the second venture, his 37 including eight fours. The weather was dull for the greater part of the day, but there were about 10,000 spectators present, 8,403 of whom paid for admission. During the three days no fewer than 37,306 passed the turnstiles. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening it will be remembered that Australia had scored a first innings of 551 and England had lost two wickets (Dr Grace and Barnes) for 71.

Within a few minutes of noon, Scotton and Shrewsbury (the not-outs with 21 and six) were opposed by Messrs Spofforth (pavilion end) and Midwinter. The former opened with a maiden, but the first ball of Mr Midwinter's Shrewsbury sent to leg for four. From the fourth ball of the over, however, the last-named batsman was caught at the wicket. Three for 75. Mr Steel arrived, and after Scotton had played Mr Spofforth to leg for three the amateur obtained four by a similar stroke. Three overs realized five singles, after which the professional made a leg hit for three, and Mr Steel secured four through the slips. Mr Steel, by a leg hit for three, caused the "100" to be signalled at 12.25. Ten runs later Messrs Giffen and Palmer went on in lieu of Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter. Four

maidens ensued. Six overs later on the Lancashire gentleman made a fine leg hit for four, but was out to an appeal for leg before from the following ball. Four for 120.

Ulyett joined Scotton, and after Mr Giffen had sent down a maiden ball of Mr Palmer's went for four byes. Ulyett scored nine runs in eight overs; but after his companion had driven Mr Palmer to the on for a couple he made a single and was then well caught at mid-off. Half the wickets were now down for 136. Barlow, who followed, was caught at point from the first ball he received. Six for 136.

Lord Harris aided Scotton. The new batsman, after three maidens had been bowled, drove Mr Palmer to the on for two, and later on he cut the same bowler brilliantly to the boundary. A cut for four by Scotton brought up 150 at a quarter to 2. Mr Giffen handed to ball to Mr Spofforth at 152; but Scotton obtained a single and his lordship a square-leg hit for three in the new bowler's first over. Lord Harris having made a fine leg hit for four was given out leg before with the following ball. Seven for 160. Mr Lyttelton was Scotton's next partner. The latter hit Mr Spofforth finely to leg for four, and after several singles the Nottinghamshireman secured another four to leg. With the latter hit the professional completed his 50. The competitors now returned for luncheon. Score, 172.

On resuming at a quarter to 3 Messrs Spofforth and Palmer were the bowlers. Scotton drove Mr Palmer for a couple; but chiefly by singles the score was advanced to 181, when Mr Spofforth clean bowled Mr Lyttelton. Eight down. Scotton had now scored 53. Mr Read came in and quickly made a fine on-drive for four. The amateur drove Mr Palmer to the off for four, and later on a leg hit to the boundary by the same batsman sent up "200" at a quarter-past 3. Scotton gained four from a square-leg hit off Mr Palmer, which caused that bowler to give way to Mr Midwinter at 205. Scotton added three, and Mr Read secured a snick for four and hit a ball of Mr Spofforth's to square leg among the people. Five maiden overs ensued, during which Mr Read was appealed against for a catch at the wicket. The last-named batsman hit Mr Spofforth to leg for four. Mr Giffen displaced the latter at 222; but in his second over Mr Read drove him twice to the off-boundary. An off-drive for two by Scotton was increased to four by an overthrow. The Surrey amateur next sent Mr Giffen to leg for two and drove him to the on for a like number, while after Mr Midwinter had sent down a maiden Mr Read hit another ball to square leg among the people.

Messrs Boyle and Bonnor superseded Messrs Midwinter and Giffen at 224. An on-drive for four by Scotton caused 250 to be signalled at five minutes to 4. A wide, and a single by each batsman were recorded, and then Mr Read drove Mr Bonnor brilliantly to the on for four. The latter relinquished the ball to Mr Midwinter at 259; but the Surrey player, by driving the first ball to the on for two, made his score 50 at 4 o'clock. The same batsman then cut Mr Midwinter for four. Three maiden overs followed. Mr Read cut and drove Mr Midwinter for two and four, and Mr Scotton played Mr Boyle to leg for a couple. Mr Spofforth relieved the latter at 275, and at the same total Mr Palmer took the ball from the other bowler. The rate of run-getting now slackened, but after a while Mr Read drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four and cut him for a like number. A single in each over followed. Spofforth next obtained three for a square-leg hit, after which Mr Read scored six (an on-drive for four and a leg hit for two) in an over of Mr Spofforth's. An appeal against the amateur for leg before was answered in the negative. A three to leg by Mr Read brought up the third hundred at a quarter to 5. Mr Scott was tried at Mr Palmer's end seven runs later. The score, however, rose rapidly, and Mr Read, after making eight in three hits off the new bowler, by an off-drive for four completed his 100 at five minutes to 5.

Scotton next cut Mr Spofforth for a couple, and Mr Read drove Mr Scott finely to the on for four.

The latter bowler had been hit very freely, and he handed the ball to Mr Giffen at 327. Mr Read scored a single and Scotton a four to leg from the new bowler. Mr Boyle was next tried in place of Mr Spofforth at 332. At length Scotton was caught off Mr Giffen at forward point. The retiring batsman had played splendidly, and during the five hours and three-quarters he had been batting he had not made a mistake. His chief items were nine fours, five threes and nine twos. Since the fall of the last wicket 151 runs had been added. Nine for 332.

Peate arrived, and the second ball sent him he hit to leg for four. Mr Read then scored two to leg, an off-drive for four and an on-drive for four from Mr Boyle. The latter, with the last delivery of the over, bowled the Surrey player, which brought the innings to a close for 346 at a quarter past 5. Mr Read's brilliant innings of 117 comprised 20 fours, a three, 12 twos and 10 singles.

England being 205 behind consequently had to follow on, and at 20 minutes to 6 Barlow and Mr Lyttelton commenced the second innings. Mr Spofforth (pavilion end) and Mr Boyle were intrusted with the attack. The largest hits in five overs were three cuts by the amateur, each of which realized three. Mr Lyttelton, however, having cut Mr Boyle for four, was clean bowled by the last ball of the over. One for 20.

Shrewsbury joined Barlow. The former secured a four in the slips and in the two succeeding overs from Mr Boyle he drove him to the off and on, the ball on each occasion going to the boundary. Mr Giffen displaced Mr Spofforth at 36. After Barlow had driven the latter to the off for four, Shrewsbury made three fours (two off-drives and a cut) in an over of Mr Boyle's. The 50 was signalled after half-an-hour's play. The last-named bowler gave way to Mr Midwinter at 57. Shrewsbury cut the latter for two, while shortly afterwards a very fine cut by the same batsman was brilliantly fielded by Mr Midwinter at third man. The famous Nottinghamshire player continued to hit freely, driving Mr Giffen for three and gaining two more fours from the opposite end. At 73, however, Shrewsbury was taken at short leg for 37, which was composed of eight fours, a three and a two.

Lord Harris occupied the vacant wicket. Barlow drove Mr Midwinter to the off for four, and at 78 that bowler was succeeded by Mr Palmer. The batsmen, however, were still together when the bell announced the expiration of time.

11 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2880.html)

Day 1 (report from Tues 12 August, page 10)

Owing principally to the fine batting of Mr Hornby and the very useful assistance rendered him by Mr L D Hildyard and other members of the Lancashire team, the visiting county had all the better of the day's cricket yesterday at Taunton.

Going in first, Lancashire scored 87 before the first wicket fell. The next six wickets realized only 33; but the last two batsmen put on 71, and the score reached 215 before the side was out. Mr Hornby's largest hits were nine fours and seven twos. Somersetshire were got rid of in an hour and a-half for 86, only Mr Fowler offering any great resistance to the bowling of Briggs and Watson. In Mr Fowler's 36 were five fours, a three and three twos. On going in a second time, the home side did somewhat better . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 August, page 6)

As might have been expected from the result of Monday's play in this match at Taunton, Lancashire beat Somersetshire yesterday. In the second innings, the Somersetshire batsmen showed to much greater advantage, but they could never recover from their bad start. Mr S C Newton, of the 1876 Cambridge University eleven, played some admirable cricket for 62, and received some valuable assistance from Messrs Challen and Terry. The last Somerset wicket fell for 196. Watson bowled with great success, his seven wickets being obtained in 69 overs . . .

Lancashire obtained the requisite 68 runs for the loss of only two wickets. Mr Hornby again hit very freely . . . It will be seen from the appended score that Lancashire won by eight wickets.

11 August: SUSSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2881.html)

Day 1 (report from Tues 12 August, page 10)

In the return match between Sussex and Derbyshire, which commenced yesterday on the County Ground at Brighton, the home team were seen to considerable advantage. They remained in for the whole of the day. It must be stated, however, that the Derbyshire fielding was decidedly loose, and several catches were missed. Mr Blackman, who obtained 45, gave two chances; Mr Newham, who made 69, was missed at point before he had scored; and Mr M'Cormick was twice let off. Nine members of the team reached double figures.

Mr Newham, apart from the mistake mentioned, played extremely good cricket, and, among other hits, made ten fours and two threes. Mr Blackman hit hard and well for 45, and Tester played a patient and faultless innings for 35. Jesse Hide and Mr Wyatt also scored very rapidly. The weather was beautifully fine and, as may be judged from the number of runs scored, the wicket was in splendid condition.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 August, page 6)

Following up the advantage they had gained on Monday at Brighton, the Sussex eleven yesterday were seen to great advantage, and at present everything points to their ultimate success, as Derbyshire are still 79 runs behind with seven wickets to fall. The Southern county, who had scored 308 for nine wickets overnight, finished off their innings for 327. No fewer than ten members of the team reached double figures.

The first innings of Derbyshire lasted from 20 minutes past 12 until a quarter-past 4, the total reaching 175. Some capital batting was shown by Messrs L C Docker and Barrington, but the others offered little resistance to the Sussex bowling . . . The visitors went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 August, page 10)

The home county obtained an easy victory over Derbyshire at Brighton yesterday. Derbyshire, who had lost three wickets overnight in their second innings for 73 runs, still wanted 79 to avert a single innings defeat when play was resumed yesterday. Some capital batting by Wood-Sims, Sugg and Mr S H Evershed was witnessed, and the innings closed for the excellent score of 236. Mr Evershed's 50 included six fours, a three and six twos.

Sussex, who were left with 85 to win, made the runs in an hour and a quarter for the loss of three wickets, the match ending at ten minutes to 5 in a victory for Sussex by seven wickets. In Derbyshire's second innings Humphreys took four wickets . . .

14 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2884.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 August, page 4)

The return match to that played at Lord's on May 26, 27 and 28, when Middlesex was defeated by six wickets, began yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. Successful in the toss, the visitors decided to go in, and at 10 minutes past 12 Messrs Walker and Webbe were opposed by Shaw and Attewell.

The last-named batsman, after making a snick for four, was secured at slip. Mr Lyttelton arrived; but only ten runs had been obtained when he had the misfortune to hit his wicket. Two down. Mr Ridley came in. Both bowlers proved exceedingly difficult to play and the score rose very slowly. Shaw handed the ball to Barnes at 54, while eight runs later on Walter Wright displaced Attewell. As neither of these alterations were effective, Flowers went on in lieu of Barnes at 68. Only seven were added when this change brought about the separation, Mr Ridley being smartly taken at the wicket. Three for 75. Mr O'Brien joined his captain, and at luncheon time the score was 78.

On the resumption of play, the bowlers, as before, were Wright and Flowers. The Middlesex captain scored very fast. Within a few minutes of 3 o'clock the three figures were hoisted. Attewell relieved Flowers at 102, but a dozen runs later on Wright succeeded in bowling Mr O'Brien. Mr Pearson got out of his ground to play Mr Attewell at 135, and was stumped, while at 144 Mr Vernon fell to cover-point. Six down. Mr de Paravicini filled the vacancy. Barnes, who had previously gone on for Wright, was superseded by Shaw at 169, but the wicket came from the opposite end, as at 170 Mr Walker was bowled. He had played a very good innings of 80, which was composed of a five, six fours, nine threes, five twos and 14 singles. Seven out. The last three wickets added 41 and the innings terminated at 10 minutes past five for 211. Attewell took four wickets . . . Nottinghamshire went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 August, page 6)

Play in this match was continued yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Thursday evening, the metropolitan county had finished an innings for 211 and Nottinghamshire had lost one wicket for 35. Scotton and Barnes (the not outs, with 10 and 13 respectively) were confronted by Messrs Walker and Robertson.

The last-named batsman scored fast, and the 50 was reached as 12 o'clock. Mr Walker handed the ball to Burton at 57, but still runs were obtained very rapidly, the majority coming from Barnes's bat. Clarke displaced Mr Robertson at 77, and this variation speedily brought about the dismissal of Barnes, who was well taken at the wicket for a freely hit 46. Flowers filled the vacancy, and at 95 Mr Robinson relieved Clarke. The bowlers crossed over at 115. Flowers soon cut the ball into the hands of point, and was succeeded by Mr Wright. The amateur fell to mid-on at 117, and Gunn aided Scotton. Changes in the bowling were frequent, but no separation had been effected up to the luncheon interval, when the score was 155 for four wickets.

On resuming the score again rose fast, and 30 runs were added in less than half an hour. Scotton was caught by the wicket keeper without alteration in the total. His excellent contribution of 66 was composed of a five, three fours, four threes, nine twos and singles. During Selby's stay 39 runs

were put on, that batsman being out to an appeal for leg before. Attewell joined Gunn. Both batsmen hit freely and the Middlesex bowling was thoroughly mastered. The "300" was signalled at 25 minutes past 5, while shortly afterwards Gunn completed his 100. At length, just before "time," a good catch at slip got rid of Attewell. He had played a fine innings of 84, which included 12 fours, two threes and five twos. Since the fall of the last wicket 159 runs had been added.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 August, page 10)

The last County match in which Nottinghamshire was engaged ended on Saturday in a decisive victory for them at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. Overnight the home team had lost seven wickets for 383 runs, against the first innings of 211 scored by Middlesex. Gunn (not out 124) and Walter Wright continued the Nottingham batting.

The latter was secured at cover-point; while at 400 Gunn's magnificent display of batting was closed by that batsman playing a ball of Mr Robertson's on to his wicket. His 138 comprised 16 fours, 11 threes, five twos and singles. Sherwin and Shaw added seven before the former cut the ball into the hands of point. Time, 12.15. Total, 407. Mr Robertson took five wickets . . .

Middlesex required 196 runs to avert a single-innings defeat, and at 25 minutes to 1 sent in Messrs Walker and Webbe. Shaw and Attewell were the bowlers. Both batsmen played with the greatest care, and the score was slowly advanced to 20, at which total Attewell was displaced by Walter Wright. This alteration speedily had effect, as before another run had been obtained, a good catch at slip got rid of the Middlesex captain, while a single later Mr Webbe was smartly taken by Sherwin. Mr Lyttelton and Mr Ridley now became partners. Shaw handed the ball to Barnes at 32, but no separation had take place up to luncheon time, when 45 runs were recorded.

On resuming, the bowlers, as before, were Barnes and Wright. Mr Lyttelton should have been caught by Gunn at slip. Barnes gave way to his captain at 69, and the change soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Ridley, while Mr Lyttelton was caught at short mid-on off Flowers, who had superseded Walter Wright. With the exception of Mr Pearson, none of the other members of the eleven were able to do much against the attack of their rivals, and the innings eventually closed for 105, which left Nottinghamshire victorious by an innings and 91 runs. Shaw took five wickets . . .

14 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2882.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 August, page 4)

The success which attended the Gloucestershire bowling changes in the opening of their return match with Lancashire yesterday at Clifton was the most noteworthy feature of an interesting day's cricket. The wicket was not much affected by the morning's heavy rain, and Lancashire, who won the toss, were batting three-and-a-half hours. In that time the bowling was 12 times altered, and seven out of the ten wickets fell in the first overs of these changes. The Lancashire batting was of a fairly average description. Mr Hornby hit a dashing 40 inclusive of six fours, one three and four twos. Robinson, Whitaker, Mr Royle and Briggs likewise showed to advantage.

When Gloucestershire went in to bat they started badly, losing two good wickets, those of Dr E M Grace and Mr Brain for 12 runs, but Dr W G Grace and Mr Pullen got together and, batting admirably, played out time. In the Lancashire innings Woof took five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 August, page 6)

After having to follow their innings yesterday at Clifton, the Gloucestershire batsmen played up in a remarkable manner, and they have now certainly the best of the game, for with five wickets still to fall they are 202 to the good.

The chief credit of this performance was due to the admirable batting of the Gloucestershire professional Painter. He and Dr W G Grace put on 103 runs for the first wicket in Gloucestershire's second innings, and it was this stand that changed the aspect of the game. Mr Pullen, who just now seems to be in capital form, scored 74 in his best style, and both Dr E M Grace and Mr Townsend were seen to advantage. As may be supposed from the number of runs scored, the wicket was in very good condition, and the weather being fine, the cricket was watched with interest by a fairly numerous company. Painter hit 14 fours, ten threes and eight twos. It should be mentioned that nearly £30 was subscribed for him on the ground. In Gloucestershire's first innings Barlow took five wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 August, page 10)

No county match this season has produced a closer or more exciting finish than that which was brought to a conclusion on Saturday in the College Grounds, Clifton. At the drawing of stumps on Friday, Gloucestershire, after following on, were 202 runs to the good with five wickets to fall, and in anticipation of a close finish a large and fashionable company was present.

Mr Townsend, the overnight not out, with 26, and Mr Page continued the home side's batting at 10 minutes to 12. The remaining batsmen, however, offered little resistance to the Lancashire bowling, and the venture terminated at 20 minutes to 1 for 321. Barlow took six wickets . . .

Lancashire commenced their second venture a few minutes before 1 o'clock, wanting 235 to achieve a victory. Dr W G Grace and Woof led off the attack to Mr Hornby and Barlow. The amateur obtained runs very quickly, and at 48 a change in the bowling was resorted to, Mr Page relieving the

Gloucestershire captain. With the score at 65, however, Mr Hornby was well taken at long-off from the other bowler. His principal hits were five fours, four threes and five twos. Three more wickets were captured for an addition of only 11, while the fifth fell 19 runs later on.

Eight were down for 149 when Mr Royle and Watson became partners. These batsmen made a splendid attempt to save the game, and, despite all the efforts of their opponents, 63 runs had been added, when an appeal against Watson for leg before was answered in the affirmative. Nine for 212. Thus when Pilling, the last man, came in, 23 runs were still required to win. Fifteen of these were made, and then, amid great enthusiasm, Pilling was finally caught at mid-on, the innings closing for 227. Mr Royle's admirable not-out innings included four fours, seven threes and six twos. Woof claimed six wickets . . .

It will be remembered that on Friday £30 was subscribed for Painter, who had played a brilliant innings for 116, and on Saturday another £30 was collected on the ground for Woof, who bowled exceptionally well. To these professionals Gloucestershire were mostly indebted for their victory of seven runs.

14 August; KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2883.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 August, page 4)

Mr Mackinnon played a brilliant innings of 102 yesterday at Gravesend for Kent against Yorkshire. The home team won the toss, and at 12.30 sent in Messrs Kemp and Mackinnon. Peate and Ulyett were intrusted with the early bowling.

The latter at 24 gave way to Emmett, and at 33 Mr Kemp was completely baffled by a delivery of Peate's. G G Hearne joined Mr Mackinnon. Emmett was displaced by Ulyett at 37. Only a single was added when the professional fell to cover-point, and Lord Harris appeared. The 50 was soon reached, Emmett just before having gone on again. Despite the bowling changes, the "100" was registered a few minutes before luncheon, and when the adjournment was made the batsmen were still together, the score being 105.

The usual interval having elapsed, the batsmen were confronted by Peate and Bates. Lord Harris was bowled at 109. Mr Patterson aided Mr Mackinnon, who should have been caught at long-on by Peel when he had made 66. Peate retired in favour of Emmett at 125, and this variation soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Patterson, who was caught at the wicket at 129. F Hearne stayed until 45 runs were added, when he was beaten by a ball from Peate. Five down. At length at 185 Mr Mackinnon's fine innings was brought to a close by a catch at the wicket. His principal hits were one six (a drive out of the ground), six fours, nine threes and seven twos. Hunter also disposed of Wootton without alteration in the total, at 195 Mr Marchant, and at 201 he stumped Mr Christopherson. The tenth wicket was captured at 10 minutes past 5. Total 205. Peate took eight wickets . . .

Yorkshire had only an hour's batting, but during that time some grand hitting was shown by Ulyett and Bates, who obtained runs at a great pace . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 August, page 6)

Although Kent batted well in their first venture on Thursday, they were rather easily defeated at Gravesend yesterday. At the drawing of stumps on the previous evening, the home side had finished an innings for 205, while their opponents, without losing a wicket, were credited with 99.

Bates, not out 53, continued the Yorkshire batting at 11.25. The bowling was intrusted to H Hearne and Wootton. Only six runs were added when Ulyett played a ball of the former's into his wicket. One for 105. Grimshaw aided Bates, who was let off at mid-on. Profiting by his escape, the last-named batsman hit in brilliant style and, despite numerous bowling changes, 176 runs were recorded before he got out of his ground to play A Hearne and was smartly stumped. His principal hits were a six (a drive out of the ground), 4 fours, 16 threes and 3 twos. Grimshaw fell to cover-point at 185, and two runs later on Hall was taken at the wicket without scoring. Peel and Sowden, during their partnership, added 46, the former then being stumped. Rawlin came in, and when the players adjourned for luncheon the total was 249.

On continuing the game 11 runs were put on before Sowden was caught at cover-point. Harris was Rawlin's next companion. The 300 was announced at 5 minutes past 3; but at 308 Harris had the

misfortune to play on. The remaining wickets added 30, and the innings closed at a quarter to 4 for 338. Wootton took five wickets . . .

Kent, in a minority of 133, went in a second time; but they set their opponents very few runs to win, and Yorkshire were victorious by ten wickets. In Kent's second innings Emmett took four wickets . . .

18 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2885.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 August, page 7)

The annual cricket week at Cheltenham was commenced yesterday, the fixtures being the return match between Gloucestershire and the colonial eleven. The weather was delightfully fine and there was a larger attendance of spectators than has ever been witnessed on the opening day at Cheltenham before. No doubt many of these people hoped to see Gloucestershire achieve a success after their recent Clifton performances.

Of course, on such a good wicket and with the county team in their present batting form, we may yet see a good match; but yesterday's cricket went all in favour of the Australians, who, at the drawing of stumps, had lost only two wickets and were but seven runs behind the first innings of the county. Mr W H Cooper played in the Australian eleven in place of Mr H F Boyle, and he was able to dismiss the first three Gloucestershire batsmen, including Dr W G Grace, by the time the score had reached 26. Subsequently Dr E M Grace hit with a good deal of freedom, his 56 including six fours, one three and five twos. Painter, the professional, is to be congratulated on his 34. In the end, the total of the side reached 183. Mr Giffen bowled with great success, as will be seen from the accompanying analysis, which figures will also make known the fact that Mr Spofforth did not go on at all.

The first Australian wicket fell very soon, but Messrs Bannerman and Murdoch remained partners until the total was 65. When Bannerman was caught at slip, Mr Scott became Mr Murdoch's partner, and these two completely mastered the Gloucestershire bowling, being still together at the call of time, when 111 runs had been added since they became partners. The Cheltenham festival promises to be fully as successful as any of its predecessors, and most people will hope to see the fixture continued annually, notwithstanding the death of its founder, the late James Lillywhite.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 August, page 6)

Both in bowling and batting, the Colonists were seen to great advantage at Cheltenham yesterday, and the match is now practically over, as Gloucestershire, with three wickets to fall in their second innings, want the enormous total of 181 runs to avert a single-innings defeat. It will be remembered that the county team on Monday made 183 in their first innings, and that the Australians had lost only two wickets at the drawing of stumps for 176, Mr Murdoch and Mr Scott being each 65 not out.

Yesterday Mr Scott was run out without increasing his overnight score. The chief hits in his excellent innings were eight fours, two threes and eight twos. Mr Murdoch stayed for 83 runs longer, and was bowled for 89. His hits were eight fours, six threes, ten twos and singles. Mr Giffen gave three chances in the course of his remarkably long and able display. He hit eight fours, three threes and 17 twos. Mr Bonnor was only at the wicket just over one hour, but he added 53 out of 82, and was in his best form.

The Colonial innings finished for 402; and Gloucestershire, on going in a second time, lost seven wickets before the drawing of stumps for only 38 runs. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth bowled particularly well, but the chief cause of the downfall was that the wicket, which had been easy after

some heavy rain in the morning, became treacherous as it dried in the afternoon, and rendered batting a matter of difficulty. The weather was very fine during the day. A large company was present on the Cheltenham College ground.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 August, page 6)

Yesterday the first match of the annual Cheltenham Week terminated in an easy victory for the Australians over the home county by an innings and 136 runs. After the cricket of the previous day, when Gloucestershire, on going in a second run against the enormous score of 402 made by the Colonists, had lost seven of their best wickets for 38 runs, no other result could have been anticipated, and an hour's play yesterday proved sufficient to end the match.

Messrs Brain and Page made a fairly good stand for the eighth wicket, and, indeed, this pair made the only double-figure score in the innings. After Mr Brain was dismissed at 67 nothing else of importance occurred; and the innings closed for the meagre total of 83. The feature of the pair was the magnificent bowling of Mr Palmer, who took seven wickets at the small cost of 31 runs.

18 August: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2888.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 August, page 7)

The return match between these counties began yesterday at Kennington-oval, in fine weather and before a numerous company. Successful in the toss, Lancashire, at 5 minutes past 12, commenced batting with Barlow and Mr Hornby. Barratt opened the bowling from the gasometer wicket and Mr Horner had charge of the attack at the pavilion end.

Only 11 runs had been obtained when a good catch in the long field straight behind the bowler got rid of Mr Hornby. Mr A G Steel was smartly caught at slip at 37. Two down. Mr Taylor joined Barlow. The amateur soon cut Barratt for four, after which an appeal against Barlow for leg before was answered in favour of the batsman. Barratt handed the ball to Lohmann at 47. The first and second balls of the over Mr Taylor cut to the boundary, and 50 runs were announced at 10 minutes to 1. Another cut by Mr Taylor realized four; but then he lost the company of Barlow, who was well taken at slip. Three for 60.

Briggs was caught at long slip three runs later on. Mr H B Steel followed in. The new batsman drove Lohmann to the off for four and the other bowler in the opposite direction for a similar number. Barratt resumed in place of Lohmann at 79, but Mr Steel drove him to the off for four and cut the amateur for four, while in the succeeding over of Barratt's he obtained ten (three on-drives). Mr Taylor was bowled by a good ball from Mr Horner at 90, and the Rev Mr Royle came in. Mr Steel, with a straight drive for four, brought up the three figures at 25 minutes to 2 o'clock. Mr Roller displaced Barratt at 104, but runs were scored quickly, and at 128 that bowler crossed over. Mr Steel completed his 50 at five minutes to 2. M Read went on at 129. Ten runs were obtained in the first over; but just prior to luncheon time the Rev Mr Royle played on. Six for 140.

The game was continued at a quarter to 3 by Messrs H B Steel (not-out 59) and E E Steel. Thirteen runs were added, and then the last-named batsman was caught at slip. Watson filled the vacancy. The score rose rapidly, and an on-drive by the professional for four sent up the second hundred at 3.35. Barratt gave way to Lohmann at 205. Mr H B Steel completed his 100 at a quarter to 4 by an off-drive for a single. Before another run had been added, however, Mr H B Steel, who had given a difficult return catch to Barratt when he had made 93, was taken at the wicket. His innings of 100 included 15 fours, two threes and nine twos. Eight for 212. Watson was bowled at 214; but Mr Sawyer and Pilling carried the score to 252 before the latter was given out for obstructing his wicket, at ten minutes past 4. Six bowlers were tried. Mr Horner claimed five wickets . . .

On Surrey going in, Barlow bowled with great success. Mr Shuter was caught at the wicket at 14, and later on Barlow dismissed Abel and Mr W W Read with consecutive balls. His three wickets had only cost as many runs. Mr Diver fell to the wicket-keeper at 47, while at 69 Mr Key ran himself out. Five down. M Read was also caught at the wicket at 87. Wood was bowled at 94, and Lohmann joined Mr Roller. Two singles were added and then a four to leg by the amateur caused the "100" to be telegraphed at 6.25. The batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 August, page 6)

In dull weather, but before a numerous company of spectators, this match was continued yesterday at Kennington Oval. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Monday evening Lancashire, having finished an innings for 252, had dismissed seven of their opponents for 109.

At five minutes past 12 Mr Roller and Lohmann went on with Surrey's innings. Watson opened the bowling from the gasometer end. His second delivery proved fatal to the amateur, who was caught at the wicket. Mr Horner was bowled by Barlow at 126, and nine batsmen were out. Barratt and Lohmann advanced the score to 149, at which total the latter was smartly stumped. He had played in excellent style for 32, which comprised five fours, two threes, two twos and two singles. Barlow took six wickets . . .

Surrey were 103 behind, and consequently had to follow on, which they did at five minutes to 1. Mr Shuter and Abel were again their first representatives. Barlow (pavilion end) and Watson were the bowlers. After Mr Shuter had cut the former for three, Abel was completely beaten by a ball from Barlow. Mr Diver aided Mr Shuter, but the new batsman was missed at slip by Watson before he had scored. Both players obtained runs very quickly, and at 45 a change in the attack was tried - Mr Sawyer displacing Barlow. Mr Shuter, however, by a cut for four, caused 50 to be registered at 1.40. Eight runs later on Briggs relieved Watson, while at 75 Barlow resumed. Mr Shuter had his off stump bowled down at 79. Since the fall of the last wicket 76 runs had been added. The competitors now adjourned for luncheon, Mr Diver being not out for 42.

After the interval Mr Diver was joined by Mr Read. The former was let off at the wicket before he had increased his score. Briggs handed the ball to Watson at 89. Mr Diver, however, by a cut for four, caused 100 to be signalled at 10 minutes past 3. Mr Read was dismissed at 104, and only five were added when a catch at slip disposed of Maurice Read. Four for 109. Messrs Key and Diver were now together. At 25 minutes to 4 a shower of rain stopped play for a short time. Mr Key was secured at mid-off, and half the wickets were thus down for 145. Mr Roller followed in. Barlow took the ball from Mr Sawyer at 100, and with the first delivery he clean bowled Mr Roller. Lohmann joined Mr Diver, whose innings was closed at 174 by a brilliant catch at long-off by Mr A G Steel. The retiring batsman's principal items were 17 fours, three threes and three twos.

Wood aided Lohmann, who was not playing so well as in the previous innings. A two-fold change in the attack was tried at 193 - Mr Sawyer and Mr A G Steel relieving Barlow and Watson. The latter alteration soon had the desired effect, as, after Wood had made an off-drive for three, his companion was well taken at mid-off by Barlow, high up with his left hand. Eight for 198. Wood was easily caught at point at 209, and Barratt fell to a catch at deep square leg at 222. Time, 4.55 . . .

Immediately after the close of the Surrey innings rain began to fall, and it was not until five minutes past 6 that play was continued. Lancashire, who wanted 120 to win, sent in Barlow and Mr Taylor. Mr Horner and Mr Roller were intrusted with the attack. Only 14 runs were registered when Mr Horner bowled Barlow. Mr A G Steel came in . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 August, page 6)

Lancashire easily defeated Surrey at Kennington Oval yesterday. On Tuesday evening when stumps were drawn the visitors, with nine wickets to fall, required 105 to win. At five minutes past 12 Messrs A G Steel and Taylor (the overnight not-outs with 1 and 10 respectively) continued the Lancashire batting.

Mr Roller opened the bowling with a maiden from the gasometer end. Mr Horner, who was intrusted with the attack from the pavilion wicket, also started with a maiden. Mr Steel then cut Mr Roller for a couple, and obtained a single from the last ball of the over. Mr Taylor, having driven Mr Roller for two, cut Mr Horner for four and drove him to the off for a similar number. Mr Steel secured a single from each end, and later on made a square-leg hit for two and an on-drive, also for a couple. Lohmann displaced Mr Horner at 38, but after four overs had been sent down for a single Mr Steel drove the new bowler to the on boundary. The last-named batsman then secured three twos (off and on drives and a square-leg hit), which caused 50 to be signalled at 25 minutes to 1.

Mr Roller now handed the ball to Barratt. Mr Steel added three, and then gained 10 (three on drives) in an over of Lohmann's. An appeal against Mr Steel for obstructing his wicket was answered in the negative. After that batsman had obtained a single and two byes were recorded, Mr Taylor, who had not scored for 10 overs, placed Barratt to leg for four. Maurice Read went on in lieu of Lohmann at 72, but Mr Steel played him to leg for a couple, and in the following over Mr Taylor made two cuts for four each. Without addition, however, Mr Steel was easily caught at point. He had played in his best style for 41, which comprised three fours, eight twos and singles. Two for 83. During the late partnership 69 runs had been added.

Mr Hornby joined Mr Taylor, and Maurice Read immediately gave way to Mr Horner. The Lancashire captain's first item was a single. His companion then cut Barratt for three and snicked the amateur to leg for a like number. Five runs later on Mr Taylor secured four for an on drive, while a single by Mr Hornby brought the 100 up at five minutes past 1 o'clock. Mr Hornby hit Barratt to square-leg over the ropes. Mr Roller was tried at the pavilion end for Mr Horner at 105, but Mr Taylor drove him to the off for four, while his partner gained a like number for a similar stroke at the other end. An off drive for three by Mr Taylor carried the score to 118, at which total Abel bowled in place of Barratt. The last-named batsman made a single, and then Mr Hornby, by an on drive, won the match for Lancashire by eight wickets. Mr Taylor's excellent innings of 54 included eight fours, three threes and four twos . . .

18 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2889.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 August, page 7)

After their easy defeat at Nottingham on Saturday, the metropolitan county showed much better form in their return match with Yorkshire at Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, yesterday. The visitors won the toss, but as the wicket was somewhat spongy decided to put their opponents in.

At a quarter-past 12, Ulyett and Hall opened the Yorkshire defence to the bowling of Burton and Mr Robertson. The score rose rather rapidly to 20, at which total the first-named batsman was well taken by Mr Walker at short leg. Bates's stay was brief as, having secured two, he skied the ball back to Mr Robertson. Two for 24. Hall's next partner was Mr Woodhouse, who speedily obtained 16 and was then easily caught at slip. Three for 40. Lee's attempt was fruitless, and the fourth wicket fell without any alteration in the figures. Grimshaw filled the vacancy. Both batsman played very well, and 21 runs were added when Middlesex were deprived of the services of Burton, who was taken suddenly ill. He was succeeded by Clarke, but despite this and other bowling changes the score had reached 138 before Grimshaw was well taken at the wicket. During the partnership no fewer than 98 runs were added.

After luncheon Middlesex again had the assistance of Burton, but not for long, as he once more had to leave the field. Peel was out to an easy catch at 155, and 17 runs later Mr Walker bowled Rawlin. Seven down. Emmett and Hall made another determined stand. The latter's fine innings was at length brought to a close by an excellent catch at slip. He hit 16 fours, two threes, six twos and singles. After his departure the home team's venture was quickly finished for 212 . . .

Messrs Webbe and Walker started the Middlesex batting, and were still together when time was announced.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 August, page 6)

The Hon Alfred Lyttelton played a very fine innings of 77 at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, for Middlesex, in their return match with Yorkshire. At the drawing of stumps on Monday the home team had completed an innings for 212, while Middlesex had obtained 56 without losing a wicket. Owing to rain, it was not until 25 minutes to 2 that the game was continued.

Messrs Walker and Webbe, the not outs (with 22 and 31 respectively) were confronted by Peate and Emmett. The Middlesex captain had not increased his overnight total when he played a ball of Peate's on to his wicket. Mr Lyttelton joined Mr Webbe. The latter advanced his score to 46 before a brilliant catch at point got rid of him. Mr Pearson was bowled without scoring and Mr O'Brien came in. The 100 was telegraphed at 2.35. Ulyett, who had relieved Emmett, gave way to Peel at 123, and a dozen runs later on Peate handed the ball to Rawlin. The last alteration soon brought about the dismissal of Mr O'Brien, who was caught at short leg for a freely hit 23. Mr Vernon filled the vacancy.

Emmett resumed bowling at 161; but the wicket was obtained from the other end, Mr Vernon being secured at cover point. His successor was out in a similar manner off Emmett. Rawlin bowled Mr Studd and Emmett got rid of Mr Robertson, while Clarke, before he had scored, returned the ball.

Burton aided Mr Lyttelton, and the second hundred was announced at 5 minutes past 5. Shortly afterwards, however, Mr Lyttelton was caught at long-off, the innings closing for 202. His principal hits were eight fours, two threes and 10 twos. Rawlin took four wickets . . .

In a minority of 10 runs, Yorkshire commenced their second innings with Bates and Hall. Mr Robertson bowled the former when he had made 19. Grimshaw joined Hall, and the pair played out time. Both teams have a long journey before them this evening in consequence of Yorkshire having to meet Sussex at Brighton and Middlesex having to play Gloucestershire at Cheltenham on Thursday. Play will, therefore, begin to-day at 11 o'clock and stumps will be drawn at a quarter past 5.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 August, page 6)

In consequence of the engagement of the home county with Sussex at Brighton to-day and of Middlesex with Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, play in this match was resumed earlier than usual yesterday at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield. Overnight each side had completed an innings and Yorkshire on going in a second time with an advantage of ten runs had lost one wicket (Bates) for 31.

At five minutes past 11 Grimshaw (not out, 0) and Hall (not out, 10) continued the Yorkshire batting to the bowling of Mr Robinson and Burton. The first named batsman should have been caught at long off by Mr O'Brien. He did not long survive his escape, however, as at 50 he was bowled by Burton. Ulyett joined Hall. The former soon drove the professional for six, while Hall contributed a couple of fours. With the total at 65 the bowlers crossed over, but although runs were not obtained so quickly, no wicket fell. At 77 Mr Webbe took the ball, while 13 runs later Mr Walker went on. The "100" was telegraphed within a few minutes of noon, and shortly afterwards Ulyett made another fine drive for six from Webbe. Despite the bowling changes, the second hundred was signalled at 1.25, and it was not until 223 that Ulyett was dismissed. His brilliant innings of 107 included two sixes, 13 fours, two threes and 11 twos. No fewer than 173 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket.

Mr Woodhouse was got rid of before he had scored, and just before 2 o'clock a catch at mid-off disposed of Lee. Five for 247. An adjournment was now made for luncheon. On resuming, Hall was assisted by Peel. Both batsmen scored rapidly, and at a quarter-past 3 the former completed his 100. Hall was out at 342. He had made his runs faster than is usual with him, and his principal contributions were 16 fours, five threes and 16 twos. The remaining wickets added 48, and the innings closed for 390 at ten minutes to 5 . . . It will be seen from the appended score that the game was left drawn.

18 August: KENT v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2886.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 August, page 7)

Lord Harris and Alexander Hearne between them brought about a very favourable condition of affairs for Kent against Derbyshire in the match which began yesterday at Gravesend. It will be seen from the score that the home county made 243, and then got rid of eight of their opponents for the small score of 46.

Lord Harris, who gave one chance when he had made 58, scored 112 out of 184. He hit nine fours, seven threes, seven twos and singles, and played in very fine form indeed. Derbyshire had just under an hour's batting, and A Hearne bowled with great effect, taking six wickets for 29 runs. In Kent's innings Shacklock took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 August, page 6)

Kent gained an easy victory over Derbyshire at Gravesend yesterday. On Monday evening, when stumps were drawn for the day, the score stood as follows: - Kent, first innings, 243; Derbyshire, first innings, 46 (for eight wickets). The visitors' first venture was speedily finished for an addition of six. Marlow was caught in the slips and Mycroft run out. A Hearne took six wickets . . .

Being 191 in arrear, Derbyshire followed on. Messrs Barrington and Docker were the first pair of batsmen, and were opposed by Wootton and A Hearne. Only three runs had been obtained when a catch at the wicket disposed of the former. A single later on Wood-Sims was stumped and Mr Docker bowled. Mr Cochrane was caught at third man with the score at seven. Sugg and Cropper were now together, and both batsmen showed capital defence. H Hearne went on in lieu of Wootton at 53, while at 57 Mr Hardcastle relieved A Hearne. It was not until 92 runs were obtained, however, that a separation was effected, Cropper being then dismissed. Five down. An adjournment was now made for luncheon.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3 by Sugg and Chatterton. The bowlers were A and H Hearne. The 100 was soon signalled; but at 129 Sugg was disposed of. He had played exceedingly well for 61, which included nine fours, four threes and three twos. Chatterton saw the remainder of his side dismissed, the innings closing at 10 minutes past 4 for 182. Kent were thus victorious by an innings and 9 runs . . .

18 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2887.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 August, page 7)

At Bath yesterday there was a very even day's cricket in the return match between Somersetshire and Hampshire. It will be remembered that the first match this season between these counties was played ten days ago at Southampton, and was remarkable for the enormous total of 645 made by Hampshire. The game was not begun yesterday until 10 minutes past 1, owing to the late arrival of some of the visiting eleven.

Hampshire won the toss and went in first, but were all out for 179. Of this total, Mr Heath was the highest scorer with 42. Afterwards Messrs Wood and Currie played good cricket, and Young's 35 not out was of the utmost use to his side. When the home team went in, three wickets had fallen for 41, and then Messrs Fox and Terry gave some trouble, the total being taken to 80 before the former was caught at the wicket. Shortly afterwards Mr Terry was bowled for a capital innings of 40, but no further wicket fell . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 August, page 6)

In the return match between these counties, which ended at Bath yesterday, Somersetshire, by obtaining a single innings victory, completely reversed the result of the first match. The triumph was, in a great measure, due to the splendid batting of Mr W N Roe, the old Cambridge University batsman, of Mr J E Trask and Mr A H Evans. Mr Roe scored 132, in which he hit 11 fours, 12 threes and 13 twos. It was not a faultless display of batting, but it was of the utmost value to his side. In all, the home county's innings amounted to 330, which gave them an advantage of 151.

Hampshire, on going in against this formidable majority, fared so badly against Mr Bastard's bowling that in about two hours they were all got rid of for 88 runs, and Somerset thus won by an innings and 63 runs. In Somersetshire's innings Dible claimed four wickets . . .

21 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2890.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 4)

Mr T C O'Brien played a brilliant innings of 110 yesterday on the Cheltenham College ground for Middlesex, in their return match with Gloucestershire. The metropolitan county went in first, the venture being opened at 12.20 by Messrs Webbe and Walker. Woof and Dr W G Grace conducted the attack.

The first-named batsman was run out before he had scored, and Mr Lyttelton, who followed in, was bowled by Woof when only half a dozen runs were recorded. Mr O'Brien joined his captain. Runs for a time were obtained very slowly, but Mr O'Brien soon began to score with great rapidity. The "50" was signalled at 115. Dr Grace was now superseded by Mr Page, while at 78 Mr Townsend displaced Wood. Mr Curteis relieved Mr Page, but at 2 o'clock the batsmen were still together, the score being 92.

After the customary interval the game was resumed. The "100" soon went up, and at 118 Mr Curteis gave way to Mr Brain. A dozen runs were added, and then the latter bowled Mr Walker, whose 50 included five fours and three threes. Three down. Mr Pearson aided Mr O'Brien, but when the last-named batsman had made 75 he gave a difficult chance to Woof at slip. Although several alterations were made in the bowling, the second hundred was hoisted at 10 minutes past 4, and a little later on Mr O'Brien completed his 100. Mr Pearson was caught at the wicket at 219 for 52, which was composed of six fours, two threes, five twos and singles. Mr O'Brien was bowled at 225. His chief hits were 11 fours, four threes and 18 twos. He had been batting a little over three hours. The remaining five wickets only added 30 runs, and the innings closed for 255 at 5.10. Woof took six wickets . . .

Gloucestershire had half an hour's batting, and in that time they had the misfortune to lose their captain, who was caught at point for 19.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 6)

A very fine batting performance was accomplished at Cheltenham yesterday by Mr W W F Pullen, who, playing for Gloucestershire against Middlesex, scored a grand innings of 161. This is the highest individual score obtained for Gloucestershire this season, and it is worthy of remark that throughout his brief but successful career as a batsman Mr Pullen has never previously scored an innings of over 100 for his county. He was batting just over four hours, and during his stay never gave a real chance until his score was at 150, and even then a catch which Mr O'Brien missed in the long field would have been an extraordinary one had it come off. The Middlesex bowling was not sufficiently strong severely to try his defence, but Mr Pullen nevertheless is deserving of the highest praise. His chief hits were one five, 15 fours, 11 threes and 15 twos.

While Mr Pullen and Dr E M Grace were partners 190 runs were put on, and the Middlesex bowling was completely mastered. Dr E M Grace batted in a style worthy of his best day, and his innings of 67 included seven fours, four threes and six twos. After the downfall of the fifth wicket, Mr Townsend, who carried out his bat for 26, alone offered any resistance to the worn-out Middlesex bowling, and the innings of Gloucestershire, who had been batting all day, closed for 388, or 133

runs better than the Middlesex total. With the fall of their last wicket play ceased for the day. Burton took five wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 August, page 10)

In the second match of the annual festival at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire showed to far greater advantage than in the first match of the week. In the game which ended on Saturday it is probable that if time permitted the western county would have easily beaten Middlesex. In the match no fewer than 978 runs were scored for the loss of 30 wickets. Each side had completed an innings up to the close of Friday's play, Middlesex being 133 behind.

The metropolitan county began their second venture at 20 minutes to 12 with Messrs Walker and Webbe. Woof and Dr W G Grace were the bowlers. After Mr Webbe had been missed at third man he was caught by Dr E M Grace at point. One for 26. Mr Vernon joined his captain and runs were obtained very quickly, the majority being made by the new batsman. Dr W G Grace handed the ball to Mr Brain at 78, and this alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Walker, who was finely caught by Mr Page running in from mid-on. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton aided Mr Vernon, who, after being missed at long-off, was secured by Mr Townsend at mid-off. Three for 97. The retiring batsman had made 49, which comprised four fours, two threes, nine twos and singles. Mr O'Brien came in, and 100 was soon reached. Both batsmen scored rapidly, but Mr O'Brien was let n off by Mr Brain. At luncheon time 162 runs were recorded.

After the interval 46 were added before Mr O'Brien was taken at cover-point. He and Mr Lyttelton had got together at a critical time, and during the partnership put on 111 runs. Mr O'Brien's batting, though vigorous, was not to be compared with his grand score in the first innings. Mr Pearson, who followed in, was run out at 243, and just afterwards Mr Lyttelton was bowled. His excellent innings of 71 consisted of four fours, a three, 17 twos and singles. Mr Robertson also hit freely, and the innings eventually closed for 295. Mr Brain took four wickets . . .

Gloucestershire wanted 163 to win, but of course this was an impossibility as there was considerably less than an hour remaining for play. Dr E M Grace and Mr Curties opened the innings to the bowling of Burton and Mr Robertson. Although three other bowlers were tried the batsmen were still together when time was announced.

21 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2892.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 4)

The Colonial eleven were batting all day yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, and for the loss of eight wickets scored 223 runs in just about five hours of actual play. The colonial batting was excellent, considering the famous bowling and fielding opposed to it. There had been some rain on Tuesday night in Nottingham, but the wicket was good, and the colonists on winning the toss of course chose first innings.

The features of the day's play were the admirable innings of Mr Murdoch, who made 30 without a fault, the extreme care and patience displayed by Mr Giffen in scoring 30, and the stand made by Messrs Blackham and Midwinter for the seventh wicket. These two became partners when six wickets were down for 127, and they put on 55 in admirable fashion. Mr Blackham's 51 was a model of determined and careful cricket.

It will be seen that all the batsmen out have scored. Four of the wickets so far have fallen to Attewell's bowling, while Barnes has taken two, and Walter Wright and Shaw one each, Flowers having been unsuccessful. Sherwin's wicket-keeping and the fielding of the team all round deserve special mention. The two smart catches made at slip by Alfred Shaw and the brilliant running catch brought off by Scotton, which dismissed Mr Bannerman, deserve great praise. The colonists, of course, are in a very favourable position so far, but they had yesterday to exhibit the greatest care to keep in and score at anything like a fair pace.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 6)

Nottinghamshire quite maintained the great reputation they have gained this season at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, when their return match with the Australians was advanced another stage. On Thursday, it will be remembered, the Colonials, who won the toss, went in first. Although the wicket was in excellent condition, the bowling and fielding of the home side proved so fine that they, having been at the wickets all day, had only scored 223 for the loss of eight batsmen.

Yesterday morning an 20 minutes to 12 Messrs Palmer and Spofforth (the overnight not outs, with six and 29 respectively) continued the colonial innings. Walter Wright and Attewell were intrusted with the bowling. Both of them proved most difficult to play, as may be judged from the fact that 14 overs only produced seven runs. Shaw went on in lieu of Wright nine runs later on, but in endeavouring to field a hard return the Nottinghamshire captain injured his hand and had to retire. Mr Bannerman fielded as substitute. Flowers now took the ball, but as no separation had been effected at 259 the batsmen crossed over. This alternative soon brought the innings to a close - Flowers bowling Mr Spofforth, while Attewell got Mr Palmer out leg before at 12.55. These batsmen had put on no fewer than 79 runs during the time they were in together. Mr Spofforth's 54, the best innings he has played for a very long time, consisted of four fours, four threes, seven twos and singles. As will be seen from the analysis, Attewell bowled wonderfully well.

Shrewsbury and Scotton were, as usual, the first representatives of Nottinghamshire. Messrs Cooper and Giffen opened the attack at a quarter-past 1. Both batsmen played in excellent style,

but when 17 runs had been obtained Shrewsbury was finely taken at point. Barnes joined Scotton. At 36 the latter fell to the wicketkeeper and was succeeded by Flowers. Runs were now gained faster than hitherto, and despite numerous variations in the bowling it was not until 54 runs had been added that Barnes was bowled. Three for 90.

Gunn aided Flowers. These batsmen at once began to score at a rapid rate, and the 100 was hoisted at 4.15. A splendid square-leg hit for four was next made by Gunn off Mr Palmer, and Flowers cut the same bowler shortly afterwards twice for four. The last-named batsman now seemed well set and made runs from each end very quickly. Within a few minutes of 5 o'clock 150 appeared on the board. Fifteen more were added, but then Flowers made a lofty on-drive from Mr Spofforth and was well taken at long-on. Since the fall of the last wicket 75 runs had been put on. Flowers has never played so well against Australian bowling, his 69 including six fours, a three and 12 twos. Gunn, who had played very fine cricket, was now joined by Selby, and the pair were still together when "time" was announced.

The county are only 47 runs behind with six wickets to fall - a fact that does great credit to the Englishmen. The weather was beautifully fine and there were upwards of 10,000 persons present, who watched the game with exceedingly keen interest.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 August, page 10)

After three full and exciting day's cricket the return match between the Australians and the champion county eleven of the year ended at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday, in a draw in favour of the home side. The first match between these teams the Colonial eleven won, after a splendid contest, by three wickets, it being the only occasion this season that Nottinghamshire has suffered a reverse. It is a great pity, under these circumstances, that the match just ended could not have been played out, as, when time expired, the county with nine wickets to fall only wanted 119 runs to win.

Overnight the home eleven had lost four wickets in making 223 runs against their opponents' complete innings of 265. Selby and Gunn, the not-outs, with 54 and 22 respectively, continued the Nottinghamshire batting at 11.40 to the bowling of Messrs Giffen and Palmer. The score reached 241, and then the wickets fell rapidly, the innings eventually closing for 273. Shaw was unable to bat owing to his injured hand. Gunn's 68 was composed of seven fours, four threes, four twos and singles, and Selby's 37 included six fours.

At ten minutes to 1 Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman commenced the visitors' second venture. Attewell and Wright were intrusted with the bowling. The former was relieved by Barnes at 37; but the separation was effected at the opposite end, Mr M'Donnell being bowled when only a single was added. Mr Murdoch, who followed in, was well taken by Shrewsbury low down at point six runs later on, and Mr Scott, after making a couple, fell to short leg. Three to 46. An adjournment was now made for luncheon.

Messrs Bannerman and Giffen had possession of the wickets at a quarter to 3. The bowlers, as before, were Barnes and Wright. Both of them proved exceedingly difficult to play, and 12 runs were obtained in 18 overs. Mr Bannerman was then caught at slip, and four wickets were down for 58. Mr Bonnor aided Mr Giffen, and these batsmen advanced the score to 84 before the latter was bowled. Five down. The partnership of Messrs Bonnor and Blackham produced 36 runs, the former then being easily caught at cover-point. The four remaining wickets were captured for an

addition of 21. Total, 141.

Nottinghamshire had only a few minutes' batting, and in that time lost one wicket (Wright) for 15 runs. It is curious that on Saturday more wickets fell than on the two previous days put together. There was again an immense company present, numbering upwards of 10,000; and the excellent manner in which the Englishmen played was greatly appreciated by all.

21 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2894.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 4)

Sussex were batting all day yesterday at Brighton, and lost only three wickets for 256 runs. The ground was in capital condition, and the full bowling strength of Yorkshire was available. However, nothing could be done to dislodge the batsmen, for after Tester had been got rid of the second wicket put on 159 runs.

Mr Newham was then out for a faultless innings of 100, in which were 12 fours, two threes and 11 twos. Humphreys and Mr Whitfeld took the score from 190 to 241, at which point the Sussex captain was caught for 80 - a wonderful display of defensive cricket, in which were ten fours, one three and seven twos. It will be seen that Humphreys is still not out with the very respectable number of 50 runs to his name.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 6)

After the very successful batting display of Thursday, Sussex continued to gain upon Yorkshire yesterday, until at the close of the play last evening the Northerners wanted 166 runs to save a single innings defeat, and had lost a wicket in their second innings. The batting of Mr Whitfeld and Mr Newham was referred to yesterday.

Humphreys continued his innings, of which he had made 50, and altogether hit nine fours, one three and nine twos. Mr Blackman was lucky, but he hit 53 in very rapid style, including nine fours and four twos. The feature of the Yorkshire innings was the slow bowling of Humphreys, who took seven wickets for 57 runs. It is remarkable how well Sussex are playing this year, and it certainly seems as if they would be able to achieve another victory over their famous northern rivals . . . In Yorkshire's first innings Humphreys took seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 August, page 10)

On Saturday last, at Brighton, Sussex gained a well earned victory over Yorkshire. When the southern county defeated Yorkshire last year, many people were disposed to regard the result as one of the many glorious uncertainties of cricket which happen from time to time. This season, however, Sussex, by the good all round play they have exhibited in their first-class matches, and more especially by their grand display against the Australian eleven in July last, had shown a degree of excellence worthy the reputation of the old cricketing county in its best days. Their victory on Saturday last, won, as it was, by admirable batting, bowling and fielding, must be especially gratifying to Lord Sheffield, who has done so much for the club of which he is the president. The result of the match was chiefly attributable to the batting of Messrs Newham, Whitfeld, Blackman and Humphreys, and also to the lob bowling of the latter.

When play ceased on Friday Yorkshire wanted, with nine wickets to fall, 166 runs to avert a single innings defeat. On Saturday Ulyett and Hall went on with the batting to the bowling of Tester and Jesse Hide. The score reached 42 when the bowlers changed ends. Ulyett had a couple of lives at the wicket, and then Hall was finely thrown out from long-on by a substitute. Afterwards Ulyett

was grandly caught at long-off for 22, Peel was bowled without scoring, and five wickets were down for 82. Lee and Grimshaw made a determined stand, and took the score to 114 before the latter was caught and bowled by Humphreys for 24. Emmett came in, and after a let off at deep square-leg quickly made 15. He then played a ball from tester on to his wicket. Subsequently, Lee, who had played the best cricket on his side, was clean bowled by Juniper. His 48 included six fours and eight twos. After his dismissal the innings soon closed for 176 at a quarter to 2 o'clock. Sussex were thus left victorious by an innings and 19 runs. Tester took four wickets . . .

21 August: SURREY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2893.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 4)

The return match between these counties began yesterday in dull weather, at Kennington-oval. Surrey won the toss, and at five minutes past noon Mr Shuter and Maurice Read opened the batting. Mr Walker and Chatterton were the bowlers.

The amateur was caught at long-on when 23 runs had been scored, and Mr Diver came in. Mr Cochrane displaced Chatterton at 23, but both batsmen scored quickly, and a square leg hit by Read for three brought 50 up at a quarter to 1. A dozen runs later a two-fold change in the attack was tried - Marlow and Mr Docker relieving Messrs Walker and Cochrane. The professional soon succeeded in getting Mr Diver caught at slip. Two for 64. Mr W W Read filled the vacancy, and at half-past 1 the "100" was hoisted. No separation had been effected up to the luncheon interval, when the score was 131 for two wickets.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3. Mr Read soon returned the ball, while at 153 Mr Bowden was bowled. Mr Key joined M Read, who, when 22 runs had been added, was bowled. His excellent innings of 80 comprised 11 fours, four threes, six twos and singles. Seven runs on Mr Key was bowled. Six down. Abel aided Mr Roller. Both batsmen played with great caution, and, although the variations in the attack were frequent, a four to leg by Abel caused 200 to be telegraphed at 3.55. Change after change in the bowling was resorted to, but still the score rose rapidly, and the third hundred was announced at half-past 5. Only a single was added, however, when a catch at the wicket disposed of Abel. The young Surrey professional had played in admirable style for 68, which included seven fours, four threes and eight twos. Since the fall of the sixth wicket, no fewer than 122 runs had been added.

Wood came to the assistance of Mr Roller. At 311 the latter got out of his ground to play Cropper, but he misjudged the ball and was smartly stumped. The retiring batsman's chief figures were three fours, four threes and seven twos. Wood and Barratt put on 40 runs for the ninth wicket, the latter then being caught by the wicket keeper standing back. Nine for 351. Mr Horner aided Wood, and these batsmen were together when "time" was announced.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 6)

It will be remembered that when play ceased in this match at Kennington Oval on Thursday, Surrey, who were batting all day, had scored 369 for the loss of nine wickets. Yesterday morning Mr Horner (not out 11) and Wood (not out 40) continued the home side's innings.

Mr Cochrane opened the bowling, and his fourth ball found its way into the amateur's wicket before the figures had been altered. Time, 12.5. Total 309. Wood's principal items were six fours, three threes and two twos. Cropper claimed four wickets . . .

Mr Barrington and Cropper opened Derbyshire's innings at 20 minutes past 12 to the bowling of Barratt and Mr Horner. Only half-a-dozen runs had been scored when the professional was beaten by a ball of Barratt's. Sugg joined Mr Barrington, but at 21 the latter was dismissed. Wood-Sims was bowled at 39, and without addition Sugg obstructed his wicket. Four more batsmen had been

got rid of when the luncheon bell rang, the total being 80 for eight wickets.

On resuming, at a quarter to 3, Chatterton (not out 10) was assisted by Marlow. The latter had only made three when Mr Roller missed him at mid-off. The score quickly rose to 117, at which total Marlow was taken at mid-off. Mycroft aided Chatterton, and although several changes in the bowling were resorted to, the "150" was announced at a quarter to 4. Twenty more runs were put on in 10 minutes, and then Mr Horner, by bowling Chatterton, brought the innings to a close. Chatterton had played in excellent style for 49, which was composed of eight fours, three threes, two twos and four singles. The last two wickets had put on no fewer than 90 runs. Mr Horner took six wickets . . .

Derbyshire were 199 runs in arrear, and consequently had to follow on. Mr Barrington and Wood-Sims opened the visitors' second venture at a quarter-past 4 to the bowling of Mr Horner and Barratt. Thirty runs were scored in 25 minutes. This rapid rate of scoring caused Mr Roller to displace Mr Horner at 34, but at 43 that bowler exchanged positions with Barratt. Mr Barrington should have been taken at the wicket when he had made 18. A single by Wood-Sims was converted into five by an overthrow, which caused "50" to be telegraphed. Abel now relieved Barratt, but the separation was effected from the other end, Mr Barrington being well caught at slip seven runs later on. Wood-Sims was given out leg before at 59, and Cropper, who succeeded him, returned the ball at 62.

The partnership of Sugg and Chatterton realized 31, while on the former being joined by Mr Docker another stand was made. A cut for four by the amateur brought up the "100" at five minutes past 6. The batsmen seemed well set, but at half-past 6 the professional was given out leg before. It will be seen from the appended score that Derbyshire still require 71 to avert a single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 August, page 10)

Although Surrey, at the end of an innings each in this match at Kennington Oval, had an advantage of 199 runs, Derbyshire played up so well in their second venture that they set the home team 108 to win. At the close of Friday's play the score stood as follows: - Surrey, first innings, 369; Derbyshire, first innings, 170; second innings, 128 (for five wickets).

On Saturday morning in beautiful weather, Mr Docker (the overnight not-out, with 22) was joined by Foster. Both batsmen were missed, Mr Docker at cover-point by Mr Horner and the professional in the slips by Barratt. Profiting by their escapes, they scored rapidly, and the "150" was announced after a quarter of an hour's play. With the total at 163, however, a smart catch at the wicket got rid of Foster. Six down. Mr Walker aided Mr Docker. A change in the bowling was now tried - Mr Roller superseding Mr Horner - but at 174 the former crossed over to Barratt's end while Mr Horner resumed. The latter alteration quickly brought about the dismissal of Mr Docker, who was bowled.

Twenty runs were still required to avert the innings defeat when Mr Cochrane arrived. Barratt displaced Mr Roller at 192, but the new batsman by a fine straight drive into the pavilion caused the "200" to be registered ten minutes after 1 o'clock. Further variations in the bowling were resorted to at 209 - Maurice Read and Mr Key going on in lieu of Barratt and Mr Horner. Runs were obtained very quickly, however, and at 230 Abel relieved Mr Key, while at 241 Mr W W Read relieved his namesake. Mr Cochrane, by a leg hit for four from the underhand bowler, made the figures 250 at 1.40. Another two-fold change in the attack was tried at 258 - Mr Read handing the ball to Mr Horner and Abel giving way to Wood. The amateur was displaced by Barratt at 274, and his second

ball proved fatal to Mr Cochrane, who was taken at slip. The partnership had yielded 95 runs. Mr Cochrane had played freely and well for 50, which consisted of six fours, three threes, three twos and singles. Marlow aided Mr Walker, and at the luncheon interval the total was 282 for eight wickets.

On the game being resumed at a quarter to 3, the Surrey fielding was not up to its usual standard. The professional was twice let off by Mr Key at mid-off, and he also put the ball dangerously close to Abel at slip. Marlow drove Barratt finely to the on for four, which sent up the third hundred at five minutes to 3. At length Mr Walker's excellent innings was brought to a close by a catch at long off. Nine for 304. The retiring batsman's chief items were ten fours, two threes and three twos. After his departure Marlow was soon dismissed, and the innings ended at ten minutes past 3 for 306. Barratt took five wickets . . .

Surrey wanted 108 for victory, and at 3.25 sent in Mr Shuter and Abel. Mr Walker opened the bowling from the gasometer end, and from his fourth ball Mr Shuter was finely taken at point before a run had been obtained. Mr Diver joined Abel, but at 38 the latter returned the ball. Mr W W Read followed in. Only seven runs were added when Mr Diver was completely beaten by a ball from Marlow. Maurice Read was next on the order, and the necessary runs were obtained at five minutes to 5. The winning hit was a three through the slips by the professional . . . It will be seen from the subjoined score that Surrey won by seven wickets.

21 August: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2891.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 4)

There was a very even day's cricket yesterday at Maidstone in the return match between Kent and Lancashire. When play ceased for the day, the visiting county were 65 runs behind with five wickets to fall.

Early in Kent's innings some brilliant batting was shown by George Hearne and Mr Mackinnon, the total being taken to 77 before the second wicket fell. Lord Harris and Mr Mackinnon were together during the adjournment for luncheon, the score then being 112 for two wickets. Immediately afterwards both batsmen were bowled by Barlow, and although Messrs Patterson and Edwards, the latter a young amateur from Lee, added 46 for the sixth wicket, the score had only reached 200 when the last man was out.

Lancashire, unlike their opponents, started very badly. Barlow, Mr Taylor, Mr Hornby and Briggs were a lot when the total had reached 18, and then Messrs A G and H B Steel got together. By some excellent cricket the brothers added 66 runs before a parting was effected. After this Mr H B Steel and Mr Royle batted admirably and were together when stumps were drawn for the day, Mr Steel being then not out 76. In Kent's innings Barlow took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 6)

Some brilliant batting by Messrs A G and H B Steel and Mr Royle, and the effective bowling of the first-named, were the main causes of the easy victory gained by Lancashire over Kent in the Mote-park at Maidstone yesterday. Few people could have expected that the home county on going in a second time would have fared as badly as they did. The wicket, however, was beginning to wear a little, and it just suited Mr Steel's bowling. In a little over two hours they were all out for 123, and the 84 runs required by the northern team to win were made for the loss of two wickets only.

Mr A G Steel and Mr Hornby went in at a critical time, as two wickets had fallen for but five runs. The two amateurs commenced very steadily, but soon getting thoroughly set they defied all the various changes of bowling and obtained the necessary runs. Mr Royle's brilliant not out innings of 79 - the highest in the match - included ten 4's, and Mr Steel's 77 contained no fewer than 16 boundary hits, an extraordinary proportion.

The best batting on the Kent side was shown by Lord Harris and Mr Patterson. After the good example shown by those gentlemen the others certainly ought to have done better, but from the fall of the third wicket at 82 there was a complete breakdown. In Lancashire's first innings Mr Christopherson took six wickets . . . In Kent's second innings Mr A G Steel took six wickets . . .

25 August: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PAST AND PRESENT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2895.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 August, page 10)

It is not unlikely that the Colonials will avenge their defeat at the hands of the Past and Present Light Blues in 1882, as up to the present they have a great advantage. On that occasion Cambridge, it will be remembered, won after a grand contest by 20 runs. Yesterday a large and fashionable company visited the Sussex County Ground, Brighton, to witness the game, but the weather throughout the day was dull, cold and windy.

During the Australians' innings two very fine catches were made - viz., that by Mr Ford at slip, which got rid of Mr Murdoch, and that by Mr A G Steel at short leg, which dismissed Mr Midwinter. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth rendered their side great service towards the close of the venture, as eight wickets were down for 125 when they became partners, and before a separation was effected 60 runs had been added. Mr Spofforth's bowling was the main cause of collapse of the Englishmen, and his analysis up to the present is 19 overs (12 maidens), 11 runs, four wickets.

The Australians were successful in the toss, and at five minutes past 12 sent in Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Mr Ford opened the bowling from the marine end. From his third delivery the first-named batsman gave a difficult chance at third man to Mr Studd, who, in endeavouring to catch the ball, fell over, and three runs were scored. Mr Allcock was intrusted with the attack at the other wicket, and started with a maiden. Four overs produced two singles, and then Mr M'Donnell scored three for a cut. Mr Bannerman sent Mr Ford to leg for four, which his companion supplemented in the following over by an on-drive and a cut for four each. Three runs later on Mr Bannerman was well caught at slip. One for 25.

Mr Murdoch aided Mr M'Donnell. The latter played Mr Allcock square for a couple, while the Australian captain, having cut the other bowler for three, drove Mr Allcock to the off boundary. The last ball of the over, however, proved fatal to Mr Murdoch, who was finely taken low down at slip by Mr Ford. Two for 36. Mr Scott joined Mr M'Donnell, but the succeeding ball bowled down the latter's off stump. Three for 36.

Mr Giffen was next on the order. The new batsman made an on-drive for two and a cut for a similar number, while his partner secured eight for two cuts. The 50 was reached at five minutes to 1. Mr A G Steel relieved Mr Allcock at 54, but after sending down two maidens his third over produced seven runs. Mr Ford handed the ball to Mr Morton at 64. Nothing beyond singles were made in the next few overs; but then Mr Scott gained four for a leg nick, and Mr Giffen hit Mr Steel to leg for a similar number. Mr Roller superseded the Lancashire bowler at 83. Three maidens ensued, after which Mr Scott was well taken at the wicket. Four down. During the late partnership 47 runs had been added. Mr Bonnor arrived. The score rose very slowly to 97, when another change in the bowling was tried, Mr Ford going on in lieu of Mr Morton. The alteration soon proved successful, as without addition Mr Bonnor had his middle stump bowled. Five for 97. Mr Blackham joined Mr Giffen. Mr Lyttelton went on in place of Mr Roller, but no further wicket fell up to the luncheon interval, when 99 runs were recorded.

The first ball bowled after luncheon Mr Blackham drove to the on for a single, which caused the "100" to be signalled at 10 minutes to 3. Two maidens followed, and then Mr Blackham placed Mr Roller square for two. The third ball of the next over Mr Giffen hit to leg for four, but from the

fourth he was easily caught at point. The retiring batsman's principal hits were two fours, a three and nine twos. Six for 106. Mr Midwinter's stay was brief and unproductive, as after four byes were registered he was out to a magnificent catch by Mr A G Steel at short leg. Seven for 110. Mr Palmer filled the vacancy. Messrs Ford and Roller continued to bowl well, and five maidens were sent down. Each batsman made a leg hit for four, but at 125 Mr Blackham was captured at short leg. Eight down.

Messrs Spofforth and Palmer hit freely, the former scoring ten in a over of Mr Ford's. That bowler gave way to Mr Morton at 143, while Mr Roller was displaced by Mr Allcock five runs later on. Mr Spofforth, having skied a ball close to mid-off, nearly ran himself out, and soon afterwards made two bad strokes in the slips. Mr Spofforth next obtained four from a lofty straight drive. Mr Allcock handed the ball to Mr Steel at 173, and then went on at the marine end. The latter change should have been successful, as Mr Studd missed Mr Spofforth at third man when he had made 36. Mr Palmer played Mr Steel to leg for four, and his companion drove Mr Allcock to the on for a like number. Mr Ford resumed bowling at 185, and Mr Palmer immediately ran himself out. Nine down. No fewer than 60 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket. Mr Roller relieved Mr Steel at 185, but owing to a smart return by Mr Lacey Mr Spofforth was run out at 190. Time 4.25. Mr Spofforth's 42 included five fours and eight twos.

The Hon Alfred Lyttelton and Mr Lucas opened the Cambridge innings at 10 minutes to 5, to the bowling of Mr Spofforth (marine end) and Mr Giffen. The former opened with a maiden, but a leg bye and a single were scored in Mr Giffen's over. Mr Lyttelton having made a cut for three lost the company of Mr Lucas, who was bowled. One for five. Mr Steel arrived, but a bailer from Mr Giffen disposed of Mr Lyttelton. Two for five. Mr Lacey was bowled at 21, and without alteration to the figures Mr A G Steel fell to short mid-on. Four down.

Mr H B Steel and Mr Whitfeld were now together, but the former, having made a single, was caught by Mr Bannerman at mid-off. Half the wickets had now fallen for 22. Mr Roller joined Mr Whitfeld. The former had only obtained two when he skied the ball to Mr Murdoch at point. Mr Studd appeared. The new batsman, after giving Mr Giffen a rather difficult return chance, drove that bowler to the off for two. The score, chiefly by the contributions of Mr Studd, was advantage to 42, at which total the latter had the misfortune to be run out. Seven down. Mr Ford joined Mr Whitfeld, and the pair played out time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 6)

The most ardent partisans of the Light Blues must have been greatly surprised that Cambridge averted the follow on at Brighton yesterday. With nine wickets down they were 109 runs behind, and subsequently wanted 30 to save the follow on. Messrs Morton and Ford played with great judgment, and the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, who ran for Mr Ford, never let a chance of a single escape. The score soon reached 110 and, after four balls had been bowled without result, Mr Morton, by a cut for four, put an end to the crisis amid tremendous applause. Great praise is due to the batsmen for the excellent stand made by them.

On the Australians going in a second time, the fielding of the Englishmen was very fine, especially the wicket-keeping of the Hon A Lyttelton - the catch with which he dismissed Mr Bannerman being well worthy of his reputation. Mr Bannerman has up to the present obtained the largest scorer in the match, and his 44 was a splendid display of sound cricket. Mr Morton again rendered his side good service, and when the fifth wicket fell, at 108, his analysis read 25 overs, 14 maidens, 25

runs, four wickets. Mr Spofforth was again lucky, being missed by Mr Studd before he has scored. Cambridge wanted 235 to avert defeat, but the bowling of Mr Spofforth proved very effective, and seven of the Englishmen were dismissed in a little over an hour. Although not quite so cold, the weather was again dull; but this did not prevent a large company visiting the Sussex county ground. Overnight the score stood as follows: - The Australians, first innings, 190; Cambridge, first innings, 47 (for seven wickets).

Messrs Ford (not out 3) and Whitfeld (not out 5) continued the Cambridge innings at 20 minutes to 12 to the bowling of Mr Giffen and Mr Spofforth. The first ball bowled, Mr Ford, who had Mr Lyttelton to run for him, hit to leg for four, and in the following over from that end the same batsman made an off-drive for four. Eight runs were obtained in 11 overs, and then Mr Whitfeld drove Mr Giffen to the off for four and cut him for three. The last-named bowler gave way to Mr Palmer at 71, but Mr Ford sent the first ball to leg for four. A square-leg hit by the other batsman realized four, after which four singles carried the score to 81. Mr Whitfeld was then bowled, while from the succeeding ball Mr Allcock was caught at the wicket. Nine for 81.

Thirty runs were still required to avert a follow on, when Mr Morton, the last man, came in. Mr Ford contributed two singles and a two, which his companion supplemented with a four to leg from Mr Spofforth. In the next over of Mr Palmer's Mr Morton made eight (three on-drives) and Mr Ford a single, while a bye caused the three figures to be signalled at half-past 12. The game became very exciting as each run was scored, but at length the anxiety of the spectators was relieved by an excellent cut for four, which prevented the follow on, amid great cheering. Mr Morton made the majority of the runs, and at 121 Mr Boyle took the ball from Mr Palmer. Mr Morton drove the new bowler to the off for a couple and placed him to the leg boundary, while in the following over he secured four from two cuts. Mr Ford was at length caught at the wicket, and the innings closed for 135 at 10 minutes to 1. The last wicket had added 54, which entirely altered the aspect of the game.

The Australians, having an advantage of 55 runs, opened their second venture at 20 minutes past 1 with Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Messrs Morton and Allcock were the bowlers. Mr Bannerman drove Mr Allcock to the on for four and to the off of a couple. Runs were obtained very slowly; but after a while Mr Bannerman sent Mr Morton to leg for four and Mr M'Donnell cut Mr Allcock late for four and drove him to the off for a like number. Mr Steel relieved Mr Allcock at 23, and in his third over Mr M'Donnell drove him to the off boundary. With the total at 30, however, a good catch by Mr Roller at extra mid-off got rid of Mr M'Donnell. One down.

Mr Murdoch followed in; but after Mr Bannerman had cut Mr Steel late for four the Australian captain was completely beaten by a ball from Mr Morton, who had been bowling exceedingly well. Two for 34. Mr Scott came to the assistance of Mr Bannerman. The new batsman drove Mr Steel to the off for four, and at 41 that bowler was displaced by Mr Lyttelton. A single later on the contestants retired for luncheon, the score being 42 for two wickets.

After an hour's interval Messrs Scott and Bannerman were opposed by Messrs Morton and Lyttelton. Among other items each batsman contributed a leg hit for four, and later on Mr Bannerman secured another four by a similar stroke. Mr Scott was caught at leg at 62, and Mr Giffen came in. Mr Lyttelton handed the ball to Mr Roller at 63. Mr Bannerman gained four for a cut, and after five overs had been sent down for four runs he hit Mr Roller twice to the leg boundary. Mr Giffen drove Mr Morton to the on for three, and played the other bowler square for a couple. He was, however, caught at the wicket from the following ball. Four for 84. Mr Bonnor aided Mr Bannerman. After the latter had driven Mr Roller to the off for four, Mr Bonnor scored eight (two off-drives) in the following over from the Surrey amateur. A single had just previously

sent the 100 up at 3.35. Mr Bannerman was splendidly caught at the wicket at 108. His excellent innings of 44 consisted of nine fours, a three, a two and three singles.

Mr Blackham joined Mr Bonnor, who drove and cut Mr Roller for three; but the latter clean bowled Mr Blackham after that batsman had made three twos and a single. Mr Midwinter came in. Some very free hitting was now witnessed. Mr Midwinter drove Mr Roller to the off for four, while Mr Bonnor made three fours in an over of Mr Morton's. The score quickly reached 155, at which total a twofold change in the attack was tried - Messrs H B and A G Steel superseded Messrs Morton and Roller. The latter alteration speedily had effect, as Mr Midwinter was put out by a well-judged catch at long-on at 156; two runs later on Mr Bonnor was put out. Eight for 158. Without alteration in the figures Mr Palmer had his wicket spread-eagled by Mr Morton, who had resumed bowling. Nine down. Messrs Boyle and Spofforth were now companions. After the former had driven Mr Morton to the off for four, Mr Spofforth was missed by Mr Studd at long-on before he had scored. This mistake cost the Englishmen 18 runs before Mr Spofforth skied the ball to mid-off. Time, 4.30. Total, 180.

The Light Blues required 236 for victory, and at 4.55 sent in the Hon Alfred Lyttelton and Mr Whitfeld. Messrs Spofforth and Giffen were the bowlers. Chiefly by singles the score was taken to 21, when a catch at short leg got rid of Mr Whitfeld. Mr Lucas, who followed in, did not long have the company of Mr Lyttelton, who was bowled at 23. Two down. Mr A G Steel joined Mr Lucas. The Lancashire gentleman played the first ball he received to leg for a couple, and in the following over Mr Lucas made a single. At 27, however, the latter was caught at short-leg, and three wickets were down. Mr Lacey appeared, but little headway could be made against the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Giffen, and four more wickets were captured before 50 was reached. Messrs Morton and Studd then got together and played out time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 7)

Considering the state of the game on Tuesday evening in this match on the Sussex county Ground, Brighton, the easy victory gained by the Australians yesterday could have created little surprise. When play was continued, the Light Blues, with only three wickets to fall, required 167 to avert defeat. At 20 minutes to 12 Messrs Studd and Morton (the overnight not-outs, with 12 and seven respectively) took up their positions at the wickets.

Mr Spofforth was intrusted with the attack at the marine end, and his first delivery proved fatal to Mr Studd, who hit the ball into the hands of Mr Palmer at mid-on. Eight for 68. Mr Ford joined Mr Morton. The new batsman cut Mr Spofforth for four, but after six overs had been sent down for two singles he lost the company of Mr Morton, who was taken at the wicket. Nine for 74. Mr Allcock followed in, and having obtained a couple for a snick to leg from Mr Giffen, he gave that bowler a return chance. Profiting by his escape, Mr Allcock made an on-drive for four, which Mr Ford supplemented by a similar stroke for a like number from Mr Spofforth. Mr Allcock next secured four for two on-drives and three overs later he gained a single. The same batsman, however, after hitting Mr Spofforth to the square leg boundary, was bowled, and the innings closed at 10 minutes past 12 for 93.

The Australians were thus victorious by 142 runs. In the double innings Mr Spofforth took 13 wickets for 85 runs.

25 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2896.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 August, page 10)

Some extraordinary scoring by the Surrey batsman was witnessed yesterday at the College Ground, Clifton, in the opening of the return match between Gloucestershire and Surrey. The visitors won the toss, and, going in first on a perfect wicket, were batting all day. At times the Gloucestershire fielding was not up to the highest average, but so far as could be seen only one chance - a catch at the wicket to Mr Bush when Mr Bowden had made seven - was not taken.

The chief feature of the long innings was the fine stand made by Messrs J Shuter and W W Read, who during their partnership put on no fewer than 189 runs. Each of these batsmen played an individual innings of over 100, and of the six wickets which fell only one batsman, Maurice Read, failed to obtain double figures. Mr Shuter, who went in third wicket down, played a brilliant innings of 101, which was made up of 20 fours, two threes, three twos and nine singles. It is questionable whether the Surrey captain was ever seen to greater advantage. Mr Walter Read was at the wickets while the total was raised from 100 to 372, and although his play was not to be compared for style with that of Mr Shuter, he was equally free from blemish. His 135 included a square leg hit for six, 14 fours, seven threes, 12 twos and 28 singles.

Earlier in the day Messrs Diver and Bowden had put on 82 runs for the second wicket, and, strange to say, Mr W W Read and Abel added the same number for to fifth wicket. Mr Diver hit four fours, seven threes and four twos in his dashing 55, but Mr Bowden's 35 was marred by one chance.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 6)

On Monday at Clifton, Surrey scored 412 runs for five wickets in just over four and a half hours. Yesterday Gloucestershire rivalled this extraordinary feat. The Surrey innings, it should be mentioned, finished for 464, Abel playing an excellent innings of 60.

Gloucestershire then went in and lost Dr E M Grace at 0 and Mr F Townsend at 26. Mr J H Brain and Dr W G Grace then by some very brilliant batting added 118 runs to the total. Dr Grace was out for 66 - an admirable innings, including four fours, eight threes and nine twos. Mr Pullen did not follow up his recent success, being out at 149. Mr Painter joined Mr Brain, and the longest stand of the day was made, the score being taken to 294 before the fifth wicket fell. Mr Brain's splendid innings of 143 occupied two hours and three-quarters. He only gave one chance - a very difficult one when he had made 135, and altogether he hit 13 fours, seven threes, 14 twos and singles. The fifth wicket had added 145 runs to the total. Mr H V Page and Painter afterwards hit with renewed freedom, and at the close of play they had added 81 runs and were still partners.

Thus Gloucestershire in just about four hours made 375 runs for five wickets, 349 of them coming after the first two wickets had fallen. Mr Brain is to be congratulated on his success, and it should be mentioned that so rapid was the scoring that at one time 40 runs were made in four overs; and 65 minutes' batting produced 126 runs. Gloucestershire now only want 10 more runs with five wickets to fall to avert the "follow on." In all probability the match will be drawn, while if the rate of scoring continues on the third day, there will be something phenomenal to record. As it is, 15 wickets only have fallen for 839 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 7)

Only 70 minutes' batting was witnessed at Clifton yesterday, when the contest between Gloucestershire and Surrey had to be abandoned as a draw. The home county had on Tuesday made 375 for five wickets. Yesterday, between a number of heavy showers, the Gloucestershire innings was finished for 484.

Painter, who overnight was 98 not out, increased his score to 133. He hit with great brilliancy, and was only at the wickets two hours and 40 minutes. His figures were a five, 21 fours, three threes, 12 twos and singles. In the match no fewer than 948 runs were scored for the loss of 20 wickets. The western county has only won one match out of 12 against first-class counties, eight of the other contests having been lost and the other three drawn. Barratt took four wickets . . .

25 August: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2898.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 August, page 10)

The bad fortune which has so persistently clung to Derbyshire throughout the present season when tossing for choice of innings in the county matches again asserted itself yesterday on the Horton-park-avenue Ground at Bradford. During this year Derbyshire have never won the toss, and yesterday proved no exception to the rule.

Yorkshire, going in first, were batting just five hours, in which time they scored 231 runs. Hall was the highest scorer for his side with 54, and was at the wickets while 192 runs were made. The Yorkshire captain should have been run out early in his innings, and once he gave a chance at the wicket. These blemishes apart, Hall's was a capital and, as usual, a patient batting display. Lee and Bates lent Hall useful assistance, as did Mr Woodhouse. The fifth wicket - Hall's - was down at 192, and afterwards the innings soon closed. Shacklock, who was put on to bowl for the second time at 175, was very successful, taking five of the six wickets that fell between then and the end of the innings for 47 runs.

Derbyshire only had 15 minutes prior to the call of time, and in that time they lost one wicket. In Yorkshire's innings Shacklock took five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 6)

Yesterday's cricket in the above match, at Bradford, was of an interesting character. Rain rendered a late start necessary, and Derbyshire were all out for 126. Having to follow on they lost eight wickets for 115, and thus when stumps were drawn for the day Derbyshire, with two wickets to fall in their second innings, were only ten runs on.

The batting yesterday was, with one or two exceptions, very feeble; and the bowlers had a decided advantage. Shacklock batted well for Derbyshire in the first innings, and his 50, which included seven fours, three threes and four twos, was an admirable display. Peate fielded wonderfully well, making five catches in the slips . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 7)

A very easy victory for Yorkshire by ten wickets was the result of the match at Bradford yesterday. The position of the game on Tuesday night left Derbyshire ten runs to the good with two wickets to fall in their second innings. Only two more runs were made, and Yorkshire scored the necessary 13 without the loss of a wicket.

25 August: KENT v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2897.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 August, page 10)

Yesterday at Tunbridge Wells the return match between Kent and Somersetshire was begun, the result being that 13 wickets fell during the day for 217 runs. The feature of the cricket was the batting of Mr W H Patterson, whose 65 was a very creditable innings and included 14 threes and two twos. A Hearne followed up his recent successes by getting two of the three Somersetshire wickets that fell last evening. The weather yesterday at Tunbridge Wells was very changeable, the afternoon turning quite cold . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 6)

At Tunbridge Wells yesterday, in the above match, Somersetshire, although they batted exceedingly against their formidable rivals, had little the best of the game when play ceased for the day, Kent being, at that time, 172 runs on with five wickets to fall in their second innings. Some capital cricket was shown by the visiting team, only three members of the el failing to obtain double figures. When the last wicket fell the total had reached 221, Somersetshire thus having an advantage of 34 runs on the first innings.

The second essay of Kent was noteworthy for the brilliant hitting of Mr F Marchant, who went in first and was out third with the total at 155. Of this number he had contributed as nearly as possible half the runs, and although he at times severely punished the bowling his play was very steady throughout. Lord Harris also batted extremely well for his 32. Mr Thornton and A Hearne were together when stumps were drawn for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 7)

The return match between these counties ended yesterday at Tunbridge Wells in an easy victory for Kent. When play ceased on Tuesday evening the score stood as follows: - Kent, first innings, 187; second innings, 206 (for five wickets); Somersetshire, first innings, 221. The Rev R T Thornton (not out 28) and A Hearne (not out 13) went on with the home team's innings. Messrs Bastard and Hewitt were the bowlers.

The score rose rapidly, and it was not until 55 had been added that a catch at the wicket dismissed the professional. Six for 227. Three runs later on Wootton had the misfortune to be run out, but on the arrival of Mr Lipscomb another stand was made, the score reaching 278 before Mr Lipscomb was taken at long on. The Rev Mr Thornton was dismissed for 75, and the innings closed for 310 . . .

Somersetshire wanted 277 to win; but although Messrs Terry, Newton and Trask batted well they were all out for 117. These three gentlemen between them contributed 85 towards the total. A Hearne took five wickets . . .

28 August: SOUTH v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2900.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 August, page 8)

The absence of Dr W G Grace considerably weakened the South of England team which opposed the Colonists at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, yesterday. Still the Englishmen put a strong eleven into the field. The Australians, with their usual good fortune, won the toss, and going in first kept possession of the wt all day. During their innings two grand drives were made by Messrs M'Donnell and Bonnor respectively, the ball on each occasion going out of the ground. With the exception of Mr Boyle, all the side scored and nine of them obtained double figures.

At half-past 12 Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the Colonial defence. Mr M'Donnell made a cut for three and his partner a leg hit for a couple. The "50" was signalled after half an hour's play, and the three figures were hoisted at 20 minutes to 2. Five maidens ensued, and then a well-judged catch at long on got rid of Mr M'Donnell. The latter hit in a brilliant style for 66. one for 101. Mr Murdoch joined Mr Bannerman and the batsmen were still together when luncheon was announced, the score then being 109 for one wicket.

At ten minutes to 3 Mr Murdoch and Mr Bannerman were opposed by Humphreys and Mr Christopherson. Mr Bannerman was clean bowled when the score stood at 132. The retiring batsman had played an excellent innings. Mr Scott aided his captain. The former made a fine square leg hit for four, and later on his companion made a cit for a similar number. A snick by the Australian captain brought up 150 at half-past 3. Mr Scott was stumped. Three for 189. Mr Giffen arrived, and at a quarter past 4 the second 100 was sent up. Wootton sent down a ball which completely baffled Mr Murdoch. Four for 225. Mr Bonnor followed in, and that batsman lost the assistance of Mr Giffen, who was taken by Mr Read running from point at 237.

Mr Midwinter aided Mr Bonnor. The former made two singles, after which he drove Mr Page to the off for three. Mr Christopherson relieved Mr Page at 256, and this alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Bonnor, who was easily taken at long slip. The score was 256 when Mr Midwinter was clean bowled, and Mr Spofforth and Mr Blackham became partners, and "300" was telegraphed at 5.35. Mr Spofforth, who had hit very freely for 30, was clean bowled by the Sussex player. Mr Boyle was Mr Blackham's next companion, and only a single was obtained when the former was taken at slip. Nine for 331. Mr Alexander joined Mr Blackham who scored very quickly. The batsmen were still together when "time" was announced . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 August, page 8)

The colonists gained a decisive victory over the South of England team at Gravesend yesterday. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening the visitors, who had been batting all day, had scored 354 for the loss of nine wickets.

Messrs Blackham and Alexander (the overnight not-outs with 55 and two respectively) continued the Australians' innings at 25 minutes to 12. Wootton and Hide were the bowlers. Two maidens ensued, after which Mr Blackham cut Wootton for three, and his companion obtained a single. Without addition, however, Mr Alexander was given out for obstructing his wicket, the innings closing at 11.40 for 358.

Messrs Kemp and Lucas opened the Englishmen's venture at noon, to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth (pavilion end) and Boyle. Half-a-dozen overs produced as many runs, and then Mr Kemp cut Mr Spofforth for a couple; but that bowler with the succeeding ball clean bowled him. One for eight. Mr Read filled the vacancy. The new batsman made three leg-hits, for each of which he received three, and then obtained two singles in eight overs. The Surrey amateur next drove Mr Spofforth straight for three, and later on Mr Lucas cut the same bowler for four. Mr Read drove Mr Boyle to the on for two and cut him for three; while soon afterwards he gained four from a square-leg hit. At 45, however, the last-named batsman was bowled and two wickets were down.

Lord Harris joined Mr Lucas, who was playing in excellent style. The Kent captain cut the first ball he received for three, and in the following over secured four from a similar stroke. Three runs later on his lordship made a square-leg hit for three, but at 62 he was taken at slip. Three down. Mr O'Brien joined Mr Lucas. The latter sent Mr Spofforth to leg for three, and Mr O'Brien, having cut the same bowler for four, hit him square for a like number. Half a dozen runs were added, and then Mr Lucas was smartly taken at the wicket. He had been batting 70 minutes for 28 runs. Hide, who followed in, did not long have the assistance of Mr O'Brien, who, when the score had been advanced to 91, returned the ball to Mr Boyle. Half the wickets were thus down.

Mr Roller aided Hide, who, by an on-drive for four, caused the 100 to be signalled at 20 minutes past 1. An addition of five was made, and then the professional had his wicket upset. Six down. Mr Page appeared, and Mr Roller hit Mr Spofforth to leg for four. Both batsmen contributed several twos and threes; but in attempting to put a ball of Mr Boyle's to leg Mr Page was easily taken at slip. Seven for 134. Humphreys came in. Each batsman made a four, and at luncheon time the score was 144.

At five minutes to 3 Messrs Roller and Humphreys took up their positions at the wickets. Mr Spofforth opened the bowling, and from his first delivery Mr Roller was taken at short leg. Without alteration in the figures Mr Christopherson was bowled, and nine wickets had fallen. Wootton joined Humphreys. These batsmen offered unexpected resistance, and Humphreys by a cut for two caused 150 to be signalled at a quarter past 3. Mr Spofforth crossed over at 173, and his place was taken by Mr Giffen. Each batsman made a single from the latter; but the last ball of the over found its way into Wootton's wicket. Time, 3.55; total, 178.

The Englishmen were 180 behind, and consequently had to follow on. Humphreys and Mr Lucas opened the second innings, and were confronted by Mr Giffen (pavilion end) and Mr Spofforth. The score rose very slowly to 13, when a good catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Lucas, while the last ball of the same over dismissed Humphreys. Two for 14. Lord Harris and Mr Read were now together; but the only noteworthy hit for some time was an on-drive for four by the Surrey gentleman. The latter was soon caught at short mid-on, and three wickets were down for 27. Mr O'Brien, who followed in, made an on-drive for two and a leg-hit for three, and was then bowled. Four for 32.

Mr Kemp aided his captain. The former cut Mr Giffen for four; but Lord Harris, after driving the other bowler for three, was caught at short mid-on. Five for 47. The remaining five batsmen were got rid of for an addition of 31. Hide was bowled for four, Mr Roller dismissed in a similar manner at 58, Mr Page caught at long-on by Mr Bonnor five runs later, Mr Kemp bowled at the same total, while Mr Spofforth bowled Mr Christopherson at 78. The Australians were thus victorious by an innings and 107 runs. Time, 5.40.

28 August: LANCASHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2899.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 August, page 8)

Lancashire gained a great advantage over Somersetshire at Manchester yesterday, when these two counties met for the second time during the present season. So far as the game proceeded, Somersetshire lost 13 wickets for 121 runs and Lancashire 10 wickets for 158 runs. Thus the visitors still wanted 37 runs to avert an innings defeat, with six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 August, page 8)

Lancashire obtained a very easy victory over Somersetshire at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday. The result was only in accordance with the meagre show made by the western county on Thursday, when at the end of play they had lost four wickets for 36 in their second venture, and were still 37 runs behind the Lancashire total. Yesterday the game was more than once interrupted by rain, but the Somersetshire innings was soon finished off for 92.

This left Lancashire with but 20 runs to get to win. These were quickly obtained after luncheon by Barlow and Robinson, who in 12 minutes won the match for Lancashire by ten wickets. Watson's bowling was the chief feature of the two days' play. In Somersetshire's second innings Watson took seven wickets . . .

1 September: NORTH v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2901.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 September, page 7)

The colonial team commenced their return match with the North of England representative eleven - the 30th engagement of their tour - on the Tent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday. It will be remembered that in the first match in June last the Englishmen obtained an easy victory by an innings and 22 runs. The home side on the present occasion suffered considerably from the absence of Mr A G Steel and Ulyett, the latter being too ill to take part in it. The English team, therefore, is entirely professional.

Rain fell heavily on Sunday, and yesterday the morning was so dull and threatening that at first there appeared but scant possibility of play. Later in the forenoon, however, the weather cleared up. At first the wicket was too saturated to allow the bowlers to get much work on the ball; but when the sun shone on it a little time it became very treacherous. To give an idea of the difficulty the batsmen experienced in scoring, it is only necessary to note the fact that between half-past 12 and a quarter to 5 no fewer than 18 wickets collapsed for 186 runs. Although the bowlers had so much the superiority, the fielding on both sides was not up to the standard expected in a match of this character. Had this been the case the scores, small as they are, would have been even more so. A very large company witnessed the day's play.

Successful in the toss, the Englishmen elected to go in, and at half 12 Shrewsbury and Scotton were opposed by Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Two leg-byes were recorded, and then Shrewsbury drove of Mr Palmer's to the on for a couple, which Scotton followed by cutting Mr Spofforth for three. The score had only just reached double figures when Shrewsbury had the misfortune to play the ball hard on to his wicket. One for 10. Barnes aided Scotton, and at 21 Palmer gave way to Mr Boyle, a change which speedily proved effective, as in his third over Scotton was taken at wicket, the left-hand batsman having scored 17 out of 24. Gunn aided Barnes, yet runs came at a very tardy rate. The total having been steadily raised to 32, Barnes was beaten by a ball of Mr Spofforth's. Three down. Barlow did not long have the company of Gunn, who obstructed his wicket, while Bates, who was credited with seven in two hits, fell to a catch at slip. Half the wickets were now down for 42. Flowers filled the vacancy, and at luncheon time the total stood at 59.

After the interval, to the great disappointment of those present, it became known that Ulyett, who had been set down to bat early in the innings, was too ill to put in an appearance, and Selby was appointed to take his place. After the customary interval, Messrs Spofforth and Boyle continued the attack. Two threes by Flowers from the former, and a capital drive off Mr Boyle for four by him conducted the total to 71. At this point, however, he raised the ball into the hands of long field off. When only six runs had been added, Attewell was bowled, while for the addition of a single only Sherwin fell to a catch at short mid on. Eight for 78. Barlow was now joined by Selby, and a drive to the on for a couple, causing the 80 to be signalled, was his solitary contribution. Nine down. Peate brought up the rear, and should have been easily caught at cover point by Mr Giffen. He did not profit long by his escape, however, being soon taken at slip. This brought the innings to a close at 3.30 for the meagre score of 91.

Few people were prepared for the sorry start made by the colonials. Their first representatives were Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman. Peate and Attewell were intrusted with the attack. When a couple of runs had been secured by Mr M'Donnell his companion cut a ball which Shrewsbury

should have secured at point. He did not profit by this indulgence, being immediately afterwards taken at slip. Mr Murdoch arrived, and some life was infused into the game by Mr M'Donnell, who obtained ten in an over of Peate's by two drives, one out of the ground for six. A maiden by Attewell followed, and then Mr M'Donnell drove the Yorkshireman again for four, but immediately afterwards gave a difficult chance to slip. When he had been accredited with 23 out of 24 runs, Peate at length found out the weak point in his defence. Two down.

Mr Scott started with an off drive for four from Peate, but lost the company of Mr Murdoch directly afterwards - caught low down at short mid on. Three for 28. Mr Scott was then aided by Mr Giffen. At 35 two wickets collapsed from successive balls by Attewell; Mr Scott obstructed his wicket and Mr Midwinter was bowled. Five batsmen were now dismissed for 35 runs. At this juncture Messrs Bonnor and Giffen were together, and they soon put a healthier aspect on the game. The first-named batsman hit very hard. He opened with a leg hit for four off Peate, which he quickly supplemented by driving the same bowler out of the ground for six. A drive off Attewell for four was then made by him. By these hits the score rapidly reached 61, when Peate handed the ball to Flowers. This by no means checked the run getting, as three overs from the new bowler produced 28 runs, these being obtained at a time when they were most needed. At length, however, Attewell bowled Mr Bonnor. Six for 89.

Mr Blackham came in, and Barlow went on bowling. He soon bowled Mr Giffen, while Mr Spofforth played a ball of his to short mid on. Seven and eight for 91. Mr Palmer joined Mr Blackham. Four runs only had been added when a heavy thunderstorm broke over the ground and stopped further play. Thus far Attewell has taken five Australian wickets for 17 runs in 22 overs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 September, page 7)

Owing to the brilliant batting of Barlow and Flowers, who were decidedly the prominent figures in yesterday's cricket at Nottingham, the North of England Eleven were left in possession of a distinct advantage when stumps were drawn. Barlow and Flowers showed the most stubborn opposition to the Colonial bowling, and the 158 runs put on by them were made on a by no means easy wicket. Indeed, prior to the luncheon interval the wicket was very treacherous, but subsequently became more playable.

During his long innings of 101, Barlow was seen at his best and did not give a chance. He went in second wicket down for 11, and was last out, having been batting four hours and 25 minutes. He scarcely made a mistake, and his hitting was as sound as his defence was admirable. In fact, it is questionable whether Barlow throughout his long public career ever played a better innings. Flowers also is deserving of the highest commendation. He hit with freedom and confidence, and the only fault that could be found in his brilliant innings of 90 was an easy chance of stumping when he had made 56. Both batsmen were substantially rewarded by the spectators.

When stumps were drawn on Monday the home team had completed an innings for 91 runs, and eight of the Australian wickets had been captured for 95. Five minutes proved sufficient to terminate the Colonial venture - Messrs Blackham and Boyle being both bowled by Barlow. Total 100.

Thus, with the narrow deficit of nine runs, the North of England proceeded to the wickets at second time. At 12.25 Scotton and Shrewsbury were confronted by Messrs Boyle and Spofforth. The first-named batsman opened well by driving a ball of Mr Boyle's for four. This promising start he,

however, failed to follow up; indeed, it proved his solitary contribution, as a ball in Mr Boyle's third over found its way into his wicket. Barnes filled the vacancy, and soon grew busy, making six by two leg hits off Mr Boyle. He did not long enjoy the company of Shrewsbury, however, who succumbed to an easy catch at point. Barnes next had Barlow for a companion, and the latter secured three by a square-leg hit from Mr Boyle. After patient play the 20 was reached through a square-leg hit for a couple by Barnes off Mr Spofforth. This bowler was soon afterwards well cut for four by the same batsman. The latter did not long survive this achievement, for a catch low down at forward short-leg disposed of him.

Gunn led off in a style which promised much. Ten runs were obtained by him in two drives, the ball on one occasion going out of the ground. This prolific run-getting was, however, soon checked; and at 46 Gunn had the misfortune to play a ball of Mr Boyle's on to his wicket. Four down. Bates aided Barlow, and gave a chance to Mr Palmer in the long-field which was missed. The Australian atoned for his mistake by securing the next ball in almost precisely the same place. Half the wickets were now lost for 53. Flowers assisted Barlow, who obtained six by two leg hits off Mr Spofforth. With the total at 80 a double change in the attack was deemed desirable, Messrs Palmer and Giffen being intrusted with the bowling. No separation had, however, been effected by the luncheon interval when 89 runs were registered, Barlow and Flowers being the not-outs, with 25 and 20 respectively.

The game was continued at 2.45; but runs at first came very slowly. Two drives for four and three by Flowers off Mr Giffen advanced the score to 100 at 3 o'clock. Ten runs later Mr Palmer crossed over and Mr Spofforth went on. Eight runs by two cuts were made by Flowers off Mr Palmer, who at 128 handed the ball to Mr Midwinter. Loud cheers greeted Flowers when he had completed 50; but after adding six more runs he should have been stumped. The hitting of Barlow was of a very judicious character, at 20 minutes to 4 a cut by him caused 150 runs to be registered. With the score at 164 the bowling underwent a two-fold change, Messrs Boyle and Giffen having charge of the attack. Very careful play ensued; but by easy stages the score had travelled to 180 at 4.20. Barlow obtained nine runs in an over of Mr Giffen's by a leg hit for three and two, and four from drives. With the total at 192 Mr Scott went on, and a couple of runs later Mr Bonnor superseded Mr Boyle. Still the score advanced, and a cut for four by the Nottinghamshire professional caused 200 to be signalled amidst great enthusiasm, the last 50 runs having been obtained at the rate of about one per minute. Flowers then secured two by a drive and sent the ball to square-leg for four, which resulted in Mr Scott giving way to Mr Bannerman at 208. Two runs only were added, when a fine catch at slip low down disposed of Flowers. He had been batting in excellent style for two hours and a half, and his 90 was composed of six fours, six threes, 15 twos and singles. Six for 211. No fewer than eight bowlers had been put on during his partnership with Barlow, and 158 runs obtained.

Selby did not stay very long - caught at wicket. Seven for 215. Barlow next had Attewell for a companion. The last arrival saw Barlow, among other hits, send Mr Bonnor to leg for four and drive him for three. When the total had reached 237 Attewell fell to a catch at deep mid-off. Eight down. Sherwin having been dismissed, Barlow's excellent innings of 101 was closed through a ball from Mr Bannerman; his chief hits were five fours, ten threes and 15 twos. Total 255. Time 5.45. The Australians have now 247 runs to obtain for victory, and an innings in which to get them.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 September, page 7)

The reputation of the Australian cricketers for their ability to contest an uphill game invested the third day's play at Nottingham yesterday with considerable interest, though the chances were all

against them. Few people were, however, prepared for the utter collapse they showed. At the close of Tuesday's play the Australians had to get 247 runs to win with a complete innings. No rain fell on Tuesday night, and the wicket, which had not recovered from the effects of the previous moisture, was very difficult yesterday. From the outset it was evident that the Australians only had a faint chance of success, and as wicket after wicket rapidly fell the hopes of their partisans soon evaporated.

The bowling of Attewell and Barlow was most remarkable, and, supported as they were by accurate fielding, they carried all before them. An hour and three-quarters proved sufficient to dispose of the whole of the Australians. Barlow's achievement, both with bat and ball, will long stand out as most noteworthy. Besides scoring 111, he captured ten wickets at less than an average cost of five each. This defeat of the Australians is the seventh they have suffered in England this year. The weather was fine throughout. As may be imagined, the result was enthusiastically received.

Within a few minutes of noon the Australians sent Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell to the wickets. Attewell and Barlow led the attack. For a few overs the batting was characterized by great care. Mr Bannerman drove a ball of Barlow's well to the off for four, which Mr M'Donnell supplemented by sending Attewell finely to leg for three. The total had reached 10 only, when Mr M'Donnell seemed completely baffled by a ball from Attewell; one down. Mr Murdoch arrived to the assistance of Mr Bannerman, but the batting was by no means hopeful. Runs continued to come at a tardy pace, and seven overs were sent down without anything being obtained from them. With the total at 13, Mr Murdoch fell to a ball from Barlow. Four more runs only were added when two wickets were lost - Mr Bannerman was easily caught at slip, while Mr Scott fell to an excellent one-handed catch at point. Three and four for seventeen.

It was now thought probable that the Colonials would be able to turn the tide that seemed to have set in so steadily against them. The contrary, however, proved to be the case. Messrs Giffen and Bonnor were in company while the first-named obtained six, when both received their dismissal - Mr Giffen very cleanly stumped, while a lofty hit by Mr Bonnor was carefully secured in the long-field by Barnes. Six for 23. Messrs Blackham and Midwinter now shared the batting, and at the outset they put a more cheerful aspect on affairs. The former drove Barlow to the on for four, which he followed by a cut with an equally satisfactory result. Twelve runs were made in a very clean style by three drives from Mr Midwinter off Attewell. Soon afterwards, however, he fell to a catch at cover-point. Seven for 55.

Mr Blackham, who was joined by Mr Palmer, was disposed of a couple of runs later through a one-handed catch by third man; eight down. Mr Spofforth arrived to the assistance of Mr Palmer. Sixteen runs were put on by them through careful cricket, when Mr Spofforth was bowled. Nine for 73. Mr Boyle brought up the rear. Three singles were made by him, and then Mr Palmer played under a ball, which long-slip secured. Total 76. The North of England team thus won easily by 170 runs.

1 September: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2902.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 September, page 7)

Owing to the heavy rain yesterday morning, it was not until five minutes past 3 that a start in the return match between these neighbouring counties was effected. Surrey, having won the toss, then opened their batting with Abel and Mr Diver. Wootton (pavilion end) and A Hearne were intrusted with the bowling.

The professional, after driving Wootton to the on for a couple and to the off for three, was easily taken at cover-point. One for five. Mr W W Read joined Mr Diver. The latter made an on-drive for a single, which was converted into two by an overthrow. Each batsman contributed a leg-hit for four, but Mr Diver then gave Wootton a possible chance at slip. The same batsman four overs later on was missed by Mr Mackinnon at third man. He then cut A Hearne late for two, and soon after his companion secured four from an on-drive. Mr Christopherson superseded Wootton at 29, and, although no wicket fell, runs were obtained with great difficulty, the bowling and fielding being exceptionally good. The amateur sent down eleven overs (nine maidens) for three runs. Mr Read, by a leg-hit for four, caused 50 to be signalled at a quarter past 4. A single later G G Hearne went on in lieu of his brother, but Mr Read soon hit him square for four. Mr Diver was then let off again, this time by Wootton at mid-off. Mr Read made a grand on-drive for five from Mr Christopherson, and then lost the company of Mr Diver, who was easily taken at point. Two for 65.

M Read then filled the vacancy, and quickly sent Mr Christopherson to leg for four, while later on he made another fine leg-hit over the ropes. A Hearne resumed bowling at 75, and at 92 Wootton went on again at the pavilion end. The latter variation speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr W W Read, who had his middle stump upset. Three for 98. The retiring batsman had batted freely and well for 56, which comprised a five, five fours, two three, eight twos and singles. Mr Roller followed in. A single by the professional sent 100 up at five minutes past 5. Mr Roller was caught at the wicket after an addition of ten, and was succeeded by Mr Bowden. A fine piece of fielding by Mr Marchant at deep square leg was now witnessed, and soon afterwards a well-judged catch by Mr Mackinnon in the long field straight behind the bowler got rid of Maurice Read. Five for 115.

Lohmann's innings was brief and fruitless, as, after being appealed against for a catch at the wicket, he was easily taken by Lord Harris at slip. Six for 115. one run later Wootton dismissed Mr Key with a bailer, while at 121 Wood was run out. Without alteration in the figures, Barratt fell to a catch at point, and after Mr Bowden had obtained an on-drive for two, Wootton bowled Mr Horner. Total, 123. Time, 6.50. Since Wootton went on at 92, he had taken half-a-dozen wickets for only 15 runs, while the last five batsmen were got rid of for only eight runs. Four bowled were tried. Wootton got six wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 September, page 7)

In fine weather and before a large company of spectators, the return match between these counties was continued yesterday. Overnight, it will be remembered, Surrey had completed an innings for 123. At 11.25 Messrs Mackinnon and Marchant opened the batting on behalf of Kent to the bowling of Mr Horner (pavilion end) and Barratt.

The score quickly rose to ten when a smart catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Mackinnon. G G Hearne, who followed, was taken at third man without alteration in the figures, and Lord Harris arrived. His lordship's stay at the wicket also proved brief, as the total had only reached 19 when a ball of Mr Horner's dismissed him. Three wickets were now down. Mr Patterson joined Mr Marchant; but the score was still unaltered when the last-named batsman had the misfortune to hit his wicket. Mr Edwards and Mr Patterson were now together. The last-named sent a ball of Mr Horner's to square leg for three, and drove the other bowler to the on for four. Mr Edwards was taken at point at 30, for which number half the wickets were down. On the Rev Mr Thornton coming in, Mr Roller superseded Barratt. The latter twice missed the new batsman at third man, but caught Mr Patterson soon afterwards in the same position. Six wickets for 37 runs.

A Hearne filled the vacancy, and by a cut for two averted the possibility of a follow on at ten minutes to 1. Meanwhile the Rev Mr Thornton had been playing in excellent style, and he now placed Mr Horner square for three. Barratt resumed bowling at 47, but the Rev Mr Thornton by hitting him to leg for four caused "50" to be telegraphed at 12.55. The amateur next drove Mr Horner to the off for four and to the on for a couple. Lohmann relieved Mr Horner at 63. After sending down three maidens the new bowler upset Hearne's middle stump. Seven for 65. Mr Roller again displaced Barratt. Wootton having hit Lohmann to the leg boundary was clean bowled by that bowler with the succeeding ball. Mr Christopherson next appeared. The Rev Mr Thornton cut Mr Roller for three, while his partner drove the same bowler to the off for four, and then cut him for three. A shower of rain stopped play for a few minutes at 1.30; but immediately on resuming Mr Christopherson was finely taken at point - high up and with the left hand. Pentecost skied the last ball of the same over to long off, and the innings closed at 1.45 for 79 runs. Mr Horner took seven wickets . . .

With an advantage of 44 runs Surrey went in a second time at five minutes to 2. Wootton and A Hearne were the bowlers opposed to Read and Bowden. The former cut Wootton for two, and Mr Bowden obtained three for a "snick," after which the players adjourned for luncheon. The game was continued at a quarter to 3, the bowlers, as before, being Wootton and Hearne. With the score at 11 Read was easily taken at slip, while at 38 Mr Diver had his middle stump struck by a ball from Mr Christopherson. Mr W W Read again gave the bowlers a lot of trouble, and it was not until 91 had been attained that he was given out "leg before." Messrs Bowden and Key were also seen to great advantage. The former's 44 included four fours, three threes and five twos, while Mr key hit six fours, three threes, five twos and singles. With the exception of Abel, the remaining batsmen offered little resistance to the Kentish bowlers, as the subjoined score will show. Play will be continued to-day at 11.30.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 September, page 7)

Rain was falling heavily yesterday morning at the time fixed for the continuation of play in this match, but at five minutes past 12 it had cleared up sufficiently to allow of the game being resumed. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening the score stood as follows: - Surrey, first innings, 123; second innings, 200 (for nine wickets); Kent, first innings, 79.

Mr Roller, the not-out with six, was accompanied to the wickets by Barratt. G Hearne delivered the ball necessary to complete his over. Mr Edwards was the other bowler. Five singles were the product of as many overs, and then Mr Roller drove a ball to the on for two. A bye and a single were the only items in half-a-dozen overs. Barratt then drove Mr Edwards to the off for four, but after the professional had obtained another run Mr Roller got out of his ground to play Mr Edwards

and was easily stumped. Total 214. Time, 12.30 . . .

After a quarter of an hour's interval Kent, who required 259 for victory, sent in Messrs Patterson and Christopherson. Mr Horner and Barratt shared the bowling. Mr Christopherson made four runs by a square-leg hit and an off-drive off Barratt and was then easily taken at mid-off. Mackinnon then joined Mr Patterson, but without alteration in the figures, the new batsman being caught by Mr W W Read between slip and point. Two for four. Lord Harris arrived, and both batsmen played very cautiously. The only contributions in half-a-dozen overs were a leg-hit and a cut by Mr Patterson for two each. The Kent captain added three singles, while Mr Patterson drove Barratt to the on for four. Three runs later Lord Harris was let off by Mr W W Read at point and, profiting by his escape, his lordship in the following over cut Barratt for three. With the score at 25 Mr Horner handed the ball to Lohmann, and after an addition of five, Barratt gave way to Mr Roller. In four overs three runs were made. Lord Harris then sent the professional to leg for a couple, but the last ball of the over found its way into his wicket. Three for 35.

G Hearne followed in. Runs were still obtained with great difficulty, as may be gleaned from the fact that 40 was not reached until five minutes to 2. Only a single had been added in four overs, after which Maurice Read received the ball from Mr Roller. The figures were unaltered when an adjournment was made for luncheon.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, half a dozen maiden overs were sent down. Mr Patterson obtained four from a fine leg hit off Read; but immediately afterwards G Hearne was smartly caught at the wicket. Four for 45. The Rev R T Thornton aided Mr Patterson, who, by an on-drive for two, caused 50 to be telegraphed at 3 o'clock. The new batsman drove Mr Horner to the off for three, and at 53 a two-fold change in the attack was tried - Mr Horner crossing over and Barratt resuming. The amateur was displaced by Abel at 65, and at the same total Mr Read superseded Barratt. The last 20 runs had occupied just an hour. Mr Roller relieved Abel at 68, and when ten had been added Lohmann went on for Mr Read. Five runs later Mr Key and Maurice Read were tried. The play was then enlivened somewhat by a square-leg hit for three and a cut for two, both by the Rev Mr Thornton. Mr Key gave way to Barratt at 89, and this change soon brought about the dismissal of the last-named batsman, who had been at the wickets an hour and three-quarters for 26. Half the batsmen were now out for 91.

Mr Marchant appeared, and soon cut Barratt finely for four. A single by the same batsman sent up the 100 at a quarter to 5. Mr Marchant next hit Read to the leg boundary. Lohmann resumed bowling at 105, and after an addition of nine Barratt handed the ball to Mr Horner. Mr Marchant was bowled at 119, and Mr Edwards arrived. Barratt again went on at 130, and at 141 Lohmann gave way to Mr Roller. Mr Edwards was dismissed at 143, and A Hearne, who followed, was cleverly caught by Mr Read running in from point, after Mr Patterson had played Barratt square for three. Eight for 146. Wootton joined Mr Patterson, and the pair played out "time," the match ending in a draw. Mr Patterson carried his bat through the innings for 73, which he obtained by sound defence in four hours and a-half. His principal hits were three fours, five threes and 14 twos. Barratt took five wickets . . .

4 September: I ZINGARI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2903.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 September, page 4)

The most important fixture of the annual cricket festival at Scarborough, one between the Australians and a powerful eleven of the Zingari, attracted a large number of persons to the North Marine-road ground yesterday, despite some unpleasantly cold weather. The match derived additional interest from the fact that on the only previous occasion when I Zingari and the colonists met on the cricket field the result was a draw, the Australians, after having all the worst of the game, making a tremendous score at their second attempt. In that match Mr Bonnor and Mr Bannerman each made over a 100, the only time either has been so successful in England. Five of the previous Zingari eleven took part in the encounter begun yesterday.

The Englishmen had the good fortune to win the toss, and after a late start at a quarter to 1 kept at the wickets until 5 o'clock. The ground was slow, and at first there seemed no prospect of a good score. Mr Whitfeld, who went in first with Mr Patterson against the bowling of Mr Spofforth and Mr Boyle, was out with the total at eight, while at 25 Mr Patterson had to leave. Then at 44 Lord Harris, who had batted freely and well, was also bowled. At lunch time Messrs Steel and Lyttelton were together, when the total was 59 for three wickets.

On resuming Mr Steel was soon caught at long on, and at 78 Mr Spofforth bowled Mr Studd. Some capital cricket was shown by Mr Lyttelton, but at 103 he, like the previous four batsmen, fell a victim to Mr Spofforth's bowling. Then came the best batting of the day. Messrs Forbes and Hadow were together, and both played in so spirited and determined a manner that 68 runs were added before the Old Harrovian was dismissed. Later on Messrs Cottrell and Forbes increased the total by 40 runs for the ninth wicket. Mr Forbes was last out, having, except for one chance at 23, played splendid cricket for his 80, which included a six, nine fours, four threes and five twos. The Zingari were all out at 5 o'clock for 229, the last 129 runs having been scored in an hour and a quarter.

The Australians had 35 minutes' batting before the call of time. Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman faced the bowling of Messrs Cottrell and Forbes, but it was not until a second change had been made that the batsmen were separated. The colonists, with nine wickets to fall, now want 205 runs to equal their opponents' score.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 September, page 6)

Some remarkably fine cricket was witnessed at Scarborough yesterday, when the match between the Australians and I Zingari was continued on the North Marine-road Ground. The weather was delightfully fine up to half-past 4 o'clock, and there was a very large attendance of visitors. At one time yesterday the Australians had decidedly the worst of the game, as eight of their wickets were down with the score at 140. At this juncture, however, Messrs Midwinter and Spofforth completely altered the aspect of the game, and by the time rain stopped play, shortly before 6 o'clock, the Colonists had a distinct advantage.

When play ceased on Thursday I Zingari had completed an innings for 229 runs, while the Australians on going in had lost one wicket (Mr Bannerman's) for 24 runs. Mr M'Donnell, the

overnight not out with 14, was joined by Mr Murdoch. Messrs Steel and Cottrell were intrusted with the bowling. In half an hour 22 runs were obtained, the largest item being a fine cut by the Colonial captain off Mr steel for four. The latter then handed the ball to Mr Forbes, but the separation was effected from the other end, Mr M'Donnell being well caught at long on by Mr Patterson without alteration in the total. Two for 46. Mr Scott's stay was brief, as having scored seven (leg hits for three and four) he was bowled by Mr Cottrell. Three down. Mr Giffen was next, but at 62 he lost the company of his captain, whose middle stump was ripped up by a ball from Mr Cottrell. Four wickets down.

Mr Bonnor aided Mr Giffen, and at 69 a change in the attack was deemed necessary - Mr Steel displacing Mr Forbes. Runs were scored quickly, the majority of them being made from the Lancashire gentleman. Among other items Mr Bonnor drove a ball of Mr Steel's out of the ground for six, Mr Giffen having just previously scored four from a leg hit off the same bowler. With the score at 93 Mr Bonnor returned the ball and Mr Blackham arrived. The "100" was hoisted at 120. Only seven runs were added, however, before Mr Steel got rid of the new batsman. Six down. Mr Midwinter came to the assistance of Mr Giffen. The former should have been taken at deep square leg by Mr G B Studd when he had made three. Profiting by his escape, he at once began to hit freely. Several alterations in the attack were tried; but at 135 Mr Cottrell resumed, and from his first delivery Mr Giffen was easily caught at short leg for an excellent innings of 34. Mr Palmer assisted Mr Midwinter, and four more runs were added before luncheon was announced. Score, 139 for seven wickets.

The usual interval having elapsed, Mr Steel opened the bowling. Only a single was gained when a catch behind the bowler got rid of Mr Palmer, and Mr Spofforth appeared. The score at once began to rise rapidly - Mr Cottrell's over producing 10. The second hundred was announced within a few minutes of half-past 3. Although various bowling changes were resorted to it was not until the score had been carried to 231 that an excellent catch at mid-off got rid of Mr Spofforth. No fewer than 91 runs had been added during the late partnership. Nine wickets down. Mr Boyle rendered little assistance, as, having been credited with a couple, he was well caught at short leg. The innings thus terminated for 233 at 4 o'clock. Mr Midwinter carried his bat for a freely hit score of 49.

I Zingari began their second innings very badly. The Hon A Lyttelton, when only 3 runs were recorded, ran himself out. Lord Harris and Mr Patterson were now companions. The last-named batsman, after rain had stopped play for a short time, hit Mr Spofforth twice for four. The total, however, had only reached 18 when a splendid catch at forward short-leg got rid of the Kent captain. Two wickets down. Mr Steel came in and speedily obtained 20, but was then dismissed by a brilliant catch at short mid-on by Mr Boyle. Mr Whitfeld and Mr Patterson were together when play ceased for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 September, page 10)

The contest between I Zingari and the Colonial Eleven on the North Marine-road Ground, Scarborough, terminated on Saturday in a brilliant victory for the Australians. The latter are mainly indebted for their triumph to the batting of Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter in the first innings and that of Mr M'Donnell in the second, also to the splendid bowling of Mr Spofforth, who during the match captured 14 wickets for 185 runs.

On Saturday the best batting on the English side was shown by Mr W H Patterson and Mr G B

Studd. The former's defence was faultless, while the latter, who had not previously played in an important match this season, hit with something like his old freedom, and put together an invaluable 28, the highest individual score in the second innings of I Zingari. The weather was fine and there was again a large and fashionable company present. Up to the present the Australians have played 31 matches. of these 17 have resulted in victories, seven in defeats, while the remaining seven have been drawn. When the game under notice was continued on Saturday, the score stood as follows: - I Zingari, first innings, 229; second innings, 45 (for three wickets); the Australians, first innings, 233.

A quarter of an hour before noon Messrs Whitfeld and Patterson, the overnight not-outs with 1 and 12 respectively, were confronted by Messrs Spofforth and Midwinter. The former clean bowled the Sussex amateur when he had increased his score to six, and four wickets were thus down for 53. Mr Forbes aided Mr Patterson, but having obtained ten runs (a four, a three, a two and a single), he also fell a victim to Mr Spofforth. Five for 63. Mr G B Studd and Mr Patterson were now together. These batsmen played with great determination, and at 84 an alteration in the attack was tried, Mr Palmer going on in lieu of Mr Midwinter. The new bowler, with the score at 95, got rid of Mr Patterson. The latter had obtained 26 by very fine cricket. Six down.

Mr Studd next had the assistance of Mr Hadow. The three figures were hoisted within a few minutes of 1 o'clock. Eight runs later, however, Mr Hadow was taken at the wicket. Seven for 108. Mr Cottrell arrived, but he and Mr Studd were dismissed by Mr Spofforth with successive balls at 113. Nine down. Messrs Christopherson and De Paravicini gave considerable trouble, and it was not until 27 runs had been got that an excellent catch at long on by Mr Scott got rid of the Kent gentleman. Total, 140. Time, 1.35.

The Australians thus required 137 runs to win. This task was commenced by Messrs M'Donnell and Bannerman at 10 minutes to 2. Messrs Steel and Cottrell were intrusted with the early bowling. The first-named batsman scored rapidly, and when an adjournment was made for luncheon he had made 17 out of the 20 runs which were then registered, while Mr Bannerman was only credited with a single.

After the customary interval Mr M'Donnell hit in magnificent style, despite repeated alterations in the attack. He twice drove Mr Steel out of the ground for six. Meanwhile Mr Bannerman had been batting with his usual caution, but at 62 he was caught by Mr Lyttelton standing a few yards behind the wicket. One down. Of the 56 runs made from the bat, Mr M'Donnell was now credited with 46. Mr Murdoch followed in. Runs were then obtained at even a faster rate than before, and the 100 was soon reached. At length Mr M'Donnell's brilliant innings was closed by a catch at mid-off, and two wickets were down for 110. Mr Scott joined Mr Murdoch and the necessary 27 runs were speedily obtained, the game ending at 10 minutes past 4. The innings had only lasted an hour and 35 minutes. It will be seen from the appended score and analyses that the Australians were victorious by eight wickets.

4 September: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2904.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 September, page 4)

The return match between these counties was to have commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval, but owing to the heavy rain it was decided to postpone the game until this morning, when play will begin at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 September, page 6)

A fine day yesterday at the Oval, Kennington, induced a large company to be present to witness the return match between these counties. It was announced to be begun on Thursday, but it was found quite impracticable to begin the match on that day, so that when the home team went in first yesterday the match began in reality. Even then, however, the turf had not quite recovered from the great soaking it had received, and through the early portion of play the bowlers had much the better of it.

Surrey won the toss, and at 11.35 sent in M Read and Abel. Peate and Emmett shared the bowling. The first ball sent down Read cut for three, but afterwards the play became very slow. In 20 overs the score only reached 10 after half an hour's play. Read cut Peate late for two and drove him to the on for a like number. With the total at 18, however, Abel was easily caught at extra cover-point. Mr Diver arrived, and, after an appeal against him for a catch at the wicket, he cut Peate for two. Read obtained a three from the other bowler by a similar stroke, which raised the score to 25, when Peel displaced Peate. This alteration proved successful, as only half a dozen runs were added when Read was finely stumped. Two for 31.

Mr W W Read next followed. Before a run had been added Mr Diver should have been caught by Harrison at cover-point, but the batsman profited little by his escape, as the first ball of Emmett's following over completely beat him. Three wickets for 31. Peel sent down another maiden over, after which Emmett succeeded in securing two more wickets - Mr Shuter caught at cover-point and Mr Bowden taken at sharp point. Five for 31. Mr Key and Mr W W Read were now together. The last-named batsman cut each bowler for a couple and drove Emmett to the off for four. Mr Key then drove Peel to the on for two; but the last ball of the over he returned. Six wickets for 42.

Lohmann aided Mr Read, who made two leg-hits of two and four. The half-century was announced after an hour and 25 minutes' play. A single by each batsman resulted from three overs, and then Mr Read drove Peel to the on boundary. The latter gave way to Peate at 62, while a dozen runs later Harrison superseded Emmett. An on-drive for four by Lohmann made the score exactly 80 at 1.25. Five runs were added, after which Lohmann had his middle and leg stumps upset by the fast bowler. Seven wickets for 85. Wood's stay was brief and unproductive, as at 88 he was taken at forward mid-off. Eight down. Barrett hit Peate to leg for four, and at ten minutes to 2 the same batsman by an on-drive for two caused the three figures to be telegraphed. Emmett and Bates went on for Peate and Harrison at 100, and from the former's second delivery Barratt fell to mid-on. Mr Horner arrived and he secured a single, and Mr Read four from a leg hit off Bates. When the luncheon bell rang the score was 105 for nine wickets.

After the interval the innings quickly ended for 110, Mr Read being out to a catch at slip. He had

played in excellent style for 42, which comprised six fours, six twos and singles. Emmett took six wickets . . .

Hall and Ulyett opened the innings for the visitors at five minutes past 3 to the bowling of Mr Horner and Barratt. Hall hit the last ball of the first over for four, and shortly afterwards Ulyett cut Barratt for two and drove him to the on for a similar figure. After driving the professional to the off for four and cutting him for three, Ulyett was missed by Lohmann at mid off when he had made 12. Lohmann relieved Barratt at 28, and in his opening over an appeal against Ulyett for a catch at the wicket was answered in the negative. Chiefly by the contributions of Ulyett, who made off and on drives to the boundary, the score was run up to 40, when the Yorkshire captain was bowled. Bates joined Ulyett, who drove Lohmann to the off for four and cut the same bowler for two. Bates made three threes (two off drives and a cut) and the 50 was announced at 4 o'clock. Barratt resumed bowling at 58. Ulyett had the misfortune to strike his wicket, and without alteration in the figures Mr Woodhouse was taken at cover-point. Three for 58. Grimshaw, who followed, did not have the assistance of Bates for any length of time, as the last-named batsman was bowled at 59.

Peel joined Grimshaw. The new comer hit Barrett to square-leg for four. Lohmann displaced Mr Horner at 71, and at 82 Peel was caught at the wicket. Half the wickets were now down. Rawlin gave little trouble, as he was speedily stumped. Six wickets for 83. Emmett and Grimshaw offered determined resistance and caused the bowling to be changed several times. Two byes sent the 100 up at 5 o'clock. Mr Horner now resumed, but at 116 retired in favour of Abel. Emmett made a splendid leg-hit off Lohmann, Grimshaw added a single, and then Emmett was well caught by Mr Bowden, running from long off. Seven for 121. Grimshaw was bowled at the same figure, while Peate was run out a single later. Harrison and Hunter carried the score to 134 before the latter was driven on to his wicket, and the innings closed at 5.25. Barratt took four wickets . . .

With 24 runs to make up Surrey went in a second time. Maurice Read and Abel were the first batsmen. Emmett and Harrison were the bowlers. The first hit of importance was to the leg boundary for four by Maurice Read off Emmett. A few minor hits followed, but no wicket was taken . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 September, page 10)

It is curious to note that Yorkshire's out and home matches with the Metropolitan counties have all been drawn, rain on each occasion being the cause. So bad was the weather on Saturday at the Oval that the return engagement with Surrey had to be abandoned . . .

8 September: YORKSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2906.html)

At Scarborough yesterday, when stumps were drawn in the opening stage of the above encounter - the last of the annual festival - the M.C.C. had distinctly the better of the day's cricket. They got rid of Yorkshire for the small score of 96, and then obtained 112 for the loss of four wickets only. Thus, when play ceased they were 16 runs on with six wickets to fall.

Fine, summer-like weather prevailed all day, but heavy rain having fallen on Saturday night and Sunday morning, the wicket played very slow. As the afternoon advanced it improved, and in the end the M.C.C. fared better than if they had won the toss and gone in first. Barnes and Flowers were seen to great advantage. Both bowled well and were unchanged throughout the Yorkshire innings, each claiming five wickets.

When the M.C.C. went in Barnes hit well and freely, making 44 out of 59 during the time he was batting. Scotton and the old Oxonian, Mr Hadow, showed capital cricket, the former being in a long time for his runs. For the county Mr Leadbeater, a member of the Scarborough club, played a capital innings of 18 and took out his bat.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 September, page 7)

The brilliant batting yesterday of the famous Yorkshire professional Ulyett completely altered the aspect of the game between the Marylebone team and Yorkshire. It will be remembered that on Monday the county eleven were got rid of in their first innings for 96 and that the M.C.C. had obtained 112 for the loss of four wickets. Heavy rain fell overnight and the wicket was very soft; but in the absence of sunshine it played very easy. Mr Schultz injured his leg while fielding and had to retire.

The last named gentleman and Mr Hadow continued the Marylebone innings to the bowling of Emmett and Peate at a quarter past 12. Mr Schultz scored four from a leg hit off Emmett, but was immediately afterwards well taken at slip. Five for 116. Gunn aided Mr Hadow, who began to score freely, and 130 runs were soon registered. Without alteration in the figures, however, the amateur had the misfortune to play a ball of Emmett's into his wicket. Six down. Flowers joined Gunn. The score rose very slowly, but at 146 Peel, who had superseded Peate half a dozen runs before, dismissed Flowers with a "yorker." Eight down. Mr de Paravicini was next on the order. At 157 the professional was brilliantly caught by Bates at cover point, and six runs later Mr de Paravicini was out to a well-judged catch at long-off. Nine for 163. Attewell and Sherwin gave considerable trouble and put on 23 runs for the last wicket. The Nottinghamshire wicket keeper was then bowled, and the innings closed at ten minutes to 2 for 186. Emmett took four wickets . . .

In a minority of 90 runs Yorkshire began their second venture with the Hon M B Hawke and Hall. Attewell and Barnes conducted the attack. The first-named batsman scored rapidly and caused Flowers to relieve Barnes. This variation speedily had the desired effect, as Mr Hawke was well taken at long-on. One for 19. Ulyett filled the vacancy. The latter soon began to hit in brilliant style and, among other items, he made a splendid drive out of the ground for six. Meanwhile Hall batted in his usual patient manner, but having increased his score to 20 the last-named batsman fell a victim to Sherwin at the wicket. Grimshaw aided Ulyett, and runs were obtained even faster than before. The light, however, which had not been at all favourable to the batsmen, now became very

bad. At 20 minutes to 6 a fall of rain stopped play for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 September, page 7)

Owing to the brilliant batting of Ulyett and the admirable bowling of Emmett, Yorkshire yesterday at Scarborough beat the Marylebone Club and Ground by 42 runs. When it is remembered that the county were 90 runs behind on the first innings, their performance must be accounted a most praiseworthy one. At the same time, the fact must be taken into consideration that they had the good fortune to bat on an easy wicket on Tuesday afternoon.

Yesterday the sun shone brilliantly for the best part of the day, and the wicket to a certain extent enabled the bowlers to get plenty of work on the ball. Ulyett, who had made 99 on Tuesday, once more played superb cricket, and in the end carried out his bat for 146. He was at the wickets 4 hours and 35 minutes, and made only one mistake - the chance to Flowers when he had scored 93. The character of his hitting may best be judged by the following figures: - Three sixes, all drives out of the ground, 14 fours, three threes, 22 twos and 19 singles.

The M.C.C. went in a second time at 3.25. Emmett was seen at his best on the slow and treacherous wicket, as he obtained no fewer than six wickets for 31 runs. Mr Thornton, Barnes, Mr Hadow, Gunn and Flowers reached double figures, but the rest of the side did little, and at 5.45 Yorkshire proved victorious, as stated above. It should be mentioned that Mr Schultz was, in consequence of his injured leg, unable to bat yesterday.

8 September: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2905.html)

In exceedingly dull weather, the last of the county matches arranged for the present season was begun at Kennington Oval yesterday under unfavourable auspices. Not only was there every likelihood of rain, but the wicket bore traces of rain that had already fallen. As may be expected, the number of spectators was very small.

Surrey were fortunate enough to win the toss, but deemed it advisable to put their opponents in on a dead wicket. Messrs Whitfeld and M'Cormick began the Sussex batting at 20 minutes to 12, opposed by Mr Horner and Barratt. Sixteen overs yielded eight runs and a wicket, that of Mr M'Cormick, who played on. The partnership of Mr Whitfeld and J Hide existed for some time, but was not more than moderately productive. Mr Roller relieved Barratt at 20 (the result of 45 minutes' play) and Lohmann at 25 came on in place of Mr Horner. The latter change resulted in the both batsmen being speedily dismissed. Mr Whitfeld was clean bowled at 26 and J Hide, one run later, played a ball on to his pads which afterwards reached his wicket.

Losses continued to be frequent and severe. Humphreys was caught at the wicket, Mr Newham easily taken at mid-off, and with Mr Wyatt caught at short slip, six wickets were down for 33 runs. Mr Blackman and Tester then became associated, and after the latter had been missed at the wicket the prospects of Sussex slightly improved. By 1.20 the score amounted to 50, and steadily it was increased to 61, when Barratt deposed Lohmann. Without any addition, Mr Blackman played a ball on to his wicket. Ten runs later Phillips was bowled, and Hide shared a similar fate at 72.

During the luncheon interval rain commenced the fall, and the continuation of the game was delayed until 3.35. In five minutes the Sussex innings was finished off for 74 runs. The chief honours of the bowling were won by Lohmann, who secured four wickets . . .

During the interval between the innings rain again fell, and it was not until 20 minutes past 4 that Sussex took the field. Mr Diver and Maurice Read were Surrey's early batsmen, and Mr Blackman and J Hide shared the bowling. The start of the home county's batting was even less successful than was that of their opponents. Mr Diver was caught at point with only three runs totalled, Maurice Read was clean bowled at seven and Abel at 16. Messrs Shuter and W Read had increased the score to 27 by five minutes to 5, when rain once more interrupted the game, which was soon afterwards abandoned for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 September, page 7)

The features of yesterday's cricket at Kennington-oval were the innings of Messrs W W Read and Whitfeld. The former batted with his accustomed freedom; but he gave two chances to Humphreys, both at point - on Monday evening, when he had secured very few runs, and yesterday with his total at 35. Surrey only scored 154, and of these Mr Read was credited with more than half.

On Sussex going in a second time the wickets fell rapidly, and 27 runs were still required to avert a single innings defeat when six batsmen had been got rid of. Mr Blackman and Mr Whitfeld, however, considerably improvement matters. The weather was dull and threatening; but there was a large company present. At the close of Monday's play the score stood as follows: - Sussex, first innings, 74; Surrey, first innings, 27 for three wickets.

Messrs W W Read and Shuter, the not-outs with 11 and 3, continued the Surrey innings to the bowling of J Hide and Mr Blackman. The latter gave way to Juniper at 42, and at 46 the bowlers crossed over. The 50 was announced at five minutes past 12. Mr Blackman resumed bowling in lieu of Hide at 52, and with his first ball he upset Mr Shuter's wicket. Four for 52. Mr Bowden came to the assistance of Mr Read. Juniper and Mr Blackman bowled remarkably well, and runs were obtained with great difficulty. At length Mr Read drove the professional to the off for four and two; and on Tester relieving Juniper at 67, he secured two for a cut. The Sussex total was passed at 12.40. A Hide went on for Mr Blackman at the same total; but Mr Bowden drove his first ball to the on for four. Having made 35, Mr Read was missed at point off Tester, but before a run had been added his companion had the misfortune to play on. Five for 84.

Mr Roller aided Mr Read. Humphreys now superseded Tester, and at 89 J Hide was tried. The latter crossed over at 96, while three runs later Mr Blackman resumed bowling. Despite these alterations in the attack, however, a cut by Mr Read, which realized two, sent to 100 up at five minutes past 1. Juniper relieved J Hide at 106. The score, chiefly by the contributions of Mr Read, was advanced to 120, when a further variation in the attack was tried, Mr M'Cormick displacing Mr Blackman. Mr Read obtained four from a lofty off-drive and three from a similar stroke in the opposite direction. Mr M'Cormick handed the ball to Mr Newham at 129. Mr Read drove each bowler to the boundary, after which he was dismissed by Mr Newham. His 83 included seven fours, five threes and four twos. Six for 141. Lohmann arrived, but just prior to the luncheon interval the new batsman was smartly stumped. Total, 144 for seven wickets.

At a quarter to 3 Wood and Mr Roller continued the Surrey innings. The amateur was stumped at 145, and the two remaining wickets were captured for an addition of nine. Total, 154; time, 3.20 . . .

Sussex, who were 80 runs behind, began their second venture with Mr Whitfeld and Tester at 25 minutes to 4. Lohmann and Abel were intrusted with the attack. Only 11 runs were recorded when Tester was bowled, while a single later Mr M'Cormick was dismissed in a similar manner. Humphreys came to the assistance of Mr Whitfeld. The score was slowly carried to 19, at which total Lohmann retired in favour of Mr Roller. At 20 Abel, whose analysis then read 16 overs (11 maidens), six runs, one wicket, was displaced by Barratt. The latter, however, at 30 gave way to Mr Horner. After the bowlers had crossed over, Humphreys was bowled, and three wickets were down for 35. Mr Wyatt followed in. Mr roller immediately gave way to Abel, but the latter handed the ball to Lohmann at 45. This alteration proved very successful, as Wyatt was bowled and J Hide was caught at mid-on without alteration in the figures, while eight runs later Mr Newham was also bowled by Lohmann. Six for 53.

The rapid dismissal of these batsmen made matters look very unfavourable for the visitors; but when Mr Whitfeld, who was playing wonderfully well, had Mr Blackman for a companion the necessary runs to avert a single innings defeat were speedily obtained. Stumps were soon afterwards drawn for the day, Messrs Whitfeld and Blackman being still together.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 September, page 7)

An exciting finish was witnessed to this match at Kennington Oval yesterday. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening the score stood as follows: - Sussex - first innings, 74; second innings, 84 (for six wickets); Surrey - first innings, 154.

The visitors' innings was continued at 11.35 by Messrs Whitfeld and Blackman, the overnight not-outs, at 37 and 20 respectively. Mr Horner (pavilion end) and Lohmann were intrusted with the bowling. After five maiden overs had been sent down, during which Mr Whitfeld was appealed against for "leg before," Mr Blackman was secured at cover point. Seven for 84. Phillips joined Mr Whitfeld and speedily obtained four from a snick off Lohmann. Both batsmen played carefully, and an on drive by the professional for a couple caused the "100" to be telegraphed at five minutes past 12. Mr Roller now superseded Lohmann, and but Phillips cut the new bowler for four and two. Mr Horner handed the ball to Barratt at 107. This alteration soon had the desired effect, as Phillips was smartly stumped at 108. Eight down. A Hide was dismissed in a similar manner at the same total, while Juniper, after making a single, was bowled, and the venture closed at 12.35 for 109. Mr Whitfeld carried his bat through the innings, which had lasted three hours and 25 minutes, for 41. His principal hits were two fours, two threes and seven twos. Lohmann took five wickets . . .

Surrey only required 30 runs for victory, and at five minutes to 1 sent in M Read and Abel. Mr Blackman led off the attack from the pavilion end. The first-named batsman, after driving him to the on for a couple, was caught at the wicket. Mr Diver joined Abel. Juniper had charge of the bowling at the gasometer wicket, but when the score had reached 19 he gave way to J Hide. With the total at 22 Abel was caught at mid-off, and Mr W W Read arrived. The latter soon lost the company of Mr Diver, who at 24 fell to a catch at mid on. Three for 24. Mr Shuter appeared, but only a single had been added when Mr Blackman bowled Mr Read. Four for 25. Mr Bowden was caught at point, 26, and at 27 Mr Shuter was taken at short leg. Six down. Lohmann and Mr Roller were now together. After the amateur had secured a single, Lohmann, by hitting Hide to leg for four, won the match for Surrey by four wickets. Mr Blackham took four wickets . . .

11 September: SOUTH v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2907.html)

Unfortunately in neither of the matches with the Colonials has the South of England been represented in its full strength. The team which opposed the Australians at Kennington Oval yesterday differs considerably from that which suffered defeat at Gravesend on August 29 by an innings and 107 runs. Dr W G Grace, Mr H Whitfeld, Mr C E Horner, Mr A F J Ford, Painter, M Read, Wood and Woof take the places of Lord Harris, Mr A P Lucas, Mr M C Kemp, Mr W E Roller, Mr H V Page, Mr S Christopherson, J Hide and Humphreys.

The Englishmen went in first, and although a most promising start was made, the innings collapsed almost immediately after the dismissal of Mr Grace, who played in his best style. Messrs Palmer and Spofforth, taking advantage of the somewhat treacherous wicket, bowled remarkably well, and the former's five wickets were captured for ten runs.

On the visitors going in the play was very slow; but Messrs Bonnor and Giffen, on becoming partners, greatly enlivened affairs. The seventh, eighth and ninth Australian wickets went with the total at 159. On the whole, the fielding of both sides was excellent. The match is the last of the Colonial tour, and the fine weather consequently caused an exceedingly large number of persons to visit the ground. Owing to the late heavy rains the wicket played anything but well, and throughout the day the batsmen were at a disadvantage.

Dr W G Grace and Mr Whitfeld opened the English defence at five minutes past 12. Mr Spofforth was intrusted with the bowling at the gasometer end. The Gloucestershire captain sent the first ball to leg for three, and drove Mr Boyle, the other bowler, to the off for a couple. The same batsman next hit Mr Boyle to the leg boundary, and after adding five he drove Mr Spofforth to the on for four and cut him for two. The first 20 runs had been obtained in as many minutes. Dr Grace secured a single from each end, and cut Mr Spofforth for two. A change in the bowling was tried at 24, Mr Palmer superseded Mr Boyle. Without alteration in the figures, however, Mr Grace was well caught at long slip. The retiring batsman was credited with all the runs that were scored.

Mr O'Brien arrived; but after making three singles he lost the company of Mr Whitfeld, who was also taken at long slip. Two for 27. Mr W W Read came to the assistance of Mr O'Brien. The new batsman played Mr Spofforth square for a couple, after which Mr O'Brien gained two singles. The latter was then bowled by a no-ball from Mr Palmer. The Middlesex amateur hit that bowler to leg for a couple, and after his companion had obtained a single he drove Mr Spofforth to the on for two. These successes he supplemented with a fine off-drive to the boundary, but from the following ball he was smartly caught at long slip. Three for 43.

Painter's stay was brief and unproductive, as he returned the ball before a run had been added. Four down. M Read then joined his namesake, who drove Mr Spofforth to the on for a couple. Mr Palmer bowled the professional, leg stump, at 46, and half the batsmen were thus dismissed. Mr Ford appeared, only to see Mr Read bowled; but at the same total he was out in a similar manner. The figures were still unaltered when Wootton was bowled. Eight for 46. Woof and Wood were now together, and the latter by a single caused 50 to be announced at 25 minutes to 2. Woof was secured at mid off at 56, and Mr Horner was bowled by the first ball sent him. Time, 1.40; total, 56.

A few minutes before 2 o'clock Messrs Bannerman and M'Donnell opened the Colonial innings. Woof started the bowling, and after Mr Bannerman had gained two from a leg hit an adjournment

was made for luncheon.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, Mr Ford and Woof conducted the attack. Each batsman contributed a single, and then Mr Bannerman made an off-drive for four. He repeated this stroke soon afterwards for a like result; but Mr M'Donnell, having cut Woof to the boundary, was bowled by Mr Ford. One for 20. Mr Murdoch filled the vacancy and speedily sent Mr Ford to leg for four. The Australian captain was then appealed against for stumping; but the decision was given in favour of the batsman. Runs were obtained with great difficulty, ten overs being sent down for seven runs. Mr Ford gave way to Mr Horner at 32. Two singles were recorded, and then Mr Bannerman placed Woof to leg for a couple. The last-named bowler handed the ball to Wootton at 37. Mr Bannerman cut the latter for three; but Mr Murdoch should have been twice stumped when he had made nine. Both these chances were off Wootton. Mr Ford resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Horner at 49. The Colonial captain by an off drive for a couple sent 50 up at 3.55, and ten minutes later the English total was reached. Mr Murdoch then drove Mr Ford straight for four, and at 68 Dr Grace went on for Wootton. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, Mr Bannerman at 73 being well taken at deep mid-off. Only half a dozen runs were added when Mr Murdoch was bowled, and three wickets were down for 79.

Messrs Scott and Giffen were now together. Both batsmen played carefully, and at 91 Dr Grace gave way to Woof. Mr Scott sent the latter's first ball to leg for four; but after a single later on he was completely beaten by a delivery of Mr Ford's. Four for 96. Mr Bonnor arrived, and speedily drove Mr Ford to the off for three. He followed this success up by making three fine drives, for each of which he obtained four, off Woof. The first of these caused the 100 to be telegraphed just before 5 o'clock. Seven overs produced five runs, and then Mr Giffen drove Woof straight for four. Mr Horner was tried at the pavilion end for Woof at 122, and at 128 Wootton relieved Mr Ford. The Kentish bowler was driven by each batsman for four; but at 147 an excellent left-handed catch by Wootton at extra mid-off got rid of Mr Bonnor. Five for 147.

Mr Midwinter was soon disposed of, as, after Mr Giffen had hit Mr Horner to leg for a couple, he returned the ball to Wootton. Six for 149. Mr Blackham, who followed in, drove Wootton to the on for two, and 150 was signalled at 20 minutes to 6. Mr Blackham next played Mr Horner square for two, while Mr Giffen drove Wootton straight for four. An appeal for "leg-before" got rid of the famous Australian wicket-keeper at 159. Mr Palmer joined Mr Giffen, who, however, was immediately caught at the wicket. Eight for 159. Mr Spofforth was caught at mid-on without having added to the total, and stumps were then drawn for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 September, page 10)

The Colonials are mainly indebted to the bowling of Mr Spofforth for the victory gained by them yesterday at Kennington-oval over the South of England team. The Englishmen on going in a second time in a minority of 107 made a most promising start, as before the first wicket fell 50 runs had been recorded. Five more batsmen were dismissed for 16, and the innings eventually closed for 102. Mr Spofforth during the match took a dozen wickets for 77 runs. With the exception of Dr Grace, Mr Whitfeld, Mr W W Read and Wood, the batting of the Englishmen was feeble, and although the wicket did not play well there is little excuse for their meagre scoring. The weather was fine and the attendance was again exceedingly large. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening, the score stood as follows: - South of England - first innings, 56; Australians - first innings, 150 for nine wickets.

Mr Palmer and Mr Boyle continued the Colonial innings at 20 minutes to 12. Mr Horner sent down the necessary ball to complete his over, and Mr Ford had charge of the bowling at the opposite end. Each batsman obtained a single off Mr Ford, and Mr Palmer secured a couple from an overthrow of the other bowler. Mr Horner then bowled Mr Boyle off his pads, and the venture closed at a quarter to 12 for 163.

Dr Grace and Mr Whitfeld were again the first representatives of the South of England, who were 107 in arrear. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer opened the bowling, each of them sending down a maiden. Dr Grace then played Mr Spofforth square for a couple, and after his companion had scored a single he drove Mr Palmer to the on for two. Mr Whitfeld cleverly placed Mr Spofforth to leg for three, and from the following over from that bowler he gained two by a similar stroke. Each batsman contributed a single, after which Mr Whitfeld nicked Mr Spofforth to leg for four. The Gloucestershire captain next cut Mr Palmer brilliantly to the boundary, which the Sussex amateur supplemented with a cut for two. The last-named batsman was appealed against for leg-before, but the decision was "Not out." Three overs produced five runs, and then Dr Grace by a single caused 30 to be signalled at 12.35. The rate of run-getting now slackened. The only items of importance in a dozen overs were a cut and an on-drive by Dr Grace for two, and on-drive with a like result by Mr Whitfeld, and four byes. Mr Boyle displaced Mr Palmer at 9, but Dr Grace by a single sent the 50 up at 1 o'clock. Without alteration in the figures, however, a catch at forward point got rid of Mr Whitfeld, who had played in excellent style. One for 50.

Mr O'Brien arrived. After the Gloucestershire captain had played Mr Boyle to leg for a couple the new batsman drove Mr Spofforth to the off for three, while a single later he cut the same bowler for two. Mr O'Brien was caught at mid-off with the score at 62, and Mr W W Read came in. The Surrey amateur hit Mr Boyle to leg for two, but then lost the company of Dr Grace, who was dismissed by Mr Spofforth. Three for 64. Painter was bowled first ball, while after Mr Boyle had sent down a maiden, Mr Spofforth also bowled Maurice Read and this performed the "hat trick." Five for 64.

Mr Ford was next on the order, but having made a single from each end he was also bowled. Six for 66. Wood joined Mr W W Read, who cut Mr Boyle for two. Three runs were obtained in four overs, after which the professional secured two for a cut, and Mr Read three for an off-drive, both from Mr Spofforth. Mr Wood cut Mr Boyle for three, and when the luncheon bell rang 88 runs were registered. Nineteen were wanted thus to avert a single innings defeat.

At a quarter to 3 the game was continued, the attack, as before, being shared by Messrs Boyle and Spofforth. Two maidens ensued, but in Mr Boyle's second over Mr read secured one run. The latter then gained three for a leg hit, while Wood obtained four by a similar stroke. The professional should here have been run out, the ball being well thrown in from long leg by Mr M'Donnell, but Mr Murdoch, who kept wicket, failed to hold it. Mr Read was well taken at mid-on by Mr Scott at 99. Seven down. Wootton arrived, and two byes made the score 101 at five minutes past 3. Wood was then bowled, and without addition Woof returned the ball, while, after Mr Horner had obtained a single, Wootton was also caught and bowled, the match ending at a quarter-past 3 in a victory for the Colonials by an innings and five runs.

Saturday 13 September, page 10

The Australians concluded the last match of their tour yesterday at Kennington-oval, where they

defeated the South of England by an innings and five runs. The 1882 team played 38 matches. Of these they won 23, lost four and drew 11. This year's eleven have not been so successful, as they played 32, won 18, lose seven and drew seven.

Mr W L Murdoch, the captain, stands at the head of the batting averages, while he is also credited with the highest individual score. The great feature of the tour, however, has been the bowling of Mr Spofforth, who captured no fewer than 216 wickets for an average of 12.5 runs. The batting and bowling averages, with results of matches, are appended: -

BATTING AVERAGES

Batsman	No of Inns	Times not out	Total of Runs	No. Most in an Inns	Average
Mr W L Murdoch (N.S.W.)	50	5	1378	211	30.28
Mr P S M'Donnell (N.S.W.)	54	2	1225	103	23.29
Mr H J H Scott (V.)	51	8	973	102	22.7
Mr G Giffen (South A.)	51	1	1052	113	21.2
Mr A C Bannerman (N.S.W.)	52	2	981	94	19.10
Mr G J Bonnor (V.)	52	3	957	95*	10.6
Mr W Midwinter (V.)	48	4	800	67	19.2
Mr J M'C Blackham (V.)	43	3	690	69	17.10
Mr G E Palmer (V.)	47	10	492	68*	13.11
Mr F R Spofforth (N.S.W.)	46	6	488	54	12.8
Mr W H Cooper (V.)	9	6	33	8*	11.0
Mr H F Boyle (V.)	38	14	262	48	10.22
Mr G Alexander (V.)	5	1	20	10*	5.0

BOWLING AVERAGES

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr J M'C Blackham (V.)	3	0	8	1	8.00
Mr G Alexander (V.)	18	7	24	2	12
Mr F R Spofforth (N.S.W.)	1576	656	2642	216	12.50
Mr A C Bannerman (N.S.W.)	22	10	32	2	16
Mr G E Palmer (V.)	1247.3	464	2130	132	16.18
Mr H F Boyle (V.)	729	291	1133	67	16.61
Mr G Giffen (South A.)	828	285	1623	82	19.65
Mr W Midwinter (V.)	268.2	116	440	15	29.5
Mr G J Bonnor (V.)	95	25	219	6	36.3
Mr W H Cooper (V.)	126	26	325	7	46.3
Mr H J H Scott (V.)	56	9	157	3	52.1
Mr P S M'Donnell (V.)	10	4	27	0	--
Mr W L Murdoch (N.S.W.)	6	0	25	0	--

THE COUNTIES IN 1884

[Note: this includes detailed statistics of numerous players, which are here cut short.]

Probably the most successful county cricket season ever known closed on Wednesday with the match between Surrey and Sussex at Kennington-oval. The weather on the whole has been very favourable, and the contests between the county elevens, despite the tour of the Australians, have been watched with exceptionally keen interest. The chief features of the year are undoubtedly the unbeaten record of Nottinghamshire and the great all-round improvement of Sussex.

Glancing at the counties in alphabetical order, Derbyshire, despite the addition of several promising young professionals to the County Eleven, lost all their ten matches. They were beaten twice by Surrey, Yorkshire, Kent, Lancashire and Sussex. F H Sugg played 20 innings for 377 runs, highest score 73, average 18.17 . . . The bowling averages are fairly good. Shacklock took 24 wickets . . average 15 . . .

Singularly enough, the solitary victory with which Gloucestershire is credited was, as last year, over Lancashire. The western county played out and home matches with Yorkshire, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey, Nottinghamshire and Lancashire. Sussex defeated them twice, Yorkshire twice and Nottinghamshire twice. They lost their matches with Middlesex and Surrey on the metropolitan grounds. The return engagements with the two last-named counties were both drawn. Gloucestershire required only 123 to beat Middlesex at Cheltenham with all ten wickets to go down when play ceased. In the contest with Surrey at Clifton the visitors went in first and were not got rid of until they had put together 464 runs. Towards the close of the third day the home team's venture terminated for 484 runs, and then rain stopped play and stumps and the game were drawn. Thus at the end of an innings each in this remarkable match Gloucestershire were twenty runs ahead.

Had the county of the Graces been able to put their full strength into the field during the earlier part of the season it is not unlikely that they would have had a far better record. Their great weakness, of course, is in their bowling, as, besides Dr W G Grace and Woof, they have not a first-class bowler on the side. Mr W W F Pullen played 9 innings (one not out) for 316 runs, highest score 161, average 39.4; Dr W G Grace, 18 innings (two not outs) for 527 runs, highest score 94, average 32.15 . . . Woof stands at the head of the bowlers. He obtained 70 wickets . . average 20.5; Dr W G Grace, 35 wickets . . average 25.15 . . .

The great features of Kentish cricket this year were the grand victory gained over them by Lancashire at the commencement of the season and the brilliant batting of Lord Harris. Of the dozen first-class matches played they were successful in four, losing six and drawing two. Yorkshire defeated them twice, Middlesex twice, while they lost and won with Lancashire. They lost and drew with Sussex and won and drew with Surrey. Wootton bowling wonderfully well for his county, and his average of 15.9 for 79 wickets does him great credit. Lord Harris played 23 innings (three not outs) for 889 runs, highest score 112, average 44.9 . . . Of the bowlers, Wootton proved most successful, taking 79 wickets . . average 15.9 . . .

Within the last two years the play of Lancashire has considerably deteriorated, and their results sheet forms a marked contrast to those of a few seasons ago. This year they played five first-class counties - viz., Derbyshire, Kent, Yorkshire, Surrey and Gloucestershire. Of these engagements they were successful in five, losing four and drawing one - viz., the first match with Gloucestershire, on account of the death of Mrs Grace the game being abandoned. They defeated

Derbyshire twice, while they lost and won with Kent, Surrey and Yorkshire. In the return with Gloucestershire they were beaten, after a most exciting contest, by seven runs. Barlow did not bat so well as in previous years, but his bowling proved very effective. The Rev V F Royle played four innings (two not outs) for 176 runs, highest score 79 (not out), average 88 . . . Barlow heads the bowling averages. He took 81 wickets . . average 10.80 . . .

Middlesex played ten matches, of which four resulted in victories, three were lost and the remaining three drawn - two with Yorkshire, principally on account of rain, and the return with Gloucestershire at Clifton, which was left rather in favour of the home team. They defeated Kent twice and Gloucestershire once. They were decisively beaten by Nottinghamshire in both engagements; although they made 211 runs in their first innings in the return match with the famous Midlands county, they were beaten by an innings and 91 runs. Surrey were defeated at Kennington Oval, but at Lord's the home county lost by seven wickets. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton played five innings for 186 runs, highest score 77, average 37.1 . . . Burton heads the bowling averages. He claimed 41 wickets . . average 15.2.

The most successful season probably ever experienced by any county fell to the lot of Nottinghamshire. Fortunately, there was an absence of those internal dissensions which in some previous years have militated against the famous Midland county putting forth its full strength. That experienced bowler and tactician, Alfred Shaw, captained them throughout. They engaged in out and home matches with Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey, Yorkshire and Gloucestershire. Unfortunately, a difference of opinion about the fairness of some of the Lancashire bowlers' deliveries prevented the usual matches being played with the northern county. Nine of the ten matches ended in victories, the most decisive of which were those against Sussex. In the first match at Nottingham they were victorious by an innings and 151 runs, while in the return at Brighton they obtained the highest number of runs gained by them during the season - viz., 458, and won by an innings and 28 runs. The solitary drawn match was with Surrey, at Kennington-oval, on August 4, 5 and 6. Three full days' cricket were played, and at the close of the third day the game was left all in favour of Nottinghamshire, as Surrey then required 152 runs to avert defeat, and only three wickets with which to get them. Shrewsbury stands at the head of the batsmen. In 15 innings (one not out), he accumulated 605 runs, or an average of 43.3; his most important contribution of 209 having been obtained against Sussex at Brighton . . . Of the bowlers, Shaw stands well in front . . he took 64 wickets . . an average of 9.32 . . .

Surrey played 16 first-class matches. Of these seven were won, four lost and five drawn. They defeated Derbyshire and Sussex twice, and Lancashire, Gloucestershire and Middlesex once. Nottinghamshire, Middlesex, Kent and Lancashire beat them, while they drew two games with Yorkshire and one each with Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire and Kent. Mr W W Read played 25 innings (two not outs) for 755 runs, highest score 135, average 32.19 . . . Mr Horner bowled wonderfully well, taking 83 wickets . . average 14.73 . . .

Sussex have had a very successful season. Of the dozen first-class matches played by them they won six, lost five and drew one. Nottinghamshire beat them twice and Surrey twice. They won and lost with Yorkshire and won and drew with Kent, and twice beat Gloucestershire and Derbyshire. Mr W Newham played 17 innings for 638 runs, highest score 137, average 37.19 . . . Mr W Blackman has the best average among the bowlers. He took 35 wickets . . average 15.29 . . .

Considering the strength of the Yorkshire Eleven, that county has not had a very successful season. Of the 16 matches played, eight were won, four lost and four drawn. They beat Gloucestershire twice, Kent twice, Derbyshire twice, and they lost and won with Lancashire and Sussex.

Nottinghamshire defeated them at Sheffield and Nottingham, while all four matches with the metropolitan counties were drawn. Rain on each occasion was the principal cause. The greatest victory was over Sussex, at Huddersfield, by an innings and 94 runs; but the southern county avenged this result by inflicting a decisive defeat in the return at Brighton, when Sussex won by an innings and 19 runs. Hall played 24 innings (one not out) for 759 runs, highest score 135, average 33 . . . Peate and Emmett each took the same number of wickets, viz., 61. The latter . . . average 11.16; Peate took 61 wickets . . . average 12.38 . . .

Appended is a table showing the positions of each county in order of merit: -

	Matches			
	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
Nottinghamshire	10	9	0	1
Middlesex	10	4	3	3
Yorkshire	15	8	4	4
Surrey	16	7	4	5
Lancashire	10	5	4	1
Sussex	12	6	5	1
Kent	12	4	6	2
Gloucestershire	12	1	8	3
Derbyshire	10	0	10	0

15 September: SMOKERS v NON-SMOKERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2908.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 September, page 7)

It must be very gratifying to the patrons of the Cricketers' Fund that such keen interest is being taken in the above match, which began yesterday at Lord's for the benefit of that society. The weather was fine and 6,255 persons passed through the turnstiles. The teams were very strong; but although the Smokers had such powerful bowlers, they at present have by no means the best of the game.

This fact is mainly owing to the innings of Mr Bonnor, who contributed more than half the runs made from the bat towards the total. The Smokers severely felt the loss of a wicket-keeper. Mr Bonnor was let off at the wicket before he had made half his runs. Three wickets were down for 188 when Peate was put on to bowl a second time, and he proved very effective, as he obtained the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wickets for only ten runs.

Having won the toss, the Non-Smokers decided to go in, and a few minutes after noon Dr W G Grace and Mr Bannerman opened the innings. Mr Palmer and Emmett were the bowlers. The first half-dozen overs produced seven runs, and then Dr Grace cut Mr Palmer late for four. Five runs were obtained in as many overs, after which an off-drive by Mr Bannerman realized three. The same batsman nicked Mr Palmer through the slips for four and cut him for a couple. Mr Spofforth displaced Emmett at 27; but the separation was effected from the other end, as only a single had been added when Dr Grace was easily caught and bowled. One for 28. Mr Murdoch's stay was brief, as having driven Mr Palmer to the off for a couple and to the on for a like number, that bowler dismissed him. Two for 34.

Mr Bonnor arrived, and soon scored a single, which his companion supplemented by an off-drive for three. Without addition, however, Mr Bannerman was given out for obstructing the wicket. Three for 38. Barlow aided Mr Bonnor. Principally by singles the score was advanced to 59 at ten minutes past 1. Barlow drove Mr Palmer for a couple, while the amateur, after cutting Mr Spofforth to the boundary, drove him into the pavilion. Peate superseded Mr Palmer at 61, and started with a maiden to Barlow. Mr Bonnor then again drove a ball of Mr Spofforth's into the pavilion, and in that bowler's following over he scored seven (off and on drives for four and three). Emmett relieved Mr Spofforth at 72. Mr Bonnor cut Peate for three, and after the professional had secured a run, repeated this stroke with a like result. Barlow next drove Peate to the on for three, and Mr Bonnor obtained a four in the same direction. The last-named batsman made an off-drive for two, and Barlow played Peate square for three. A two-fold change in the attack was now tried, Messrs Giffen and Palmer going on in lieu of Peate and Emmett. Barlow by a lofty on-drive for three caused the three figures to be announced at ten minutes to 2. The Lancashireman then drove Mr Palmer to the off for two, and his companion gained four from an off-drive and three for a cut from the other end. These successes the Australian followed up by sending a ball of Palmer's into the pavilion. Two overs later Mr Bonnor made off and on drives for four, and when an adjournment was made for luncheon the score was 125 for three wickets, Mr Bonnor not out 63, Barlow not out 25.

The game was continued at a quarter to 3, the bowlers, as before, being Messrs Palmer and Giffen. Mr Bonnor drove the first ball to the on for three, after which the same batsman contributed three fine drives for four each. This rate on run-getting caused Mr Giffen to give way to Mr Spofforth at

142. The score then rose slowly, and the only items in eight overs were an off-drive for two and a single by Mr Bonnor. The latter then made a fine square leg hit for four, while a couple by Barlow to leg brought the 150 up at ten minutes past 3. The amateur drove Mr Palmer to the off for four. Mr Spofforth crossed over to his original end at 158, and Emmett went on. Mr Bonnor completed his hundred at 3.25 by a splendid drive over the pavilion and out of the ground off Mr Spofforth. He next placed that bowler to square leg for three, while, after obtaining a single off Emmett, he scored ten in an over off Mr Spofforth - viz., three on-drives (two fours and a two). The last-named bowler gave way to Mr Thornton at 181, but Mr Bonnor cut him for three and drove Emmett to the on for two. Peate resumed bowling in place of Emmett at 188. This alteration speedily proved successful as, after driving Peate for a couple, Mr Bonnor was taken at slip. He had played a very brilliant innings of 124, which comprised a six, 16 fours, seven threes, ten twos and singles. Since the fall of the last wicket no fewer than 152 runs had been put on. Four for 190.

Dr E M Grace joined Barlow, who, by a fine square-leg hit for four, caused 200 to be registered at 3.50. Mr Spofforth resumed bowling at 206, and the most noteworthy item for some time was an on-drive by Dr E M Grace for four off Mr Spofforth. The last-named batsman was bowled at 215, having made exactly the same number of runs as his brother. Five down. Mr Scott arrived, but only eight runs were added when Barlow was well caught at deep mid-off. Six for 223. Mr Scott, after being missed twice at point and once being stumped, was finely taken at slip; and Wright, who followed in, was bowled first ball. Eight for 229. Mr O'Brien skied the ball to Emmett at extra mid-off at 250; and Mr Spofforth, bowling Pilling, brought the innings to a close at half-past 4. Total, 250.

After the customary interval, Messrs Thornton and M'Donnell opened the Smoker's innings to the bowling of Barlow and Dr W G Grace. An appeal for leg-before against Mr Thornton was answered in the negative. The score was slowly carried to eight when Mr Thornton was smartly taken at the wicket. One down. Mr Giffen arrived, but only 18 runs were recorded when Dr Grace bowled Mr M'Donnell, while two singles later Lord Harris was caught at point off the same bowler. Three down. Gunn joined Mr Giffen, who was brilliantly caught and bowled by Dr W G Grace, who took the ball very low down with his right hand. Up to the present Dr W G Grace's analysis is as follows: - 13 overs and three balls (seven maidens), eight runs, three wickets. With the fall of the fourth wicket stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 September, page 10)

Considering the excellent all-round cricket shown on Monday, in this match at Lord's, for the benefit of the Cricketers' Fund, it was not surprising that another large company visited the Marylebone Club Ground yesterday to witness the second and, as it proved, the last day's play. The weather was delightfully fine and 5,169 persons passed through the turnstiles. It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Monday evening, the Non-Smokers having completed an innings for 250, had dismissed four of their opponents for 25.

Mr Bowden and Gunn (not out 1) continued the Smokers' innings at 20 minutes to 12 to the bowling of Dr Grace and Barlow. Mr Bowden drove through former to the on for three, while later on the Surrey amateur twice in succession hit Barlow to leg for four. Gunn drove Dr Grace to the off boundary; but the rate of run-getting then considerably slackened, and in 16 overs the only items were two two's by Mr Bowden and three byes. The Surrey batsman then played the Gloucestershire captain to leg for a couple, which brought 50 up at 12.20. Gunn drove Mr Grace to the on for four and cut him for two. Mr Bowden supplemented these hits by an on-drive for four. This punishment

of the bowling caused a two-fold change to be resorted to at 62, Wright and Mr Christopherson going on. In the latter's first over Mr Bowden secured five (four from an overthrow) and, in his second, Gunn drove him to the off boundary. Only three runs were added when Mr Bowden was missed by Mr Christopherson off Wright at cover-point, but a single later that batsman was run out, the ball being well returned by Wright. Five for 76. During the late partnership 51 runs had been put on.

Mr Palmer did not long have the company of Gunn, who was bowled without alteration in the figures, while Mr Spofforth was dismissed in a similar manner at the same total. Seven for 76. Mr Clarke aided Mr Palmer. The new batsman placed the Kent bowler finely to leg for four and also cut him for two. Two byes were recorded, after which Dr Grace threw Mr Palmer out from cover-point. Eight for 84. Emmett arrived. Runs were obtained with great difficulty and seven maidens were sent down. Emmett then snicked Mr Christopherson for four and Mr Clarke secured two from the other bowler. The amateur gained four for a cut from Mr Christopherson, and at 96 the latter gave way to Barlow, while Dr W G Grace superseded Wright. The 100 was announced at 1.25, but, seven runs later, Emmett was well taken at deep mid-off. Nine down. Peate fell a victim to the wicket-keeper, the innings closing at 25 minutes to 2 for 111.

The game was not continued until 5 minutes to 3, when the Smokers, who were 139 behind, followed on. Mr M'Donnell and Mr Clarke were the first pair of batsmen. Dr W G Grace opened the bowling from the nursery end with a maiden. Mr Clarke cut Mr Christopherson, who was intrusted with the attack at the pavilion wicket, for two, the ball being nearly secured by Mr Bonnor at slip. The same batsman placed Dr Grace to leg for three. Mr M'Donnell drove each bowler to the off for four, while, after his companion had made another leg hit for three, he obtained a like number by a similar stroke. Mr M'Donnell should have been caught at cover-slip when he had scored 13. He profited little, however, by his escape, as he was soon afterwards bowled in attempting to drive a ball of Mr Grace's. One for 26.

Mr Giffen joined Mr Clarke. The former was appealed against for "leg before," but the decision was given in the batsman's favour. The Australian drove Grace to the off for three, and Mr Clarke cut the fast bowler for four. Mr Giffen secured the like number for a leg hit, while his partner obtained a couple from an off-drive. Mr Christopherson handed the ball to Barlow at 45. Only two runs were added, however, when Mr Clarke was taken by the wicket-keeper at the other end. Two for 45. Lord Harris followed in, and by a leg-hit to the boundary caused 50 to be signalled at half-past 3. Mr Giffen played on at 53, a single later Lord Harris was bowled, while, without addition, Mr Bowden fell to cover-point. Five for 54.

Mr Thornton and Gunn now occupied the wickets. The amateur, having gained a single, drove Dr Grace to the off for four and to the on for a couple. The same batsman drove each bowler to the off-boundary, while Gunn played Dr Grace square for four. The professional next cut the Gloucestershire captain twice for two. The score, principally by singles, was advanced to 92. Mr Christopherson then relieved Dr Grace. Half a dozen overs produced a couple of runs. The amateur then cut Mr Christopherson for four, and a single by Gunn from the other end made the score 100 at half-past 4. A two-fold change in the attack was tried at 104, Wright and Mr Bonnor going on. The latter alteration immediately proved successful, as off the first ball Mr Thornton was well taken at deep third man. Six for 104. Since the fall of the last wicket 50 runs had been added. Mr Palmer aided Gunn. The former made an on-drive for two and a couple of singles; but, after Gunn had cut Wright for two, the Australian was easily stumped. Seven for 110.

Mr Spofforth was next on the order. A ball of Mr Bonnor's went for four byes, and then Gunn hit

the last-named bowler finely to square leg for four. The professional was next credited with a two and three singles, which Mr Spofforth supplemented by leg hits for two and three. Dr Grace displaced Wright at 128, and off his third delivery Mr Spofforth was easily caught at point. Eight down. Emmett followed in. The Yorkshireman sent a ball of Dr Grace's to leg for four, and Gunn, after cutting Barlow for two, drove him to the off-boundary, which hit averted the innings defeat at 5.25. Mr Christopherson went on in lieu of Barlow at 142, and four runs later the latter was tried at Dr Grace's end. Four byes were recorded from Barlow's first ball, but the second proved fatal to Emmett. Nine for 150. Peate soon skied the ball into the hands of point, and the venture closed at 20 minutes to 6 for 152. Gunn's excellent not-out innings included four 4's and six 2's.

The Non-Smokers wanted 14 to win, and at ten minutes to 6 sent in Dr E M Grace and Mr Christopherson. Mr Spofforth and Peate were the bowlers. The former started with a maiden. Mr Christopherson drove Peate to the off for two; and an off-drive by the same batsman for a couple was increased to six by an overthrow. Mr Christopherson was then splendidly caught at long-off by Gunn. One for eight. Mr O'Brien joined Dr Grace. The former played Peate to leg for two. Mr Palmer superseded the Yorkshireman at 10; but Mr O'Brien, by cutting Mr Spofforth for a single, which was made two by an overthrow, won the match for the Non-Smokers at 6 o'clock by nine wickets.