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26 April: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3044.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 April, page 8)

In consequence of the increased number of matches this year it was found advisable to begin the cricket season earlier than usual, and yesterday Surrey and Gloucestershire began the first match. Both counties were well represented, but two notable absentees were Dr E M Grace from the western county and Mr W E Roller from Surrey. The weather was delightfully fine, and about 15,000 people visited Kennington Oval to watch the play.

Gloucestershire began batting, on an excellent wicket, a few minutes after noon with Dr W G Grace and Gilbert. Lohmann (pavilion end) and Beaumont were intrusted with the bowling. The former opened with a maiden. Beaumont's third delivery proved fatal to Dr Grace, who was well caught by Abel standing rather deep at slip. Only three runs had then been recorded, two of which were credited to the retiring batsman. Mr Brain, who followed in, soon secured three by a late cut, after which six overs were sent down for half as many runs. With only nine registered, Gilbert was out to a neat catch at point, and Mr Townsend joined Mr Brain. The last-named gentleman drove each bowler for four in fine style, but when he appeared well set he was caught at cover slip. Three for 21.

Mr Radcliffe aided Mr Townsend. The batsmen soon began to score freely. Mr Townsend drove Lohmann thrice for four, the ball on one occasion going over the covered stand, and cut him with a like result. He also obtained three by an on drive from the other end, while his companion secured six by two leg hits. An alteration in the bowling was tried at 48, Jones superseding Lohmann, but a leg hit for two by Mr Radcliffe brought the score to 50 after as many minutes' play. The rate on run-getting now slackened, yet, as no wicket fell, a further change in the attack was made, Beaumont at 62 giving way to Abel. Two fours – a cut and a drive – by Mr Townsend were the principal items for a considerable time. Gradually, however, the score reached 78, when Beaumont resumed bowling in lieu of Abel. In his fourth over Mr Radcliffe obtained four and three by a cut and a drive, so that at 90 Beaumont gave way to Lohmann. Mr Radcliffe scored 10 (including two drives for four) off the latter's first three deliveries, and, at a quarter to 2, the 100 was signalled amid loud applause. Without addition, however, Mr Radcliffe was easily taken at mid-on. Since the fall of the last wicket 79 runs had been added. Mr Page followed in, and when the luncheon interval arrived the score stood at 103.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, the bowlers were still Jones and Lohmann. Thirteen overs produced 21 runs. Beaumont then relieved Lohmann, but Mr Townsend drove him finely to the off boundary while leg hits by Mr Page realized four and three. At 142 Jones crossed over to the gasometer wicket and his place was taken by Abel. Mr Townsend, however, quickly contributed eight, which caused 150 to be signalled at 3.25. He then lost the company of Mr Page, who was clean bowled, and Painter filled the vacancy.

Beaumont displaced Abel at 156, but Mr Townsend hit both bowlers with great freedom. He obtained 12 by three off drives, and also cut Beaumont for four. After being badly hit on the hand by Jones, he drove the latter twice for four and two, and completed his hundred at ten minutes to 4. After Painter had been caught at third man, Mr Townsend's fine innings was closed by a ball from Beaumont, which took the off stump. He had played in quite his old style for 106, which comprised 16 fours, five threes, three twos and singles. Seven for 194. Without alteration in the figures Gregg

was taken at slip, while a run later both Woof and Mr Bush were disposed of, the innings closing at half-past 4. [Bowling figures follow.]

It was a quarter to 5 when Abel and Mr Shuter opened the Surrey innings. Woof and Dr Grace were the bowlers. In the latter's second over the Surrey captain was bowled, the first wicket falling for four runs. Mr Key aided Abel. The amateur drove a ball from Dr Grace to the boundary, after which Abel was nearly caught at deep square leg off the same bowler. Mr Brain made a determined effort to secure the ball, but running sideways with the sun in his eyes he failed to hold it. Abel then secured a couple of fours by leg hits from Dr Grace, who handed the ball to Gregg at 30. This professional speedily bowled Mr Key, who had made 11 in good style. Mr W W Read joined Abel and, although the bowling underwent further changes, he batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 April, page 7)

The cricket at Kennington Oval yesterday, when the match between Surrey and Gloucestershire was continued, proved exceptionally interesting. Between 7,000 and 8,000 spectators were present, the weather again being very fine. When play ceased on Monday evening the score stood: - Gloucestershire, first innings, 195; Surrey, 82 for two wickets.

Yesterday morning, at 20 minutes to 12, Abel (not out 38) and Mr W W Read (not out 32) were confronted by Woof and Gregg. The bowling proved good and runs were obtained with difficulty. Twelve overs were sent down for nine runs, after which Mr Read began to hit freely, and by a cut for two he caused 100 to be signalled at five minutes past 12. Dr Grace superseded Gregg at 110, but in his first over Mr Read obtained four by a leg hit. Painter relieved Dr Grace at 127 and, after Abel had scored a four and a single, the new bowler succeeded in getting rid of Mr Read, who was stumped, the ball rebounding off the wicket-keeper's pads. During the late partnership 102 runs had been obtained, 69 of which were contributed by Mr Read, whose chief figures were seven fours, four threes and eight twos.

Maurice Read followed in. He soon began to hit vigorously, and among other items scored two fours by drives. Further variations in the attack were tried, Dr Grace going on for Woof at 151, while four runs later Gregg displaced Painter. The former change ought to have proved successful, as when Abel had obtained 60 he was missed by Gregg at mid-on. Four drives to the boundary by Read were the principal contributions during the next few overs, the 200 being registered at 120. Shortly afterwards Read was very finely caught by Mr Page running in from long-on, and four wickets were down for 201.

Diver, who was next in, speedily played Woof to leg for four, while later on he cut and drove the same bowler with a like result. Diver continued to score in brilliant style and caused the attack to be frequently changed. Gilbert relieved Mr Hale at 235, and an addition of eight saw Dr Grace bowling in lieu of Woof. Gregg then missed Abel at mid-on off Dr Grace, the batsman having at that time scored 85. At luncheon time the score was 254.

On resuming, Gilbert and Dr Grace were again the bowlers. Abel sent the former to leg for four, while Diver drove Dr Grace for a similar number. From the third delivery of the Gloucestershire captain, however, Diver was dismissed by a well-judged catch at deep square-leg. He had played very fine cricket for 41. Five for 262. Gilbert caught and bowled Mr Bowden, and the last ball of the same over proved fatal to Wood, both wickets falling with the total still at 262. Lohmann

stopped while Abel completed his hundred with a leg hit for four, but was then bowled by Dr Grace. Abel next fell to an easy catch at extra mid-off. He had played a good innings of 110, which had occupied a little over four hours. His principal hits were ten fours, five threes and 15 twos. Nine for 285. Jones was given out leg before, and the innings closed at 325. Dr Grace claimed four wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 90 runs Gloucestershire began their second innings at a quarter to 4. Dr Grace and Gilbert again opened the batting, the bowlers being Beaumont and Lohmann. Only four runs were recorded when Gilbert played on. Three drives by the latter realized ten runs, while his companion obtained two fours by a leg hit and an on drive. At 33 Jones relieved Beaumont, who was put on at the other end while 13 had been added. Despite these alterations the 50 was reached at half-past 4. Beaumont gave way to Abel at 59, and when five more were recorded Dr Grace was stumped off the same bowler. Two for 64.

Further misfortunes quickly befell Gloucestershire. At 66 Mr Brain was bowled (middle stump) and ten runs later Mr Townsend was well taken at long-on by Maurice Read. Mr Page was bowled without alteration in the figures, while Painter, after making several hard hits, was out in a similar manner. Six for 87. Mr Hale joined Mr Radcliffe, who by an off-drive for four averted the possibility of an innings defeat, at 25 minutes past 5. The three figures were soon reached, and as runs were obtained rather freely Lohmann resumed bowling for Abel at 105. Beaumont also relieved Jones at 113, while shortly afterwards Abel was again tried at the gasometer end. The latter change quickly proved effective, as in the first over Mr Radcliffe was caught on the leg side at the wicket. Stumps were then drawn . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 29 April, page 7)

The rain of Tuesday night had a perceptible effect on the wicket at Kennington Oval yesterday, when the first county match of the season was concluded. At the drawing of stumps the previous evening, the game was apparently a foregone conclusion for Surrey, as the visitors, with seven wickets down in their second innings, were only 28 runs to the good.

It was 20 minutes to 12 when Mr Hale (not out) 10 and Gregg resumed the Gloucestershire batting. Abel and Jones (pavilion end) conducted the bowling. A drive for two by each batsman advanced the score to 122. Mr Hale then secured a single. In the next eight overs only three items (two twos and a four, a leg snick by Gregg) were recorded. With the score at 131, Beaumont relieved Jones, while, after Mr Hale had hit Abel to leg for four, the last-named bowler gave way to Lohmann. At 140 Mr Hale lost the company of Gregg, who fell to an easy catch at slip. Woof followed in. He soon obtained a four in the slips and, later, two by an on-drive. A maiden over from each bowler followed; then a single by Mr Hale caused 150 to be telegraphed at 12.20. After a good cut by Woof had realized four, Mr Hale was very finely caught at slip by Abel, who took the ball very low down with his right hand. The retiring batsman had played in a most promising style for 24.

Mr Bush came next and Jones went on for Lohmann. In his first over Woof gave a very difficult chance at slip, but Gloucestershire did not profit by the let-off, as before a run had been added, Mr Bush was clean bowled. Time 12.30. Beaumont claimed four wickets . . .

Requiring 65 for victory, Surrey began their second innings at 10 minutes to 1 with Mr Bowden and Abel. Woof and Dr Grace (pavilion end) were the bowlers. The first two overs produced twice as many runs. Mr Bowden then sent Woof to leg for three, immediately after which Abel had the

misfortune to play on. One for seven. Mr Key came in. He obtained a single from each bowler, while his companion secured two by a leg hit. Mr Key then gave a very difficult chance to Mr Townsend at mid-off. Profiting by his escape, the Oxford batsman drove a ball from Dr Grace on to the roof of the pavilion for four. Two maiden overs followed, and then Mr Bowden, who had been several times beaten by Woof, was bowled. Two for 16. Rain now began to fall heavily and the players retired. As it had not ceased at 10 minutes to 2 o'clock the luncheon interval was taken.

The weather soon afterwards cleared up and the game was resumed at 20 minutes to 3. Mr Walter Read joined Mr Key, the bowlers as before being Dr Grace and Woof. Four overs were sent down for a single, after which Mr Key was caught at the wicket. Three for 17. Maurice Read, who filled the vacancy, soon scored four and three by leg hits, while his namesake gained three by a cut. Each batsman made a leg hit to the boundary. At 36 Mr W W Read struck his wicket. Matters now looked none too promising for Surrey as with four good batsmen out they still required 29 to win. A further misfortune soon after befell the home county immediately afterwards as Diver, from the next ball, was very finely caught at extra mid-off. Five for 36.

Mr Shuter followed in. When three runs had been added, Maurice Read gave two very difficult chances of stumping. He then obtained three by a leg hit and two by an on drive. Mr Shuter, by a cut for four, sent up 50 at 3.20. Maurice Read next gained four and three by drives, and a few minutes later by a cut for two he won the match for Surrey by five wickets. Woof, who had bowled very well, secured five wickets . . .

10 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3045.html)

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

Dr W G Grace played a very fine innings of 80 at Lord's yesterday, when a powerful Marylebone team encountered the Kent Eleven. At the beginning of the game the weather was fine, but after 1 o'clock it became dull, while during the time that Kent were in rain fell slightly. The Marylebone innings closed at 5 o'clock of 230. Wootton claimed three wickets . . .

Mr Hine-Haycock and F Hearne began the Kent innings at 5.20. Dr Grace and Barnes conducted the bowling. F Hearne was out at 29, and G G Hearne came in. Although Flowers and Mr Robertson were put on to bowl, the batsmen played out time . . .

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

Owing to the rain, no progress could be made with this match at Lord's yesterday. Play will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock.

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

The weather was again very wet yesterday, and this match at Lord's, which began on Monday, was abandoned. Play was to have been resumed at 11 o'clock, but at that hour the weather was still very bad . . .

13 May: LORD SHEFFIELD'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3046.html)

Thursday 13 May, page 10

To-day, at Sheffield-park, the Australians play their first match against a powerful team chosen by Lord Sheffield. It is composed of Dr W G Grace, Messrs W W Read and W Newham, with Ulyett, Barnes, Shrewsbury, Scotton, Shaw, Bates, Flowers and H Phillips. The visitors' eleven will be selected this morning from Messrs Scott, Blackham, Palmer, Jones, Bruce, Bonnor, M'Ilwraith, Spofforth, Garrett, Giffen, Jarvis, Evans and Trumble.

Yesterday the team, with the exceptions of Messrs Bonnor and Spofforth, journeyed to Sheffield-park and were received by his lordship. In the afternoon they practised in the park, as did also several of their opponents, among whom were Dr Grace and Mr Read.

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 May, page 10)

In the picturesque grounds of Sheffield-park the Australians began the first match of their tour yesterday, when they were opposed by an England team selected by the Earl of Sheffield. Unfortunately heavy rain fell during the night and yesterday morning, which rendered the turf very soft. Despite the inclement weather the special trains from London and Brighton to the scene of the match were well filled, and when play began at 3.15 there was a large ring of spectators, numbering quite 6,000. The English team played as advertised, while the Australians left out Messrs Trumble and M'Ilwraith. During the afternoon the band of the Royal Artillery played a selection of music.

The innings of the Australians lasted two hours and a half. Mr Scott showed the best batting. Mr Bonnor hit in his well-known style, but he should have been caught by Ulyett in the long field when he had obtained 11. The patience with which Mr Jones played will be gathered from the fact that he was in 55 minutes for eight runs. Altogether the English fielding was good while their bowling proved excellent. In the latter department Dr Grace claimed four wickets . . .

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

The Englishmen gained an immense advantage yesterday in this match at Sheffield-park, as when stumps were drawn they only required 18 runs to win and had eight wickets to fall. Although the weather was dull there were fully 12,000 persons present, and the cricket was watched with keen interest. When play ceased on Thursday evening the visitors, who went in first, had completed an innings for 98. Yesterday the wicket by no means improved, for it played treacherously throughout.

At 11.35 Dr Grace and Scotton started the batting of Lord Sheffield's team, the bowlers being Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Mr Jarvis kept wicket. From the first ball Scotton was missed off Mr Spofforth by Mr Scott at short leg. After this the batting proved very good, the Gloucestershire captain doing most of the scoring. Dr Grace fell to a catch at mid-on. Ulyett joined Scotton, who should have been easily run out; but Messrs Jarvis, Scott and Garrett between them missed the opportunity. Ulyett was bowled at 40, and an addition of five saw the dismissal of Mr Read, the famous Surrey amateur being out to an appeal for "leg-before." Three down.

Shrewsbury and Scotton now became partners. Both batsmen showed excellent cricket, and at 57 the Australians altered the bowling, Mr Palmer giving way to Mr Garrett. Shrewsbury was now missed being run out, Mr Jarvis failing to hold the ball. Shortly afterwards Scotton fell to a catch at forward point, while in the same over the ball found its way into Mr Newham's wicket. Notwithstanding the chances, Scotton had played remarkably well. Barnes aided Shrewsbury. The latter was run out at 77, owing to a brilliant piece of fielding by Mr Jones at long-on. Bates joined Barnes, who was missed at mid-on. With the score at 96 Bates was taken at cover-point, and his place was filled by Flowers. The last-named, by a drive for four, brought the 100 on the telegraph board. A single later Barnes, who had played fine cricket for 22, returned the ball, and after his departure the innings speedily closed. Time, 1.50; total, 105. Mr Garrett took six wickets . . .

After the luncheon interval the visitors, who were seven runs behind, began their second venture with Messrs Jones and Bonnor. Barnes and Dr Grace conducted the bowling. The score had only reached 13 when Barnes clean bowled Mr Jones's middle stump. The Nottingham professional also got Mr Scott out "leg-before" at 17. Mr Giffen joined Mr Bonnor, who twice hit Dr Grace over the ropes. At 34 Mr Giffen, before he had obtained a run, was bowled off his foot, and Mr Palmer came in. Ulyett then relieved Dr Grace, and the change quickly brought about the dismissal of Messrs Bonnor and Blackham. The former was finely caught at point, while the latter was bowled first ball by a "yorker." Both these wickets fell at 48.

Mr Garrett was easily caught at cover-point and Mr Palmer at deep third man. Seven for 57. Mr Palmer had a very good innings of 17. Mr Jarvis was bowled in attempting a hit to leg, and the last wicket fell at 5 o'clock for 70. Barnes secured seven wickets . . .

With 64 to win the Englishmen started batting at 5.20 with Scotton and Shrewsbury. The bowlers were Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. Mr Blackham kept wicket. Scotton was out leg-before at 13, but Ulyett, who came in, and Shrewsbury showed excellent defence and caused the bowling to be changed, Mr Palmer displacing Mr Garrett. Just before "Time" Ulyett was caught and bowled, and the home side were left with 18 to get to win and eight wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 May, page 10)

The Australian team lost the first match of their tour on Saturday, when they were beaten by the Earl of Sheffield's eleven at Sheffield-park, Uckfield, Sussex. From the state of the score no other result than this was expected, the Englishmen, with eight wickets to fall, only wanting 18 to win.

Shrewsbury (not out nine) was accompanied to the wicket on Saturday morning by Bates. Messrs Evans and Spofforth were the bowlers. The Yorkshireman was missed in the long field by Mr Garrett off Mr Evans, after which the runs necessary for victory were obtained in a quarter of an hour . . . [Bowling figures follow.]

13 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3047.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 May, page 10)

Yesterday the weather was too unfavourable for a start to be made in this match at Lord's, and after a considerable time it was decided to postpone the game until this morning.

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

This match began yesterday at Lord's, the rain having prevented the start on Thursday. The rain of the previous three days had rendered the turf very heavy. The weather was dull and cold when, shortly after 11 o'clock, the home team went in. They made a very bad start, as with only three runs scored, Gunn was bowled. Wickets then fell rapidly, and several were down with the record at 25. Davenport and Mr Turberville then became partners, and exactly doubled the figures before the amateur was clean bowled. Wootton was then caught at cover-point at 68, and five runs later Rylott was bowled, the innings having lasted an hour and three-quarters. Davenport carried out his bat for 37. Mr Walker claimed four wickets . . .

Derbyshire, on going in, lost three wickets for 27. Chatterton then joined Cropper. Although numerous alterations in the bowling were made, these players advanced the score to 75 before Cropper was bowled. Sugg, who followed, was dismissed at 93 by a brilliant catch at long-on by W Hearn. Chatterton continued to hit vigorously and had got to 93 when he was stumped. His good innings included five fours, ten threes and 16 twos. He was out ninth at 172, and a single later the last wicket fell. Of the five bowlers tried only Attewell and Wootton proved effective. The former took six wickets . . .

Requiring 100 runs to avert an innings defeat, Marylebone went in a second time at 5.40. They had lost four wickets for 21 runs when Captain Spens and G G Hearne became partners. The former hit with freedom, and when stumps were drawn the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard given.]

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 May, page 10)

As was generally anticipated at the close of Friday's play, the county team had little difficulty in beating their opponents at Lord's on Saturday. When the game was resumed Marylebone, with six wickets to fall, required 61 to avert the innings defeat.

Captain Spens and G G Hearne, the not-outs with 15 and four, continued the M.C.C. second innings at 11 o'clock. Mr Walker and Davidson were the bowlers. The former with his second delivery bowled the amateur. Five for 39. Attewell, who followed, was got rid of by Davidson at 44, and a single later Mr Turberville was bowled. Thirteen runs were added while Mr Welman and Hearne were together, and then the former was taken at point. Wootton was next in. G G Hearne skied the ball to mid-off at 69, three runs later Wootton was bowled, and the innings closed at 11.45.

The wicket, owing to the sun after the heavy rain, played very treacherously. Mr Walker again bowled with remarkable success. He claimed six wickets . . .

17 May: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128310.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 May, page 5)

In dull weather and on a soft wicket these counties began a match yesterday at Kennington Oval. Play commenced shortly after 1 o'clock, when the visitors went in. The first batsmen were Messrs Seymour and Bonham-Carter; the bowling was intrusted to Mr Roller and Bowley.

Only three had been recorded when Mr Seymour was neatly caught at slip. Mr Powell and Mr Bonham-Carter were now together. Both played cautiously, and the score was slowly raised to 25, when a change in the bowling was tried, Lohmann superseding Bowley, while six runs later Jones went on at the other end. The cricket was still very slow; but the former change soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Powell, who also fell to a catch at slip. Two for 37. Mr Lacey was bowled and Mr Bonham-Carter caught at slip. With the exception of Leat, the remaining batsmen did little, and the innings closed at 20 minutes to 5. Lohmann claimed four wickets . . .

On Surrey going in, three wickets fell for 21. Messrs Read and Roller then became partners and advanced the score to 99 before the former was out. He was missed at third man by Tate when he had made 19, and also gave a difficult chance to Young at short slip at 34. His chief hits were five fours, five threes and three twos. Mr Roller played excellent cricket.

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

Surrey had little difficulty in beating the Hampshire Eleven at Kennington Oval yesterday afternoon. When play ceased the previous evening the home side, having dismissed their opponents for 69, had obtained 107 for the loss of four wickets. Shortly after 12 o'clock Messrs Roller and Abel, the not-outs, resumed the Surrey batting. The innings closed for 188 runs.

Hampshire, who required 119 runs to avert an innings defeat, began their second venture at a quarter to 3. Messrs Bonham-Carter and Seymour started the batting to the bowling of Beaumont and Abel. Five wickets fell for 43, and at half-past 4 the venture closed for 69, Surrey being victorious by an innings and 50 runs.

17 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3049.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 May, page 5)

The heavy rain of the past few days in the Midlands had rendered the ground at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, so heavy that yesterday it was decided to postpone this match until to-day at 11.30.

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

There was very little cricket at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, owing to the heavy rain. It will be remembered that, for the same reason, a start could not be made on Monday, and yesterday, after the game had been in progress an hour and a quarter, rain again stopped the contest.

The Australians, who left out Messrs Bruce and Jarvis, won the toss and went in first on a slow, but by no means difficult, wicket. Messrs Jones and Bonnor were confronted at 11.44 by Barnes and Shacklock. Mr Bonnor hit the latter twice for four, but at 16 he lost the company of Mr Jones, who was caught at cover-point. Mr Scott came in, and when seven runs had been added, the bowling underwent a change, Walter Wright displacing Shacklock. Runs were obtained with great difficulty, and at the end of an hour the score had only reached 33. Shaw displaced Barnes at 44; but at 1 o'clock the rain caused the players to retire. The weather gradually got worse, and at half-past 3 the game was postponed until this morning. Both batsmen showed excellent cricket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 May, page 6)

The game between the Australians and the champion county was yesterday left drawn. Owing to the rain little headway had been made with the match on the two previous days, and when the contest was resumed yesterday morning the score stood – Australians 50 runs for one wicket. The weather proved fine and a large number of spectators visited the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham.

On a treacherous wicket Mr Bonnor and Mr Scott, the not outs with 28 and 13, continued the Colonial batting. Shaw and Walter Wright were intrusted with the attack. The score was gradually increased to 60, and then the home captain bowled Mr Scott. Mr Giffen followed in, but without alteration in the figures Mr Bonnor was also dismissed. Mr Trumble aided Mr Giffen, who was run out at 62.

Matters now went very badly for the visitors. At 63 Mr Trumble was stumped, and at 65 Mr Blackham was dismissed. Messrs Palmer and M'Ilwraith were in together a considerable time; the former, after being at the wicket three-quarters of an hour for four, was bowled. Mr M'Ilwraith was out in a similar manner at 72. Messrs Garrett and Spofforth then became partners, and before the last-named was got rid of the score reached 90. Mr Evans kept up his wicket, while his companion (Mr Garrett) scored, and the "100" was soon signalled. Nine runs later Mr Garrett was run out, and the innings closed at five minutes to 2. Shaw claimed four wickets . . .

After the luncheon interval Nottinghamshire went in, Scotton and Shrewsbury opening the defence to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Giffen. With the score at 14 Scotton was out leg-before,

and then the wickets fell rapidly. Shrewsbury was bowled at 17, four runs later Barnes was out leg-before, at 22 Gunn was bowled, and at 33 and 38 Flowers and Wright were also got rid of in a like manner. Six down. Selby and Shacklock now made a determined stand, and the score was advanced to 67 before the last-named was beaten by a ball from Spofforth. Two more batsmen were out at 72, Attewell being bowled and Selby taken at mid-off. Shaw and Sherwin obtained 32 for the last wicket. The Notts captain, however, gave two chances, one at the wicket and one in the long field. Mr Spofforth claimed six wickets . . .

The Australians, who were five runs ahead only, had 20 minutes' batting, and the match was then left drawn . . .

May 17: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3048.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 May, page 5)

The heavy rain yesterday morning completely saturated the turf at Lord's, and a start in the match between Marylebone and Lancashire was postponed until to-day.

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

It is seldom that a match which ranks as first-class can be decided in one day, but an illustration was furnished yesterday, when Lancashire beat Marylebone in six hours and three-quarters. This result reminded one of the memorable contest eight years ago on the same ground, when the first team of Australians beat Marylebone. Yesterday the wicket had by no means recovered from the recent rain, which, together with the hot sun, gave the bowlers an immense advantage. That they made good use of their opportunity will be gathered by a glance at the score and analysis.

It was a quarter past 11 when Marylebone started batting. Watson and Briggs, who were the bowlers, had matters nearly all their own way. Five wickets were down for only 20 runs, and the remaining batsmen only added 10. Mr Hadow, who was the highest scorer, made a good straight drive for four and an off-drive for three. These were the best strokes of the innings, which occupied precisely an hour. Watson took six wickets . . .

Lancashire did rather better than their opponents; but they were only 23 ahead at the fall of the last wicket. Rylott took seven wickets . . .

Marylebone began their second innings after the luncheon interval. West and Davenport started very well, the wicket apparently having slightly improved. After West had been run out, however, wickets fell rapidly. Some free hitting by Frank Hearne, Fothergill and Mr Leatham improved matters for the home eleven, and Lancashire were eventually left with 70 to obtain for victory. Barlow secured five wickets . . .

On the visitors going in a second time, Mr Hornby played a very fine innings of 50, which included six threes and seven twos. He went in first and was out fourth at 66. Four runs were still required when Messrs Kemp and Roper became partners, and these were soon obtained, the Light Blue making the winning hit (a three to leg) at 6 o'clock.

20 May: SURREY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3052.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 May, page 10)

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor, was present as a spectator of this match yesterday. It is some years since the Prince was present at a cricket match of importance in London. His Royal Highness, with Prince Albert Victor, arrived at the Oval at 25 minutes past 5. The Australians, with Messrs W W Read, W E Roller and J Shuter, were subsequently introduced to the Prince.

Yesterday was the first of the Australians' matches in London and, despite the unsettled state of the weather, there were about 8,000 people present. When the contest began the weather looked very threatening, and rain interfered with the game shortly before 1 o'clock. It caused an interval of more than two hours. The Australians, who lost the toss, left out Messrs Spofforth and M'Ilwraith, the former gentleman being too unwell to take part in the game. Surrey were batting the greater part of the day on a slow but by no means difficult wicket.

At a quarter past 12 the Australians appeared in the field, and Abel and Mr Shuter began the batting for Surrey. Messrs Evans and Giffen were the bowlers. The Surrey captain was well caught deep in front of square-leg when the score stood at 17. Diver came in. Among other items he made two fine cuts to the boundary, but at 35 he was caught by Mr Bonnor running in from the long field. Rain, which had been falling slightly since the start, now came down heavily, and the players retired at ten minutes to 1.

At three o'clock Mr Read and Abel went on with the Surrey innings. Messrs Giffen and Evans were again the bowlers. Runs were then obtained very slowly, nine overs producing only seven. Mr Read then gained four by an on-drive, and at 3.20 a single by Abel brought 50 on the telegraph board. Abel next made a lofty hit on the leg side, and in attempting a second run he lost his wicket. Three for 51. Maurice Read came in, and when four singles had been recorded Mr Garrett displaced Mr Evans. Two runs later Mr Palmer relieved Mr Giffen. A dozen overs were now sent down for 14 runs, the principal items being two drives for four and three by Maurice Read. Mr Walter Read was then completely beaten by the first ball of Mr Palmer's seventh over. Four for 71.

Mr Roller followed in. Messrs Evans and Giffen resumed bowling and this change proved effective, as Mr Evans in his third over bowled Maurice Read, leg-stump. Five for 89. Wood joined Mr Roller. Runs were obtained at a much quicker rate, and 100 was signalled at 4.20. Mr Palmer now superseded Mr Giffen. Wood for a time hit freely, but Mr Roller called him for a sharp run at 110, through which he lost his wicket. Lohmann, who came next, soon hit Mr Palmer to square-leg for four. Mr Garrett again relieved Mr Evans at 115. Mr Roller very soon after had his leg-stump upset. Jones joined Lohmann. Both batsmen hit freely, so that at 134 Mr Palmer gave way to Mr Trumble. Nine runs later Mr Bruce displaced Mr Garrett and Mr Evans went on at the other end at 146. Without alteration in the figures, Jones skied the ball to third man, and his place was taken by Bowley.

Lohmann by a single sent up 150 at 5.20. He next gained four by an on-drive from Mr Bruce, who gave way to Mr Garrett at 155. Lohmann, however, continued to hit in fine style, and among his contributions were two on-drives to the boundary. Bowley was easily caught at cover-point at 169, and a couple of runs later the innings closed at 5.45, Beaumont being taken at mid-off. Lohmann,

who had played in excellent style, carried out his bat for 43. Six bowlers were tried. Mr Evans took three wickets . . .

Messrs Palmer and Trumble started the Australian innings at ten minutes past 6, to the bowling of Lohmann and Beaumont. Off the last ball of the latter's first over Mr Trumble scored a single. Ten overs produced nine runs, the chief item being a fine hit to leg by Mr Trumble for a couple. Bowley then went on for Beaumont. Mr Palmer was out leg-before for 12, while Mr Evans was clean bowled with the next ball. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 May, page 14)

For the favourable position which they now hold Surrey are considerably indebted to Lohmann. Yesterday he followed up his success with the bat by some very fine bowling. It seemed very probable that at one time that the game would have been finished last night, especially when the Australians, after following on, had lost three of their best wickets and were still 52 runs behind. But then followed the fine batting of Messrs Blackham, Bonnor and Giffen, the last-named of whom played by far the best innings up to the present in the match. The wicket, though apparently a little difficult at starting, played very well. During the whole day the weather was very fine, and there were about 12,000 people present at Kennington Oval. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Thursday the Australians, after dismissing their rivals for 171, had lost two wickets for 12 runs.

Messrs Bonnor and Trumble (not out) continued the visitors' batting at five minutes past 12. Bowley (pavilion end) and Lohmann were the bowlers. In the latter's second over Mr Bonnor should have been easily caught at cover-point by Bowley, who missed him from a skier. The bowling proved very true and the batsmen displayed great caution. The first eight overs produced as many runs; but at 23 Mr Bonnor was bowled by a shooter. Three down. Mr Jones, who came next, and Mr Trumble played very carefully, and the only hit of importance was a four in the slips by the former. Lohmann dismissed Mr Trumble with a bailer at 33, and his place was taken by Mr Scott.

Runs proved very difficult to obtain; but, after eight consecutive maidens, each batsman made a fine cut for four. The Australian captain was bowled at 45, and thus, with half their wickets down, the visitors still required 47 to avert the follow on. Only two were added when Bowley clean bowled both Messrs Garrett and Jones with the second and fourth balls of an over. Mr Jarvis, who joined Mr Giffen, nearly played on, the ball striking the wicket without removing the bails. Profiting by his escape, he soon cut Bowley for three, which caused 50 to be signalled at a quarter past 1. During the next eight overs the chief hits were a cut for two and a leg-hit for four, all by Mr Jarvis. As the batsmen were scoring steadily Beaumont went on for Bowley at 63, while three singles later Jones relieved Lohmann. After Mr Jarvis had made a late cut for four, he was bowled by a very fine ball from Beaumont. Eight for [71]. Since the fall of the last wicket 24 runs had been added.

Mr Blackham came in and Mr Lohmann resumed bowling. He immediately dismissed Mr Giffen, who had been in three-quarters of an hour for four runs. Nine for 71. Twenty-one runs were still necessary to save the follow on when Mr Bruce, the last man, appeared. He was nearly run out in going for a third time from a cut; but when luncheon time arrived the score was 77.

Play was resumed at ten minutes to 3 o'clock. When five had been added, Mr Blackham was beaten by a ball from Lohmann. The latter had bowled with remarkable success, his six wickets

being taken at an average cost of six runs each. Bowley took three wickets for 24.

Being 89 runs behind, the Australians followed on at a quarter past 3 o'clock. Messrs Blackham and Jones began the second innings to the bowling of Lohmann and Bowley. Mr Blackham scored freely and, among other contributions, made several drives for four. Jones superseded Bowley at 18, and at 31 he bowled Mr Jones. Mr Scott's stay was brief and unproductive, as at 34 he was finely stumped. Mr Jarvis played on at 37, and three wickets were down and 52 still wanted to prevent the innings defeat. Mr Giffen, who followed on, obtained two on-drives for four and three, and at a quarter past 4 Mr Blackham, by a two in the slips, caused 50 to be signalled. Beaumont then relieved Lohmann, but after a time runs were scored very rapidly until, at 67, Mr Blackham was easily caught at mid-on. He had played an excellent innings of 43, which included five fours, three threes and five twos.

Mr Bonnor aided Mr Giffen. The bowling was at once altered, Lohmann going on for Jones at the pavilion wicket. His first over produced eight runs, increasing a fine drive by Mr Bonnor for four. Later on Mr Bonnor hit a ball from Lohmann among the people for four, while a single by Mr Giffen prevented an innings defeat at ten minutes to 5 o'clock. A double change was tried at 93; Bowley displaced Lohmann and Abel went on for Beaumont. Despite these alterations a few minutes after 5 an on-drive for two by Mr Bonnor brought the 100 on the telegraph board. He next drove Abel straight among the people for four and cut him for three; but at 114 Bowley clean bowled him. He had hit in his customary style for 34. Five for 114.

Mr Trumble came in and Beaumont resumed bowling in lieu of Abel. In his third over the new batsman was well taken at the wicket, and six were down for 117. Mr Palmer was bowled at 123, and Mr Bruce came in. The score rose steadily, and at 140 Jones displaced Bowley. Mr Giffen gave a very difficult chance to Beaumont at mid-on when he had made 40. A single later Jones bowled Mr Bruce, while at 152, Mr Garrett, who had been missed at slip, was taken at mid-off. Nine down. Mr Evans came in. Lohmann took the ball from Beaumont at 158; but the batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 May, page 10)

After a stoutly fought match Surrey beat the Australians on Saturday by three wickets. So well did the visitors play on the third day that when the luncheon bell rang there seemed to be every probability of their winning. However, some vigorous hitting by Mr Roller, Lohmann and Wood won the match for Surrey, amid great excitement.

The bowling and fielding of the Australians was very fine. Since the last visit of the Australians there has been a remarkable improvement in Surrey cricket, and it is some years since a Southern county was so capable of holding its own against all rivals as Surrey at the present time. The wicket at Kennington Oval on Saturday had been rendered rather treacherous by the heavy storm in the morning, and the weather was dull. Still, there were about 5,00 persons present.

Messrs Evans and Giffen, the not outs, with six and 53 respectively, continued the Australian batting at five minutes past 12. Lohmann and Jones (pavilion end) were the bowlers. Seven overs were sent down for a single, but from the second ball of the eighth over Mr Evans was caught by the wicket-keeper. Mr Giffen had played a fine not-out innings of 54, undoubtedly the best in the match. Included in his score were three fours, four threes and eight twos. Of the five bowlers tried, Jones had proved by far the most effective, his five wickets costing within a fraction of seven runs

each. Beaumont's three were captured for 39 runs. The venture closed at 12.20, the home eleven being left with 84 runs to get to win.

Surrey began their second innings after a quarter of an hour's interval with Abel and Mr Shuter. Messrs Evans (gasometer end) and Garrett were the bowlers. The first ball of the former Abel played carefully to leg for a couple, which was followed by four maidens. The next three overs produced twice as many runs – two cuts by Mr Shuter and a leg hit by Abel – for two each. A snick in the slips by the amateur made the score 10 after a quarter of an hour's play. Mr Shuter then drove Mr Garrett finely to the on for four but, having gained another single, he skied a short-pitched ball from Mr Evans and was easily caught by Mr Giffen at short mid-off. One for 15.

Diver, who followed in, made a leg-hit for two, and was then taken at slip – an easy catch. Two for 17. Mr W W Read aided Abel. The bowling and fielding of the visitors was very fine, and nine overs were sent down for two singles, both by the professional. Mr Read, after several attempts to get the ball away, then hit it into the hands of Mr Bruce at extra mid-off. The downfall of the famous Surrey amateur's wicket caused great dismay among the followers of the county, as, with three of their best batsmen out for 19, they still wanted 65 for victory.

Maurice Read was next in. He made the only item – an on drive for two – in four overs, after which five singles increased the score to 26. The bowling continued very true, and at the end of an hour from the beginning of the innings 30 runs were signalled. Shortly afterwards Maurice Read played Mr Garrett finely to square leg for four, and at 36 that bowler gave way to Mr Palmer. The separation, however, was effected by Mr Evans, who, with a very fine ball, completely beat Maurice Read. With four wickets down for 38 matters were looking by no means bright for Surrey.

After the luncheon interval Mr Roller accompanied Abel to the wickets. Messrs Evans and Palmer were again the bowlers. Having made a single Mr Roller obtained three by a leg hit, and later two from a cut; while Abel gained a couple by an on drive. Mr Garrett bowled in lieu of Mr Palmer at 46, but at five minutes to 3 the amateur by a cut caused 50 to appear on the telegraph board. From the second ball of Mr Garrett's third over, however, Abel was caught by Mr Jones at slip. He had played very carefully for 13. Five for 50.

The game now became very exciting. Two singles by Mr Roller were followed by a cut on the part of Wood for two. The professional was then nearly bowled at both ends, the ball on each occasion completely beating him. After several sharp runs Mr Roller played Mr Garrett to leg for two, and cut him with a like result. A single later a ball from Mr Evans bowled his middle stump out of the ground, and six wickets were down for 68.

When Lohmann came in the game had become even more exciting. The new batsman drove Mr Evans to the on for four and Wood obtained three by a cut. Surrey required only six for victory when Mr Giffen relieved Mr Garrett. With his third ball he got Wood out leg before, and seven wickets were down for 78. Jones came in. Lohmann obtained two singles and an on drive for two, which, with a leg-bye, equalized the scoring. Jones then gained a four to the on and won the match for Surrey by three wickets at 20 minutes to 4.

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3050.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 May, page 10)

Mr C I Thornton got together a powerful England eleven to play the University at Cambridge yesterday. The weather was threatening when the game began, but it afterwards improved. England, who went in first, batted well up to the luncheon interval, but on resuming the wickets fell rapidly, and the innings closed at ten minutes past 4. Mr Walker was at the wickets for two hours. Mr Rock claimed six wickets . . .

Against the bowling of Crossland and Chatterton the University batsmen could make little headway and nine wickets were down for 44, when Messrs Marchant and Moline became partners. These gentlemen put on 40 runs for the last wicket, and only a single was required to avert the follow-on when Mr Moline was dismissed. Mr Marchant hit three fours. Crossland took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 May, page 14)

Mr J A Turner played a very fine innings of 174 for the University against England at Cambridge yesterday. In a similar match last year he obtained over a hundred runs. Yesterday he was batting four hours and gave only one difficult chance. His chief hits were 20 fours, seven threes and 21 twos.

When the game was resumed yesterday morning Cambridge, being in a minority of 80, had to follow on. Two wickets fell for 142, and then Mr Crawley and Mr Turner put on 112 before the former was bowled by Crossland. Mr Buxton was out at 300, and Mr Turner, who went in first, a few overs later. Messrs Marchant and Hutson hit freely while they were together, but the last four wickets fell for as many runs, and England were left with 263 to get to win. Mr de Paravicini claimed four wickets . . .

England had half an hour's batting, and when stumps were drawn the score stood as follows: -
[Scorecard follows.]

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 May, page 10)

It is rarely that a side after following on wins the match, but the game between Cambridge University and an England team, which concluded on Saturday at Cambridge, proved an exception. When stumps were drawn on the previous day, the visitors, with nine wickets to fall, required 237 to win.

On Saturday Mr Thornton hit in his well-known style for 46 out of 61 made while he was in. His figures included a square-leg hit out of the ground for six and five fours. Mr Burls, who played a patient innings of 25, was at the wickets while 100 runs were obtained. Towards the finish Mr Vernon hit very finely, and his 37 comprised three fours, seven twos and singles. Owing to an injury to his knee, Mr Studd was unable to go in, and at half-past 3 the England team left the field beaten by 108 runs.

20 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3051.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 May, page 10)

There was an interesting day's cricket at Lord's yesterday, when a powerful eleven of the Marylebone Club met the Sussex team. The game, which began at 10 minutes past 12, had only been in progress an hour when it was stopped by rain. Play was not resumed until 3 o'clock, when the wicket was very soft. Mr Ellis was the only batsman who made a determined stand against the Marylebone bowling. Wootton claimed six wickets . . .

Dr Grace and F Hearne were the only batsmen who offered any resistance to the Sussex attacks. Between them they contributed 44 runs out of a total of 66. Jesse Hide took seven wickets . . .

Sussex went in a second time, and when stumps were drawn the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 May, page 14)

Marylebone were beaten for the third time this season yesterday at Lord's, when Sussex defeated them. The rain of the previous day, followed by a hot sun, caused the wicket to play very treacherously, and yesterday only two batsmen – both Sussex professionals – succeeded in making double figures. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Thursday evening Sussex, with three wickets down in their second innings, were 60 runs ahead.

Yesterday the visitors' venture quickly closed, and Marylebone were left with 14 to get to win. Wootton took six wickets . . . The home eleven offered little resistance to the Sussex bowling, and the visitors were left the winners by 59 runs. J Hide claimed five wickets . . .

24 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3053.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 May, page 10)

A considerable time before the hour fixed for the start in this match at Lord's yesterday, the ground was completely saturated, and shortly after 12 o'clock it was decided to abandon all idea of any play during the afternoon. Should the weather permit, a start will be made this morning at 11 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 May, page 10)

To have begun the match between the Marylebone Club and the Australians at Lord's yesterday would have been almost an impossibility, the heavy rain having completely saturated the ground. As the game was originally fixed for only two days, it was determined to abandon it.

24 May: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3054.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 May, page 10)

These counties were to have begun a match at Kennington Oval yesterday, but owing to the rain it was decided to postpone the game until this morning at half-past 11.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 May, page 10)

It will be remembered that, owing to the heavy rain on Monday, a start could not be made with this county match at Kennington Oval. Yesterday morning, however, at a quarter to 12, the game was begun, Surrey going in first on a soft wicket. The weather proved fine, and during the afternoon there was a numerous attendance of spectators.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 May, page 6)

Surrey defeated Yorkshire, after a close finish, at Kennington Oval yesterday. Throughout the game the wicket had been rather in favour of the bowlers, a fact which may be gleaned from the comparatively small scores made by both sides. When the match was resumed yesterday morning, Surrey, with three wickets down in their second innings, were 42 runs ahead. Mr Roller (not out 21) and Mr W W Read continued the batting at 20 minutes to 12, the bowlers being Emmett and Bates.

Runs were obtained with great difficulty. At 77 a twofold change in the attack was made, Peate and Ulyett going on. Ten overs produced 11 runs, after which Ulyett clean bowled Mr Read with a very fine ball. Diver, who followed in, was quickly bowled by a yorker, and his place was taken by Mr Shuter, and the total was unaltered when Mr Roller, who had played very finely, was also bowled. These three wickets all fell at 88.

Matters still went badly for Surrey, as only a single had been added when Lohmann returned the ball, while at 95 Wood was easily taken at third man. Eight down. Bowley joined his captain, who by an off-drive for four caused 100 to be signalled at ten minutes to 1. Four runs later [Bowley] was out to an appeal for leg before wicket, and at 1 o'clock Mr Shuter was easily stumped, the innings closing at 105. There were no fewer than 22 extras. During the morning Peate had bowled very finely. Ulyett took four wickets . . .

Requiring 91 for victory, Yorkshire began their second innings at a quarter past 1 with Ulyett and Hall, who were confronted by Bowley and Beaumont. Ulyett was bowled off his arm by the second ball of the fourth over, the first wicket falling for a single. Bates came in, but was easily taken at point when only seven runs were recorded. Lee filled the vacancy. He soon made a cut for two and a single, which caused ten to be announced after 25 minutes' play. Bowley, who only had four runs scored in his first ten overs, dismissed both Lee and Grimshaw at 18, the ball on each occasion striking the middle stump. Peel had the misfortune to play on at 19, the fifth wicket falling just before the luncheon interval. With half the wickets down and 71 still required to avert defeat, it appeared as if the visitors would be easily beaten.

On play being resumed at a quarter to 3, however, Hall and Preston offered determined resistance to

the Surrey bowling. The first ball bowled after luncheon Hall hit to leg for four, while later on he made a similar stroke with a like result. During the next few overs the most notable item was an off-drive by Preston for four. Hall next cut Bowley for three, and his companion drove the same bowler to the off boundary. Lohmann went on for Beaumont at 44, and at 48 Jones displaced Bowley. In Jones's second over Wood should have stumped Hall. A single by Preston brought 50 on the telegraph board at 3.30, after which ten overs were sent down for four runs. The bowlers then crossed over, and the alteration at once brought about the dismissal of Preston, who played on. Six for 54. Since the fall of the last wicket 35 runs had been added.

Emmett's stay was brief, as at 59 he was cleverly caught at the wicket on the leg side. An addition of a single saw the dismissal of Hall, who was run out in attempting a second run for a hit of his own. He had played in his well-known, patient style for 23. After his departure the innings was rapidly finished, and at five minutes past 4 Surrey were left the winners by 27 runs. Beaumont claimed three wickets . . .

24 May: LORD SHEFFIELD'S ELEVEN v THE PARSEES (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/184/184913.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 May, page 10)

Heavy rain put cricket out of the question at Sheffield-park yesterday, and the commencement of the Parsees' opening match was of necessity postponed till this morning. The Parsees are staying in the village of Fletching as the guests of Lord Sheffield.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 May, page 10)

The Parsees, who are on a visit to this country, played the first match of their tour yesterday at Sheffield Park, near Uckfield, Sussex. No play took place on Monday owing to the rain, which caused the wicket yesterday to be very heavy.

The home eleven went in first at half-past 11, and when the luncheon interval arrived, they had scored 105 for nine wickets. Afterwards 37 runs were added, the innings closing at ten minutes to 4. Despite the soft ground the fielding of the visitors was excellent, while their bowling also proved very fair. The Parsees could make little headway against the bowling of Huggett, Humphreys and the Rev F F J Greenfield. On following their innings the visitors did rather better and, as the score shows, the game was eventually drawn.

27 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3056.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 May, page 11)

There was some remarkable cricket at Oxford yesterday when the Australians and the Oxford University Eleven began their match. The Australians, who had left out Messrs Bruce and Trumble, began batting. Messrs Arnall-Thompson and Cochrane were the bowlers.

Runs were obtained quickly at first. With the total at 20 a change in the attack was made, Mr Buckland going on for Mr Arnall-Thompson. Only six were added when Mr Blackham was cleverly run out by Messrs Buckland and Cobb. Mr Scott joined Mr Jones. The score was raised to 39, and then Mr Whitby displaced Mr Cochrane. The Australian captain was missed by Mr Arnall-Thompson at cover-point, but was soon afterwards cleverly stumped by Mr Cobb. Two for 49.

The game now went all against the Australians. Mr Jones, after being in for nearly an hour for 28, was caught at extra mid-off at 55, while a very fine ball from Mr Whitby completely beat Mr Bonnor. The remaining batsmen offered little resistance, and the innings closed for 70. Mr Whitby's bowling was exceptionally good, his four wickets being taken in 23 overs . . .

On Oxford going in, the bowling of Mr Spofforth proved almost irresistible. He bowled the first five wickets for nine runs; but afterwards Messrs Page, Hildyard and Arnall-Thompson played vigorously. Mr Spofforth captured nine wickets in 15 overs and two balls (seven maidens) for 18 runs.

With an advantage of 25 runs the Australians went in a second time. When play ceased they had lost two good batsmen for eight runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 May, page 14)

After an exciting game the Australians gained their first victory yesterday on the Christ Church Ground, Oxford. The weather was fine, and a large number of spectators, among whom were Prince and Princess Christian, witnessed the contest. Overnight the Australians, having gone in a second time with an advantage of 25 runs, had lost two batsmen for eight runs. Shortly after 12 yesterday Messrs Jones and Garrett, the not-outs, were confronted by Messrs Cochrane and Whitby.

Eleven runs were added, and then Mr Jones fell to an easy catch at short slip. The batsmen were now dismissed in quick succession. Mr Giffen returned the ball. Mr Garrett was finely caught at third man, while at 32 Mr Bonnor was clean bowled by a yorker. Two runs later Mr Whitby captured three wickets (those of Messrs M'Ilwraith, Palmer and Spofforth) in one over. Mr Jarvis scored four, but was then caught and bowled, and the innings, which had lasted an hour and 25 minutes, closed at 1.10 for 38. Messrs Whitby and Cochrane divided the bowling honours, each taking five wickets. They were greatly cheered on leaving the field.

Oxford, who required 64 to win, had lost three wickets at luncheon time for 23, but there were two chances missed by the Australians. After the interval the University players could make little headway against the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Garrett, and at 3.25 the Australians were left the winners by 25 runs. Mr Spofforth bowled in magnificent form. During the day 18 wickets fell

for 68 runs, a fact which was chiefly due to the treacherous condition of the wicket. Up to yesterday no Australian team had ever been got out for so small a total as 38 runs.

27 May: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3058.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 May, page 11)

Yesterday, at Huddersfield, the Yorkshire eleven would have played Sussex, but owing to the inclement weather the game had to be postponed until this morning.

Day 2 (no report found from Saturday 29 May, page 14)

So wet was the turf at Huddersfield yesterday that the play in the match between these counties, which, owing to the weather, could not be started on Thursday, did not begin until half-past 3. Yorkshire, who had won the toss, then went in. They had lost four of their best batsmen for 22 when Lee and Peel became partners and made a determined stand. While they were together 35 runs were added. Lee's chief hits were four fours, two threes and five twos. The Yorkshire innings lasted two hours and a quarter. Jesse Hide claimed four wickets . . .

On Sussex going in, Mr M'Cormick was out in Peate's first over.

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 May, page 7)

Yorkshire had all the best of Saturday's play in their match with Sussex at Huddersfield, and had time permitted the game to have been played out, they would probably have beaten the visitors. When stumps were drawn on the previous evening Sussex, having dismissed their opponents for 93, had lost three wickets for eight runs.

On Saturday morning the wicket played very treacherously, and the bowling of Peate and Emmett was almost irresistible. Mr Blackman was the only batsman who obtained double figures, and when the innings closed the home county had a majority of 47 runs.

There were several showers during the early part of Yorkshire's second innings, which made the wicket comparatively easy. Hall, who went in first, carried out his bat for a patient 50. Except that he gave a chance when he had made 41, his cricket was faultless. Among his hits were one five, three fours, four threes and six twos. Bates played very brilliant cricket; he severely punished the bowling, and out of 89 runs scored while he was in he contributed 63. His principal items were six fours, two threes and 12 twos. Peate hit freely towards the close of the venture, and the total ultimately reached 173.

Before Sussex went in a second time more rain fell but, despite this fact, Peate again proved very difficult to play. Sussex were still 198 runs behind when "Time" was called and the match left drawn.

27 May: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 May, page 11)

There was no play in this match at Manchester yesterday, the heavy rain having rendered the ground at Old Trafford quite unfit for the game. A start will be made this morning.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 May, page 14)

On a very false wicket the match between these counties began yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester. Derbyshire went in first at 20 minutes to 1, but with the exception of Sugg they offered little resistance to the bowling of Watson. The last-named took seven wickets . . .

Lancashire's innings was made remarkable by the free hitting of their captain – Mr A N Hornby, who played the best game on a bad wicket. He was out at 78 having made no fewer than 52 of that number. His hits included one five, two fours, one three and nine twos. Cropper claimed three wickets . . .

Derbyshire had 25 minutes' batting in their second innings, and the score, when stumps were drawn, was as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 May, page 7)

It will be remembered that at the close of Friday's play in this match on the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, Derbyshire had begun their second innings with a deficit of 57 and had lost one wicket for 19 runs. On Saturday some capital batting was shown by Frank Sugg and Cropper, who saved their side from a probable defeat, as they raised the score from 27 for three wickets to 77 for four wickets.

Rain put play out of the question shortly before 4 o'clock, when it was decided to abandon the match as drawn. Derbyshire were 23 ahead with five wickets to fall.

27 May: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v THE PARSEES (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128308.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 May, page 11)

At Lord's yesterday the Parsees, whose first appearance it was on a London ground, were opposed by a very formidable team, consisting entirely of amateurs. Marylebone went in first, Dr Grace and Mr Walker opening the batting. Runs were scored very quickly, and the score reached 119 before the first wicket fell. Among Dr Grace's contributions were two fours, 10 threes and a two, while Mr Walker made one four, seven threes and seven twos. The fielding of the Parsees was rather loose.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 May, page 14)

Yesterday at Lord's the powerful team which represented the Marylebone Club inflicted a severe defeat on the Parsees. The Club, which lost five wickets on the previous day for 200 runs, continued that innings yesterday at 11.40. Although the bowling was frequently changed it was not until the total had reached 313 that the last batsman was out. Mr W Lindsay had hit vigorously for 74, which included one five, one four, seven threes and eight twos. Mr Major (medium round arm) was by far the most effective bowler; he claimed five wickets . . .

The Parsees could make little headway against the bowling of Dr Grace and Mr Robertson. The former took seven wickets . . . Having followed on the Parsees did rather better. But the side were all out a second time for 66. Mr Morinas, who made the only double figures in the first innings, carried out his bat for a well-played 28. Mr Walker secured five wickets . . . From the subjoined score it will be seen that Marylebone won by an innings and 224 runs.

May 27: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3057.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 May, page 11)

These counties began the first of their two annual matches yesterday at Kennington Oval . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 May, page 14)

A further illustration of the strength of the Surrey eleven was afforded yesterday at Kennington Oval, when they easily defeated Middlesex. The home bowling was very fine, especially that of Lohmann, who in the first innings of the visitors took eight wickets at a cost of a fraction over five runs each. At the close of Thursday's play Surrey, having been dismissed for 215, had got rid of four of their opponents for 47.

Yesterday morning, owing to a shower, the game was not continued until ten minutes to 1. Messrs Leslie and Scott, the overnight not-outs, advanced the score to 63 before the former was beaten by a fine ball from Lohmann. Mr Hadow stayed while Mr Scott made an on-drive for four, and was then bowled. On West coming in a change in the bowling was tried, Bowley superseded Beaumont at 74. Seven runs later, however, Lohmann obtained two wickets in succession, both West and Spillman being caught at third man. Bowley dismissed Mr Hillyard and Burton, the innings closing at 3 o'clock. Mr Scott, who had gone in first wicket down, carried out his bat for 42 – an excellent innings considering the rather treacherous condition of the turf. His chief hits were two fours, four threes and eight twos. Lohmann took eight wickets . . .

Middlesex, who required 125 to avert the innings defeat, began their second attempt at 3.15. Wickets fell rapidly, and the first seven batsmen were out at 42. Mr Hadow and Spillman then doubled the score, after which the innings speedily closed, and at half-past 5 Surrey were left the winners by an innings and 33 runs. Mr J G Walker, Mr E M Hadow and Spillman showed very good form, and between them scored 70 out of 92 . . .

31 May: NORTH v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3061.html)

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

There was an extraordinary day's play in this match at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. Only three double-figure innings were made during the day, and 31 wickets fell for 137 runs. The turf was false and difficult. Considering, however, the strength of the sides, there has scarcely been a more complete triumph of bowling over batting since the memorable match between Marylebone and Australia in 1878 – the match which established the reputation of Australian bowling.

It would be almost absurd to give the play in detail, as it was a mere procession of batsmen from and to the pavilion. Peate and Watson divided the honours of the day on the one hand and Messrs Spofforth and Palmer on the other. Also a feature of the day was the brilliant wicket-keeping of Pilling. Peate took eight wickets for 23 and four for 27; worthily following up the conspicuous success which he met with in the 1882 and 1884 matches between the North and Australia, in each of which he took ten wickets.

As the game under notice now stands, the North of England, with nine wickets to fall, require 40 runs to win. During the day the fielding on both sides was superb. About 10,000 people witnessed the play, the weather being very fine.

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

On account of the rain, the game between the Australians and the North of England at Manchester could not be proceeded with yesterday.

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

Yesterday the match between the Australians and the North of England had to be abandoned owing to the heavy rain, which completely saturated the wicket at Old Trafford, Manchester. It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Monday the North, with nine wickets to fall, required 40 runs to win.

31 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3059.html)

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

There was a capital day's cricket at Cambridge yesterday in the match between the University eleven and the Marylebone Club. The Hon J W Mansfield hit in fine style for the visitors, but gave two chances. The innings eventually terminated at 4.40. Mr Rock took seven wickets . . . The Light Blues went in for an hour and a half. Messrs Buxton and Kemp played excellent cricket while they were in together and between them contributed 70 runs.

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

In an hour and a half after play was resumed in this match at Cambridge yesterday the University innings was concluded. Marylebone made 133 in their second innings, which left Cambridge with 147 to get to win. Cambridge went in a second time, and when play ceased the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

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

After two hours' cricket at Cambridge yesterday the University defeated Marylebone by four wickets. This result was largely due to the capital stand made by Messrs Bainbridge and Turner. These gentlemen became partners with the score at 41 for four wickets, and raised the total to 109. Mr Bainbridge was then caught at mid-off, while at 130 Mr Turner was taken at the wicket. Messrs Kemp and Toppin then secured the remaining runs necessary for victory. Emmett claimed three wickets . . .

31 May: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3060.html)

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

The turf at Lord's has not yet recovered from the recent heavy rains, and yesterday when Middlesex and Kent began their match the wicket was consequently slow. Both counties were well represented. Play began shortly after noon when Middlesex, who had won the toss, started batting with Messrs Walker and Stoddart. The innings eventually terminated for 104 at 10 minutes to 4, having lasted nearly three hours. Mr Christopherson took four wickets . . .

Kent had lost three wickets for 6 runs when G G Hearne and Mr Tonge got together. These batsmen increased the total to 27 before the amateur was bowled. George Hearne continued to show good defence, but the remaining members of the team, with the exception of Mr Christopherson, could make little headway against the bowling. West claimed six wickets . . .

Middlesex went in a second time, and at the drawing of stumps the score stood as follows: -
[Scorecard follows]

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

Through the state of the ground, play in this match at Lord's could not be resumed yesterday until 10 minutes to 3 o'clock. When stumps were drawn on Monday, Middlesex had begun their second innings with an advantage of 21 and had lost two wickets for 36.

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

When stumps were drawn at Lord's on Tuesday evening, the match between these counties was left in a very interesting state. Kent, who were 21 runs behind at the close of an innings each, had 180 set them to win in their second venture, and of this number they had obtained 47 without the loss of a wicket.

Yesterday, at 11.40, Mr Hine-Haycock and F Hearne (the not-outs with 23 and 22) were confronted by Dunkley, from the nursery end, and Burton. Eight were slowly obtained when Mr Hine-Haycock fell to a catch at mid-on. G G Hearne came in, and at 57 Dunkley gave up the ball to Mr Hadow. Only four runs were added when F Hearne was caught at forward short leg off the new bowler. Two for 61.

The Rev R T Thornton and G G Hearne were now together, and when 76 had been reached the professional had the misfortune to play "on." The bowling was several times varied, and at 98 half the wickets were down. A single by Martin caused the 100 to be signalled at 1.40. A single later the professional was bowled.

After lunch Wootton accompanied Mr Tonge to the wicket, and he was bowled before any addition was made to the score. A single later Mr Tonge's useful innings was closed. Nine for 127. Pentecost fell a victim to venturesomeness, and at 3.35 the innings closed for 136. Five bowlers had been tried . . . From the complete score appended it will be seen that Middlesex won by 43

runs.

31 May: ESSEX v SURREY (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128317.html)

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

In the picturesque ground of the Essex County Club at Leyton yesterday the match between these counties was begun before a large number of spectators. To the formidable Surrey bowling, several of the home batsmen offered a determined resistance. Mr H G Owen, who went in first, hit in fine style for 58. He was out eighth, having been at the wickets nearly three hours, and his principal hits were one five, two fours and three threes. The score at luncheon time was 91 for four wickets; but on resuming, the batsmen were out quickly, and the innings terminated a few minutes before 4 o'clock. Beaumont claimed five wickets . . .

With the exception of Diver, Abel and Mr Roller, the Surrey team offered little resistance to the bowling of their opponents. Four wickets fell for 15; Abel and Diver raised the score to 44. Mr Roller, who went in fifth wicket down, batted very patiently. Surrey's innings closed at 6.20, and Essex were left in a majority of 38. Mr F A Bishop bowled remarkably well. He took eight wickets in 37 overs and one ball for 39 runs.

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

Essex failed to maintain the advantage which they had gained on Monday, and yesterday at Leyton they were beaten, after an interesting game. The storm yesterday morning made the wicket rather difficult, and when Essex went in a second time their batsmen, with the exception of Messrs Rowe and Green and Bastow, offered little resistance to the Surrey bowling . . . Surrey, who were left with 114 to get to win, began their task at 20 minutes past 3, and won by four wickets.

31 May: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3062.html)

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

Yesterday on the Hove Ground at Brighton the first of the two annual matches between Nottinghamshire and Sussex began. The home eleven, who went in first, made a much better score than was at one time anticipated, the batting of Mr Brann and Jesse Hide being especially good. Bean also showed good form. Attewell claimed three wickets . . .

On the visitors going in, Barnes was speedily dismissed, but then Flowers and Scotton made a determined stand, the score at the drawing of stumps being – Sussex, first innings, 122; and Nottinghamshire, first innings, 77, with Selby, Harris, Shacklock, Attewell, W Wright, Shaw and Sherwin to go in.

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

At the drawing of stumps in this match at Brighton on Monday the visitors, having dismissed their opponents for 122, had gone in and lost two wickets for 77. Yesterday the weather was fine, but the rain which fell during the night caused the wicket to play treacherously.

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

Nottinghamshire easily won their match with Sussex at Brighton yesterday. When the game was resumed the visitors only required 51 to win, and had the whole of the wickets in their second innings to fall. They occupied rather more than an hour and a half to get the runs. Victory would probably not have been so easy had it not been for a couple of blunders in the Sussex fielding. Scotton gave a chance when he had made 26, and Mr Daft was also missed. Bean took three wickets . . . As will be seen from the appended score, the visitors won by seven wickets.

3 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3064.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 June, page 5)

Yesterday was the day fixed for the commencement of the match between the Australian cricketers and the Gentlemen of England at Lord's. Hitherto the Colonists have not shown very brilliantly, but the fact must not be lost sight of that they have had fitful and adverse weather, the soft wickets contrasting in a marked manner with those they are accustomed to in Australia.

Yesterday was gloomy and, although the rain fortunately held off, the light at times was very bad, while the wicket played dead. Messrs Evans and M'Ilwraith stood out of the Australian players. The visitors won the toss and elected to put the Gentlemen in, Dr W G Grace and Mr Rock being the first representatives. Mr Spofforth led off the attack from the nursery end, the field to his bowling being placed as follows: Mr Jarvis, wicket-keeper; Mr Trumble, point; Mr Garrett, cover-point; Mr Bonnor, slip; Mr Giffen, third man; Mr Scott, short leg; Mr Palmer, mid-on; Mr Blackham, mid-off; Mr Jones, long-on; and Mr Bruce, extra long-on.

The first ball bowled Dr Grace placed to leg for a couple, which was the only item in the opening over. Mr Palmer was the bowler from the pavilion end; his field was disposed as follows: - Mr Jarvis, wicket-keeper; Mr Trumble, point; Mr Jones, slip; Mr Bruce, cover-point; Mr Spofforth, third man; Mr Scott, short-leg; Mr Giffen, short mid-on; Mr Garrett, mid-off; Mr Bonnor, long-on; and Mr Blackham, long-off. Mr Rock obtained a single from the first ball, and Dr Grace drove the second to the off for three. Two maiden overs followed. Then the Gloucestershire captain scored a single from each bowler; but the first ball of the seventh over clean bowled him. One for eight.

Mr W W Read came in, and soon made some good leg hits – two and three from Mr Spofforth, and two and four (square) from Mr Palmer. The first half-hour's play produced 21 runs, and then Mr Read's leg stump was struck. Two down. Mr Roller obtained a single from each bowler, but was then bowled by a "yorker" – off stump. Three good wickets down for 25 certainly did not promise well for the English.

Mr Rock was next joined by Mr Vernon, who led off with a late cut for three from Mr Palmer. An appeal for stumping then made against him was answered in the negative. After this he drove Mr Spofforth to the on for three. A difficult chance was then given by Mr Rock to Mr Bonnor at slip. Profiting by his escape, he cut the next ball for three. Mr Vernon made a straight drive for a couple from Mr Spofforth, and a cut for the same number by him caused 40 runs to be recorded as the result of exactly an hour's play. Five singles and two leg-byes were the product of the next ten overs. Mr Palmer then gave up the ball to Mr Garrett, whose first delivery was let go for three byes. This caused the "50" to be signalled at a quarter past 1. Without the addition of a run Mr Vernon was finely taken low down at slip, and when two singles had been made in four overs Mr Rock was clean bowled, the ball striking the top of his middle stump; he had been in 1h 25min, and batted patiently for nine runs.

Lord Harris and Mr Scott were now together. The former made a leg-hit from each bowler, scoring two from Mr Garrett and three from Mr Spofforth. An unfortunate accident now occurred. Mr Spofforth, in trying to stop a hard return from Lord Harris, had his hand injured, and retired. Dr Grace fielded as substitute. Before another run could be gained, Lord Harris was caught at wicket, and Mr Studd came in.

Mr Giffen bowled in lieu of Mr Spofforth, but at 72 handed the ball to Mr Palmer. The second delivery of the change Mr Studd sent to leg for three. Quickly after this Mr Scott was badly missed by Mr Bonnor at short slip. With the total at 78 the luncheon interval was taken, during which it was announced that Mr Spofforth's injury was a compound fracture of the third finger of the right hand.

The game was resumed at 2.40, when Mr Evans fielded as substitute for Mr Spofforth. Messrs Palmer and Garrett were the bowlers. Mr Scott cut the former in fine style for four, and soon afterwards a brilliant piece of fielding by Mr Giffen at mid-off was loudly cheered. A leg-hit for three by Mr Scott from Mr Palmer, and a square leg-hit for four by Mr Studd from Mr Garrett were the next important items. Next came a collapse, four wickets falling for five runs; Mr Studd was clean bowled in attempting to drive the ball, Mr Scott fell to a well-judged catch at long-on, Mr Christopherson's first ball was a full pitch and struck his wicket, and Mr Walker was easily caught at mid-off. The innings terminated at 3.15. Total 99.

After a quarter of an hour's interval, Messrs Jones and Blackham took up their stations at the wicket. Mr Rock started the bowling from the pavilion end. The field was placed thus: - Mr Kemp, wicket-keeper; Mr Read, point; Dr W G Grace, cover-point; Lord Harris, slip; Mr Scott, third man; Mr Walker, short-leg; Mr Christopherson, short mid-on; Mr Roller, mid-off; Mr Vernon, long-on; and Mr Studd, long-off. Nothing came from the first over.

Mr Walker bowled from the nursery end, the field being distributed as follows: - Mr Kemp, wicket-keeper; Mr Read, point; Mr Vernon, cover-point; Mr Rock, slip; Mr Studd, third man; Mr Roller, forward short leg; Mr Scott, mid-on; Dr Grace, mid-off; Mr Christopherson, short mid-off; and Lord Harris, deep mid-off. The third ball sent to him Mr Blackham snicked to leg for four. He also ct the same bowler for three and drove him to the on for a like number.

Little, however, could be done with Mr Rock's bowling. Twenty minutes yielded as many runs, and then Dr Grace displaced Mr Walker. Runs now came very slowly, only a single being made from the bat in seven overs, during which Mr Blackham gave a difficult chance of being stumped. At length Mr Blackham was bowled – middle stump. One for 31. Mr Scott, the Australian captain, filled the vacancy. He did not long enjoy the company of Mr Jones, who after batting 55 minutes for eight runs, was well caught at the wicket. Two for 34.

Mr Giffen appeared and, after three singles had been obtained in five overs, he gave a chance of being stumped off Mr Rock, which was not accepted. Shortly afterwards Mr Scott should have been run out, but escaped through a bad return by Mr Walker at short-leg. This indulgence, as will be seen, caused the English considerable trouble. Mr Giffen hit Dr Grace finely to leg for four, which caused that bowler to give way to Mr Christopherson at 48. A drive for a couple by Mr Scott enabled 50 to be registered at 4.45. Before any addition had been made Mr Giffen fell to a good return catch, and his place was taken by Mr Bonnor.

He played with greater caution than he is noted for, yet he made the largest hit in the next six overs – viz., an on-drive for four. With the total at 65, Mr Rock handed the ball to Mr Walker. When nine runs had been obtained in eight overs, Mr Rock resumed. The latter's bowling at first quite suited Mr Bonnor, who made three excellent drives for two fours and a three, the ball on one occasion going over the members' enclosure. Mr Roller superseded Mr Christopherson at 87. Mr Bonnor, however, made two drives for four each; and immediately afterwards a drive to the boundary by the Australian captain shot the score up to 100 at 6 o'clock. Two runs later Dr Grace

went on at the pavilion end in lieu of Mr Rock. From his first ball Mr Bonnor was let off at long-on by Mr Vernon, who, however, had to run in some distance. Mr Scott cut the second ball for two; but was then out leg before wicket. Four for 105, no fewer than 55 having been put on since the fall of the previous wicket.

Mr Bonnor did not long survive the dismissal of his captain, being finally caught at long-off. Two runs later Mr Trumble returned the ball in a very easy manner; Mr Bruce was also caught and bowled at 127, and the addition of three runs saw the dismissal of Mr Jarvis –clean bowled. Eight for 130. Messrs Palmer and Garrett batted in fine style, and although Mr Christopherson went on for Mr Roller at 146, it was within a minute of 7 o'clock before Mr Garrett was bowled. Total, 150 for nine wickets. As Mr Spofforth is unable to bat, the innings has thus closed. The attendance throughout the day was very large.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 June, page 14)

Yesterday, at Lord's the sun shone brightly, while the turf had become much livelier. It will be remembered that at the end of the first day's play each side had completed an innings. Yesterday, at 20 minutes to 12, the Gentlemen, who were in a minority of 51, began their second innings with Mr Rock and Dr W G Grace. Mr Garrett started the bowling from the pavilion end and Mr Palmer from the nursery.

When Mr Garrett had sent down a maiden, Dr Grace drove the third ball he received to the on for two. A single then fell to Mr Rock, after which this batsman cut a ball of Mr Palmer's for four. A single only was obtained in the next three overs. Dr Grace then cut Mr Palmer for four, which caused that bowler to give way to Mr Giffen. In his second over Dr Grace scored a single off the first ball, while Mr Rock drove the last to the off for four. Very shortly afterwards Dr Grace was clean bowled. Mr Read joined Mr Rock, who gave a difficult chance to Mr Jones at slip when he had made nine. Two singles to Mr Read were the only contributions from the bat in 12 overs, during which an appeal had been made against him for a catch at wicket. Six more overs were sent down for three singles, and then Mr Read was well caught at deep mid-off. Two for 29.

Mr Roller went in, and Mr Rock immediately scored three by a late cut from Mr Giffen. In the last-named bowler's first over Mr Rock made a capital off-drive for four. Mr Roller obtained a leg-hit for two and a single in an over of Mr Garrett's, but soon afterwards he lost the company of Mr Rock, who was taken at the wicket. Three for 42. When Mr Vernon, the new comer, had received a ball, Mr Roller was caught at short leg, the score being still 42.

Lord Harris filled the vacancy. Three maiden overs were sent down. Mr Vernon then gained a single, and Lord Harris snicked the ball for two, both from Mr Garrett. The first-named batsman cut Mr Giffen for three and the other bowler for a couple. This caused 50 to be signalled at 1 o'clock. Five minutes later a single by Mr Vernon disposed of the Gentlemen' arrears on the first innings. With the score at 53, Mr Palmer superseded Mr Garrett. Mr Vernon cut Mr Giffen for a couple, and Lord Harris gained four by two drives from Mr Palmer. The second ball afterwards, however, clean bowled the Kent captain. Half the wickets were now lost for 59, or only eight runs on.

Mr Scott joined Mr Vernon, who drove Mr Giffen to the off for four, and Mr Scott sent a ball of his to leg for three. Mr Vernon then scored two by an on-drive from Mr Palmer. A brilliant piece of fielding by Mr Giffen at mid-off was vociferously applauded all round the ground. A lucky hit for

two by Mr Scott followed, but in the next over he was clean bowled. Six for 76. Mr Studd aided Mr Vernon, who, having driven Mr Palmer for a couple, made a lofty straight drive off Mr Giffen for four. A cut for two by Mr Studd off Mr Palmer and another on-drive by Mr Vernon from Mr Giffen ensued. Then came a separation, as the last-named batsman's vigorous innings was terminated by an easy return catch. Seven for 87.

Mr Studd's next partner was Mr Kemp, who soon drove Mr Giffen for two and cut him for three in one over. Four maidens followed, and at 94 Mr Palmer handed the ball to Mr Garrett. Mr Studd sent Mr Giffen to leg for three, and Mr Kemp drove him to the on for a couple. A snick by the first-named sent the total past the 100. After Mr Kemp had secured a single, six runs were placed to the credit of Mr Studd, five from a wild overthrow by Mr Garrett at mid-off. The next ball the same batsman hit to leg for three, bringing the total to 113.

After the interval, Mr Blackham kept wicket in place of Mr Jarvis. Messrs Garrett and Giffen were again the bowlers. Mr Studd scored seven in the first three overs, in which were a cut for three from Mr Giffen and a similar hit for two from Mr Garrett. A couple of singles only were the result of the next four overs, after which Mr Kemp cut Mr Giffen for two and gained a like number by a fortunate snick to leg from the other bowler. At length a smart catch at the wicket dismissed Mr Studd, 41 runs having been added since the disposal of the previous batsman. Eight for 128.

Mr Christopherson's stay was brief – clean bowled after having made a single. Nine down. Mr Walker brought up the rear. When seven had been added (three of them byes), the last comer stepped out to a ball of Mr Giffen's and was easily stumped. Total, 136. Duration of innings, 2h 55min.

With the comparatively easy task of getting 86 runs set them for victory, the Australians started their second innings, and eventually won by seven wickets.

3 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3066.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 June, page 5)

Although without the services of Messrs W W Read and W E Roller, Surrey sent down a very strong side to Oxford yesterday. The recent rain caused the wicket to play rather treacherously, as may almost be gathered from the small scoring.

Surrey went in first at half-past 12. Mr Bowden and Abel put on 28 for the first wicket. After the dismissal of these two batsmen, Diver was the only other player to reach double figures. The innings terminated shortly after luncheon time. Mr Page took six wickets . . .

Oxford started badly, losing four wickets for 22. A good stand by Messrs Page and Key improved matters, and when the innings closed Oxford were four runs ahead. Lohmann claimed four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 June, page 14)

At the drawing of stumps in this match at Oxford on Thursday, the county team had begun their second venture and had lost two wickets for 10 runs. Yesterday the Surrey innings entirely collapsed, Jones and Abel being the only batsmen to reach double figures. Mr Whitby claimed six wickets . . .

Oxford required 60 to win. The University started badly, losing both Mr Rashleigh and Mr Brain for six runs. Then came a fine stand by Messrs Page and Key, who raised the score to 49 before they were separated. Mr Key drove a ball from Lohmann out of the ground for six, and also scored ten in an over from that bowler. After Mr Page's dismissal three wickets quickly fell, but Oxford eventually won by six wickets. Lohmann bowled remarkably well . . .

3 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3063.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 June, page 5)

Mr Rock's absence considerably weakened the Cambridge team yesterday when they began a match with Yorkshire at Cambridge. The visitors left out Grimshaw and Harrison, and gave a trial to the colts Wraithmell and Ambler, who showed such good form in the match at Sheffield on Monday.

Though the light was bad, there was some capital cricket during the day. Yorkshire started well, Ulyett and Hall obtaining 46 for the first wicket. After several more batsmen had been quickly dismissed, Peel hit with great freedom. His 41 included six fours and two threes. Cambridge tried for the first time Mr Dorman, of Corpus Christi. This gentleman proved a most effective bowler, his six wickets being obtained in 31 overs . . .

Cambridge began badly, losing Messrs Suthery, Kemp and Bain for 25.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 June, page 14)

The day's cricket in this match at Cambridge yesterday had one special feature which overshadowed everything else. This was the brilliant innings played by Mr Kemp for the University. He was batting while more than 200 runs were scored and obtained 125. Beyond a narrow escape at cover-point when he had made 87, his batting was faultless. The vigorous style in which he hit may be judged from the fact that his chief figures were 13 fours, 11 threes and 13 twos. He received very useful assistance from Mr Buxton, who helped him to put on 56 for the second wicket, Mr Thomas and Mr Toppin.

Cambridge were at the wickets the whole of yesterday and left their opponents with 151 to get to win. In the first innings of the Light Blues the bowling of the visitors was very good. Ulyett claimed four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 June, page 7)

A brilliant and most unexpected victory for the University was the result of this match at Cambridge on Saturday. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Friday three innings had been finished and Yorkshire left with 151 to get to win. The weather was fine and the wicket good, which made the task comparatively easy, considering the strength of the visitors.

In the early stages of the game the success of the county seemed highly probable. Ulyett and Hall, who began the batting, obtained 55 runs for the first wicket. Then Ulyett, who had shown very brilliant form, had the misfortune to play on. His fine innings of 42 included five drives to the boundary. After his dismissal there was such a complete collapse that five wickets fell in five overs for eight runs, which left Yorkshire with 88 runs to obtain for victory, with six batsmen out.

The character of the game had now entirely changed, still some determined batting by Peel, Preston and Emmett put a better complexion on it as far as Yorkshire was concerned. While Peel and

Preston were together 27 runs were added, and subsequently the former assisted Emmett in adding 19. When the luncheon interval arrived, however, Yorkshire, with two wickets to fall, still wanted 37 to win. After the game had been resumed ten runs were added, and then Mr Toppin with consecutive balls bowled Hunter and Peate, Cambridge winning by 26 runs.

The University deserve great credit for their victory, especially considering that they had followed on. Mr Dorman supplemented his success on Thursday by taking five wickets . . .

3 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3065.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 June, page 5)

Yesterday at the Trent Bridge Ground the first of the two matches arranged between these counties began in dull weather. Nottinghamshire played their full strength, but Lancashire had not their best side. On a slow wicket which got worse towards the finish, the home eleven began batting.

Shrewsbury and Scotton, who each gave a chance, the former at the wicket and the latter at point, opened the innings, and before they were separated, raised the score to 61. Shrewsbury's chief hits were two fours, three threes and twelve twos. The Lancashire fielding was very loose, both Barnes and Flowers being let off. The last five wickets, however, were captured for 24. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

On Lancashire going in, Mr Hornby was finely thrown out by Attewell, while several other wickets quickly fell.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 June, page 14)

Yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, the champion county eleven had little difficulty in beating Lancashire. Play lasted two hours and a half, the match terminating at 20 minutes past 3. The visitors, who had only scored 17 runs for the loss of four wickets on the previous evening, could make no headway against the bowling of Walter Wright, and the venture closed for 42. Wright claimed six wickets . . .

Lancashire having followed on were all disposed of for 48, and were thus beaten by an innings and 83 runs. Flowers claimed six wickets . . .

7 June: DERBYSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3067.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 June, page 11)

After their well-deserved victory over the Gentlemen of England at Lord's last week, the Australians entered on their eighth engagement yesterday against Derbyshire on the county ground at Derby. Of course Mr Spofforth's recent mishap prevented his being included in the team, and Mr Evans was the other gentleman who stood out. The weather was rather oppressive and at times the light proved very bad, yet the attendance was large.

Derbyshire, who won the toss, sent in Cropper and Coupe at 12.10. Messrs Giffen and Palmer started the bowling. The score steadily advanced to 17, when Cropper was bowled. Mr Eadie came in, and Coupe hit freely, causing Mr Palmer to give way to Mr Garrett at 24. Thirteen runs later Coupe fell to the wicket-keeper, while at 46 Mr Eadie was caught by Mr Blackham. Three for 46. Mr Docker and Chatterton were now partners. Only a single had been added when the former was bowled, and his place taken by Sugg. With the moderate addition of six runs the last comer obstructed his wicket. Chatterton had made some excellent drives prior to being taken at mid-off. The whole of the five wickets now lost had been taken by Mr Giffen, off whom 26 runs had been made. Mr Maynard did not long have the company of Davidson - clean bowled. A little life was infused into the game during the partnership of Messrs Maynard and Cochrane. With the total at 80 the latter was bowled.

Luncheon having intervened, Mr Walker proceeded to the wickets with Maynard. The latter saw the dismissal of both Walker and Disney, and remained unconquered. Total, 95. Time, 3.5. Mr Giffen's bowling, as will be seen from the analysis, was excellent, especially considering the hard state of the wicket.

The Australians opened their batting with Messrs Blackham and M'Ilwraith. Mr Cochrane and Davidson shared the bowling. Only three runs were scored and Mr Blackham was clean bowled. A long stand was then made by Messrs M'Ilwraith and Jones, who put on runs very rapidly. Various changes in the attack were adopted, but it was not until 83 had been added that Mr M'Ilwraith was caught at mid-off. Mr Jones batted freely, but at length he was beaten by a fine ball from Cropper.

Later in the afternoon Mr Bonnor treated the spectators to some gigantic batting. Among other hits he drove Mr Cochrane thrice out of the ground for six runs each, and in addition to these contributions he scored two fours and four threes; he was eventually caught at slip. Mr Jarvis's stay was brief, and when stumps were drawn for the day the score and analysis were as follows: -
[Scorecard follows.]

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

Yesterday, in bright, cheerful weather, the Australians resumed their match with Derbyshire on the cricket ground at Derby before a large company of onlookers. On the previous evening the home team had all been disposed of for 95, while only seven Australian wickets were down for 163.

Messrs Trumble and Bruce faced the attacks of Mr Walker and Cropper at 12.5. Both the batsmen mentioned were out for an addition of only four runs; but 24 were added between the fall of the

ninth and tenth wickets by Messrs Garrett and Palmer, the latter eventually being caught at mid-off. Total 191. Time 12.50.

In a minority of 96, Derbyshire went in a second time at 1.15, Mr Evans fielding as a substitute for Mr Bonnor. Coupe and Sugg were the batsmen. Mr Giffen started the bowling, and his first ball Coupe played into the wicket-keeper's hands. One down. Mr Docker came in. Mr Garrett was the other bowler. Runs were obtained steadily until at 18 Mr Docker was bowled, and the vacancy was filled by Mr Maynard. Eight were added, and then Mr Garrett handed the ball to Mr Palmer. Sugg hit freely for a little time, but in trying to pull a ball round to leg his wicket was upset. Three for 33 – of these 23 had been made by the retiring batsman.

Chatterton joined Mr Maynard, who played an almost entirely defensive game. The former made two fours off Mr Palmer; but at 42 he lost the company of Mr Maynard, who was smartly stumped. Four down. Cropper arrived, and Mr Bruce went on in place of Mr Palmer. At luncheon the total stood at 44.

After the interval Messrs Giffen and Bruce resumed the attack. Cropper was bowled when seven runs had been added, and half the wickets were now down for 51. Mr Eadie came in and some fine cricket was shown. Mr Trumble relieved Mr Bruce at 79. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as at 86 a bailer from Mr Giffen got rid of Mr Eadie. Davidson was next on the list, and runs were put on so rapidly that a two-fold change was adopted, the bowling being intrusted to Messrs Jones and Garrett. After a rest of four overs Mr Giffen resumed, and with his second ball clean bowled Chatterton, who had played a fine innings of 41, in which were three fours, three threes and seven twos. Seven for 115. Mr Cochrane had the misfortune to play on at 125, and seven runs later Mr Walker was run out. Disney and Davidson put on a dozen runs and then the former was stumped. Total 144. Time 4.50.

The Australians now had the easy task set them of 49 for victory. At ten minutes past 5 Messrs M'Ilwraith and Blackham went in to the bowling of Cropper and Mr Walker. After the last-named batsman had made a four and a three he was out leg before wicket. Mr Jones joined Mr M'Ilwraith, who gave a hard chance to point. At 23 Mr Jones was clean bowled, and a single later Mr M'Ilwraith was served in a similar manner. Three for 24.

Messrs Scott and Giffen were now partners. Eleven runs were put on before the Australian captain was clean bowled. Mr Bonnor arrived to the assistance of Mr Giffen, and these batsmen made the necessary runs. Time 6.30. A notable feature of the match was the excellent bowling of Mr Giffen, who secured 16 wickets at a fraction over six runs each. From the complete score it will be seen that the Australians won by six wickets.

7 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3068.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 June, page 11)

These counties began a match at Lord's yesterday. Both were well represented. Play began shortly after 12 o'clock, when Yorkshire, who had won the toss, started batting with Ulyett and Hall. Burton and Dunkley were the bowlers.

In the former's second over Ulyett was finely caught at long-off. One for four. Bates was taken at the wicket by the first ball sent him. The Hon M B Hawke joined Hall. The former soon began to hit with great freedom, so that at 33 Mr Robertson displaced Dunkley. Still runs were recorded rapidly, and the "50" was signalled after exactly an hour's play. Further changes in the bowling were now made, West and Hillyard going on, while at 74 Dunkley again took the ball. Subsequently Mr Robinson relieved Burton; but at luncheon the batsmen were still together, the score being 102. The last six hits by Mr Hawke before the interval were all fours – five drives and a square leg-hit.

Play was resumed at a quarter to 3. Wickets fell rapidly to the bowling of Burton and Mr Robinson. Only four runs had been added when Mr Hawke's brilliant innings was closed by a ball from the amateur. His 63 included eight fours, three threes and six twos. No addition to the total had been made when Hall was caught at slip, while Lee cut the ball into the hands of point at 119. Ambler was well taken at long-off at 164. Preston was bowled at 169, but Peel and Emmett added 47 runs for the eighth wicket. Both batsmen then played on, and the innings eventually closed at 5 o'clock. Burton claimed three wickets . . .

Middlesex began batting at 20 minutes past 5. Peate bowled Mr Stoddart at 20, and six runs later dismissed Mr Scott. Mr Walker joined Spillman, who had gone in first. The professional scored with great rapidity. At length, at 92, Mr Walker was caught and bowled. Mr Vernon came in and by a cut for two caused the 100 to appear at a quarter to 7. Mr Vernon was taken at long-on, after which Spillman and Mr Hadow played out time.

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

There was a numerous company of spectators at Lord's yesterday when the match between Middlesex and Yorkshire was resumed. Middlesex, who were 126 runs behind with four wickets down, continued their innings at 11.35, the not-outs, Spillman and Mr Hadow, being opposed by Ulyett and Peate.

Bates relieved the former at 137, and the alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Spillman, who cut the ball into the hands of point at 145. He had played a most brilliant innings of 86, which comprised six fours, five threes, eight twos and singles. Without alteration in the score West was caught at mid-off and Mr Hadow at long-on, which left the home eleven with 13 runs to get to avert the follow on and three wickets to fall. Mr Hillyard was out leg before at 162, and shortly afterwards Mr Robertson, who had been missed by Ulyett in the long field, was bowled. Dunkley and Burton added 23 for the last wicket, the innings closing at 20 minutes past 1 for 192. Bates claimed four wickets . . .

Yorkshire began their second venture with an advantage of 45 runs at 1.40. Ulyett and Hall again opened the defence. When he had made six runs the first-named batsman gave a difficult chance to Mr Scott at long-off, but afterwards he hit in brilliant style, and at the interval the score was 30. After luncheon 20 runs were added in as many minutes, and although the bowling underwent frequent changes the 100 was registered at five minutes to 4. Ulyett, who had been hitting vigorously, cut Dunkley finely for four, but he was then taken at third man. His chief hits were eleven fours, two threes and three twos. One for 106.

Hall was then joined by Bates, who assisted in adding 29 runs before he was taken at cover-point. Two for 135. Mr Hawke and Hall put on 52 runs for the third wicket, when the amateur was caught at third man. Three for 187. Lee, who followed in, at once started hitting freely, and by a drive for four caused the 200 to be hoisted at 5.45. Another long stand was made, though runs were not obtained so quickly as hitherto, and, despite numerous changes in the bowling, 250 went up at 10 minutes to 7. The batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn.

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

After three excellent days' cricket the match between Middlesex and Yorkshire terminated at Lord's yesterday in a draw. Yesterday, it will be remembered, Yorkshire had three wickets down in their second innings and were 303 runs ahead. Hall (not out 88) and Lee (not out 32) were confronted at 11.40 by Burton and West.

Only four runs were added when Lee fell to a catch at mid-off, and four wickets were down for 262. Peel did not long have the company of Hall, whose excellent innings of 91 was brought to a close by a catch at the wicket. Among his hits were five fours, three threes and 15 twos. Ambler came in and Mr Robertson came on in lieu of Burton at 298. At ten minutes past 12 300 was announced. A single later Ambler fell to a catch at mid-off, while at 302 an appeal for leg-before-wicket against Preston caused that batsman to be given out.

With seven wickets down for 302 Emmett and Peel became partners. Both batsmen hit vigorously, so that at 3.25 a change in the bowling was made, Mr Hadow superseding West. Burton went on at 362, and he speedily brought about the dismissal of Emmett, who was taken at slip. Eight for 369. Hunter followed in. Further changes in the bowling took place, but it was not until 392 that Hunter was caught at slip. Peate and Peel put on 17 runs for the last wicket, the innings closing at 1.35 for the heavy score of 409. Peel, who was out last – caught at point – made 75 in very free style. His chief hits were seven fours, two threes and ten twos. West claimed four wickets . . .

Messrs Stoddart and Walker started the home team's second innings against a majority of 454 runs. Peate and Bates had charge of the bowling. Both batsmen played with great caution and numerous maiden overs were sent down. Emmett relieved Peate at 16, and at 28 Ulyett displaced Bates. Still the batsmen showed good defence, while runs were obtained faster than hitherto. Fifty went up at half-past 3, after which a change in the attack was tried – Peel going on. Three runs later a separation was effected, Stoddart being taken at slip.

Mr Scott joined Mr Walker. Runs were then obtained steadily, and despite repeated bowling alterations the 100 went up at 4.20. Emmett and Ambler were then put on to bowl. It was not until 158 that Mr Walker was taken at mid-off. He had been batting just under three hours for 73, which included eight fours, three threes and seven twos. No fewer than 105 had been obtained since the fall of the last wicket.

Spillman was next in. He soon made three drives for four each; then with the total at 175, he was well caught at long-on. Three down. Messrs Vernon and Scott then hit freely, a fine drive by the former gentleman sending the ball on to the pavilion seats. The second hundred was telegraphed at five minutes past 6. A dozen runs later Mr Vernon was caught at third man and Mr Hadow aided Mr Scott. Both played fine cricket and raised the total to 255 before stumps were drawn and the match left unfinished. Mr Scott took his bat out for 94; his chief contributions were eight fours, seven threes and 11 twos. Peate took two wickets . . . During the three days 34 wickets fell for 1,093 runs.

7 June: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3069.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 June, page 11)

Until their defeat at the hands of Oxford University last week Surrey were unbeaten. They had successively gained victories over Hampshire, the Australians, Gloucestershire, Yorkshire, Middlesex and Essex. Yesterday they began their first match of the season against Lancashire on Kennington Oval. The Lancashire men, who went in first, could only make 92 against the bowling of Lohmann and Beaumont, of which number Mr Hornby made 31 and Watson 22. Lohmann claimed seven wickets . . .

Surrey put together 150 runs before the innings was over. Of this number Mr W W Read contributed 62 before he was run out; Mr Shuter made 25, Jones carried out his bat for 22, and the rest made but small figures. Watson took six wickets . . .

In a minority of 58 runs, Lancashire went in a second time, and when stumps were drawn for the day the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

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

Yesterday in delightful weather these counties resumed their match on Kennington Oval. When play ceased on Monday Lancashire had completed an innings for 92 and Surrey were all out for 150, while one wicket in the second venture of the visitors had fallen for three runs. Watson, the not out, proceeded to the wickets with Barlow. Lohmann and Bowley were instructed with the bowling.

The start from the visitors was very disheartening, as the first ball struck Watson's off stump. Mr Dobell, in conjunction with Barlow, caused the prospect to brighten a little. The score was steadily advanced to 20, when Bowley gave up the ball to Beaumont. Still runs came and at 36 a further change was adopted, Lohmann being superseded by Mr Roller. The change soon had the desired result, as, with the addition of two runs only, Barlow was bowled.

Mr Steel, who now joined Mr Dobell, gave two chances to the wicket-keeper, but neither was accepted. Various changes in the attack were tried, but it was not until 72 had been reached that Mr Dobell's patient innings (he had been at the wickets an hour and a half for 15 runs) was closed by a return catch. Three wickets now fell rapidly. Mr Hornby was caught at cover point at 74, a dozen runs later Mr Steel was clean bowled, and at 87 Briggs obstructed his wicket. Luncheon.

After the interval the three outstanding wickets added 22, Pilling playing well for 16 and not out. Total, 109. Time, 3 10. Lohmann claimed six wickets . . .

Requiring 52 for victory, Surrey sent in Maurice Read and Mr Roller to the bowling of Watson and Barlow. The score travelled rapidly to 30, when Read was caught at long-on. Abel joined Mr Roller, and at 3.20, the former with an on-drive for three caused Surrey to be victorious by nine wickets. Mr Roller's 32 was a good display of all-round hitting; the chief items were four fours, one three and five twos.

7 June: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3070.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 June, page 11)

The long and able services of H Phillips, the smart Sussex wicket-keeper, are receiving recognition at the hands of the county, who have decided to devote the proceeds of the above match to his benefit, towards which Lord Sheffield has contributed £100. It began yesterday at Brighton in charming weather, on a good wicket and in the presence of about 2,000 spectators.

Gloucestershire, who were by no means strongly represented, won the toss and began the batting. Dr W G Grace played a brilliant and determined innings, prior to being taken at the wicket; his chief hits were five fours and nine twos. Four of the visitors' wickets fell for 88, and the remaining six added 59 runs. Bean took five wickets . . .

Sussex went in, and on stumps being drawn the score was as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

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

When play ceased in this match at Brighton on Monday, Sussex, having dismissed their opponents for 147, had scored 150 for the loss of five wickets. Yesterday the game was resumed with fine weather and before a large number of onlookers. J Hide and Bean continued the Sussex batting shortly after noon.

An addition of eight saw the dismissal of Hide, whom Dr Grace clean bowled. Then came the feature of the day's cricket – a very fine stand by Bean and Humphreys. Before they were separated 116 runs were put on. Humphreys hit five fours and six twos. Bean was in while 198 runs were scored. He was in very fine form, his defence being good and his hitting powerful. His 108 included one six (a square-leg hit over the pavilion), 13 fours, three threes and eight twos. Eventually the innings closed for 349. Dr Grace claimed five wickets . . .

Gloucestershire went in a second time against a majority of 202, and at the close of the day the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

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

H Phillips's benefit match was brought to a close yesterday on the Hove ground, when, despite some good batting by Dr Grace, Mr Francis and several other members of the team, Gloucestershire were beaten by ten wickets. When play was resumed yesterday morning the visitors, with six wickets to fall, required 104 runs to avert a single innings defeat. Dr Grace and Mr Hale, the not outs, continued the batting.

Twenty-seven runs were added before Mr Hale fell to a catch at the wicket. Mr Francis joined his captain. Both batsmen scored rapidly until 198 had been recorded, when the Gloucestershire captain returned the ball. His excellent innings of 57 included one five (four by an overthrow), three fours, a three and five twos. He was badly missed by Mr Lucas at mid-off when he had made 45. Since the fall of the fifth wicket 73 runs had been added.

While Mr Francis and Gregg were together the innings defeat was averted. The professional was bowled at 216, and a couple of runs later Mr Francis was also dismissed. The last-named had played a capital innings of 52. Among other hits he had contributed seven fours, two threes and four twos. The innings closed for 219. Humphreys claimed four wickets . . .

Sussex only required 18 runs to win, and these Quaife and Budgen soon obtained, securing the victory for the home team by ten wickets.

7 June: ESSEX CLUB AND GROUND v PARSEES

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/184/184917.html)

Day 1 (no report from Tuesday 8 June, page 11)

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

This match began at Leyton on Monday and ended yesterday, when the Parsees were completely overmatched. Indeed, the Essex team seemed to do almost as they pleased with the weak bowling of the visitors. From the score appended it will be seen that the home eleven gained an overwhelming victory by an innings and 337 runs.

10 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3071.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 June, page 11)

Although the outlook at Cambridge was gloomy yesterday morning, it did not prevent play in this, the ninth of the colonial matches, being commenced at 12.15. Mr Palmer could not take part in the game, having sustained an injury to his foot.

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

The rain of Thursday had little effect on the wicket at Cambridge yesterday. The Australians who, on the previous evening had lost eight wickets for 146 runs, continued their batting with Messrs Garrett and Trumble at 11.35. Messrs Rock and Toppin were the bowlers.

Fourteen were scored when Mr Garrett was run out. Mr Evans joined Mr Trumble, and these batsmen were difficult to separate. Mr Dorman relieved Mr Toppin, and several other variations were adopted; but the score gradually advanced to 200. The innings ended for a total of 222.

A most disheartening start was made by Cambridge. Messrs Buxton and Turner were opposed by Messrs Giffen and Bruce. Thirteen runs were obtained, and then a catch at the wicket dismissed Mr Buxton. So destructive was the bowling of Mr Giffen that at luncheon he had taken five wickets for 14 runs, the total then being 37. Afterwards, Messrs Sutthery and Toppin were soon bowled. Seven wickets were now down for 48, and Messrs Rock and Marchant became partners.

These batsmen for a considerable time stemmed the tide which had hitherto set in against the University. Mr Giffen continued bowling; but Messrs Garrett and Evans were both tried in lieu of Mr Bruce. No fewer than 81 runs were added before the batsmen were separated. Mr Marchant, the chief scorer, was ultimately bowled for a fine innings of 51, which comprised six fours, a three and three twos. Cambridge only escaped following on by a single with a total of 143.

In a majority of 79, Messrs Scott and Jones went in a second time, and when stumps were drawn the game stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 June, page 7)

When the University saved the follow-on by a single in their match with the Australians on Friday at Cambridge, there seemed little probability of its being brought to a definite issue. At the close of the second day's play each side had completed an innings and the Australians, with 79 to the good, had scored 51 in their second innings without the loss of a wicket.

On Saturday, Messrs Scott and Jones (the not-outs with 25 and 26) continued their batting. The bowling was intrusted to Messrs Dorman and Rock. Only 15 runs were added and Mr Jones fell to a catch at third man. One for 66. Mr Giffen joined Mr Scott; but a catch at slip dismissed the former at 79. The Australian captain, who had got well set, next had Mr Bruce for a companion, and these batsmen gave the light blues some trouble before they could be separated. Thrice the bowling was changed; but it was not until 117 had been reached that Mr Scott, who had batted in

capital style, was thrown out from mid-off. Three down. Mr Bonnor came and the total rapidly advanced to 141 before Mr Bruce was clean bowled; his hard-hit innings of 43 included six fours. Mr Jarvis assisted Mr Bonnor. Both batsmen hit freely, and prior to luncheon they put on 28 runs.

After the interval Messrs Rock and Dorman led the attack. Mr Bonnor soon gave a chance to Mr Sutthery, in the long-field, which was not accepted. With the score at 193, however, he was well taken at the wicket. Half the wickets were now down. Mr Trumble appeared, and at 20 minutes past 3 the 200 was signalled. A single later rain fell so fast as to stop play.

After a delay of half an hour, Messrs Jarvis and Trumble resumed batting to the bowling of Messrs Sutthery and Buxton. Both batsmen hit with such freedom that the attack was transferred to Messrs Turner and Dorman. Still runs came, and at 259 Mr Dorman crossed over and Mr Rock relieved Mr Turner. In spite of these and further variations runs were rapidly obtained and, in fact, the Cambridge bowling seemed to be completely mastered. At half-past 5 the 300 was reached, and 26 runs later the batsmen remained unconquered and the match had to be left drawn.

During the partnership of Messrs Jarvis and Trumble no fewer than 133 runs were put on; but it should be noted that the ground was all in favour of the batsmen. Mr Jarvis's 96 (composed of eight fours, four threes, 11 twos and 30 singles) is the highest individual score made during the present tour.

The first team of Australian cricketers in 1878 were defeated by Cambridge University at Lord's by an innings and 72 runs; no match was played with the second Colonial team in 1880; in 1882, at Cambridge, the University beat the Australians by six wickets; but in 1884, the Colonials were victorious by an innings and 82 runs; while, as already stated, the match with the present team was left drawn, though greatly in favour of the Australians who were 405 runs ahead in their second innings and yet had five wickets to go down.

10 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3073.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 June, page 11)

Unfortunately the rain was so incessant during the morning and early part of the afternoon at Oxford that play in this match was not practicable until after 4 o'clock.

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Saturday 12 June, page 8)

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 June, page 7)

After an excellent game the match between Oxford University and Lancashire terminated at Oxford on Saturday in a draw. The score at the close of the previous day was – Oxford, first innings, 82; second innings, 34 for five wickets; Lancashire, 162.

At five minutes past 12, Mr Rashleigh, not out 35, and Mr Hewett continued the University batting. Barlow and Briggs shared the bowling. Runs were obtained at a great pace, and 34 was the result of a quarter of an hour's play, Mr Hewett hitting most vigorously. Rain then interfered with play for some time.

On the game being continued at 2.20 the score soon reached 204, at which total Mr Hewett was caught at the wicket. His 49 included two sixes (square leg hits over the ring), five fours, two threes and a two. The late partnership had yielded no fewer than 70 runs. Messrs Buckland and Rashleigh added 24 but were then both dismissed. The former was caught at the wicket while the latter was bowled. Mr Rashleigh had played perfect cricket for 63, which had occupied two hours in their accumulation, and his hits included nine fours, a three and three twos. Mr Cobb batted freely towards the close of the innings, which ended at a quarter to 4. Total 277. Briggs claimed three wickets . . .

Lancashire, who required 198 for victory, were only able to put together 108 before the call of time and then the match was drawn.

10 June: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3072.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 June, page 11)

Gloucestershire played a much stronger eleven against Middlesex at Lord's yesterday than that which opposed Sussex. Owing to the bad weather a start could not be made until five minutes past 3, when Gloucestershire, who had lost the toss, began batting. The innings closed at 20 minutes to 7 for 228. Burton claimed 3 wickets . . . The Middlesex fielding was by no means clean.

Middlesex went in for 10 minutes' batting. Two overs were sent down . . .

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

When this game was resumed yesterday, at Lord's, the score stood thus: - Gloucestershire, 238; Middlesex, 4 for no wicket. Dr W G Grace and Gregg opened the bowling to the not-outs – Messrs Stoddart and Hadow.

Runs were obtained steadily until, at 44, Mr Stoddart was clean bowled, while a couple later Mr Hadow was out in a similar manner. Mr Scott and Spillman then became partners. Both batsmen hit in good style, and they were still together at the interval, when 157 were recorded. Only 10 runs were added when a fine catch at long-on got rid of Spillman, who had played an excellent innings of 63. Mr Scott, who was next joined by Mr Walker, was caught at long-off by Painter. Four for 191.

Mr Leslie's stay was brief, as, after Mr Walker had caused 200 to be telegraph, at a quarter past 3, he was clean bowled. Mr Vernon followed in. Further changes in the bowling were made. Mr Walker was easily stumped at 262. He had shown some of the best cricket of the afternoon, and his contribution included a six, five fours, two threes and six twos. The last four wickets were captured quickly, and the innings ended for 285. Mr Hale took seven wickets . . .

Gloucestershire, who were 57 behind, started their second innings . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 June, page 7)

Mr O G Radcliffe's vigorous hitting at Lord's on Saturday caused the match between these counties to last much longer than had been anticipated. On play being resumed, the visitors, with four wickets to fall, were only 66 runs ahead. Mr Radcliffe (not out 56) and Mr Ford [Wreford-Brown] (not out 8) were confronted by Burton and Dunkley.

After the former batsman had made a square-leg hit for four and an off-drive for three, he lost the company of Mr Ford, who obstructed his wicket. Seven for 130. Mr Francis came in. Both batsmen hit with great freedom, and Mr Robertson superseded Dunkley at 155. Burton, who sent down nine overs for six runs, shortly afterwards gave way to West. The latter alteration soon had the desired effect, as at 163 a catch at long-on got rid of Mr Francis. Gregg aided Mr Radcliffe, who cut and drove West to the boundary, and the professional hit the other bowler to leg for four. Burton displaced West at 185, but, despite the change, the 200 appeared at half-past 12. A couple

of runs later Gregg returned the ball.

On Mr Bush coming in Mr Radcliffe completed his 100; but shortly afterwards the former was run out, the innings closing at a quarter to 1 for 207. Mr Radcliffe carried his bat through the innings for 104. Among his contributions were 15 fours, five threes and six twos. Burton claimed four wickets . . .

Middlesex required 151 to win, and these they obtained with the loss of four wickets . . .

10 June: SURREY v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128317.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 11 June, page 11)

The heavy rain in the early part of yesterday so saturated the turf at Kennington Oval that at one time it seemed highly improbable that any start in this return match would be made. At 1.30, however, the downpour ceased, and the ground improved so rapidly that at 3.30 the game began. Surrey won the toss and finished their innings just before time.

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

At Kennington Oval yesterday these counties continued their return match. On the preceding day Surrey completed an innings for 197. Essex began batting yesterday with Messrs Ward and Owen. Lohmann and Beaumont bowled throughout. The wicket was rather difficult and the batting was of the most feeble description, the total only reaching 33. Lohmann claimed six wickets . . .

With a formidable deficiency of 164 runs, Essex followed on, and again could make no stand against the bowling. Four bowlers had been tried. Beaumont claimed seven wickets . . . From the full score appended it will be seen that Surrey were victors by an innings and 94 runs.

10 June: CHESHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128322.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 12 June, page 8)

Bates, of the Yorkshire Eleven, played a brilliant innings of 101 yesterday for his county against Cheshire at Stockport. The visitors, who were strongly represented, went in first and were batting the greater part of the day.

Day 2 (report from Monday 14 June, page 7)

Despite some good batting by several members of the Cheshire eleven on Saturday at Stockport, the visitors had little difficulty in defeating them. At the drawing of stumps on Friday Yorkshire, having completed an innings for 261, had dismissed two of their opponents for 51 runs.

The weather on Saturday was showery. Mr Crosfield batted in good style for 40, and among other hits made four fours and two threes. The remaining members of the eleven offered little resistance to the bowling of Peate, who took seven wickets . . .

Cheshire, who were in a minority of 167, followed on. Mr Crosfield again showed good form, while Brown and Millward hit vigorously. When Peel went on to bowl, however, wickets fell rapidly, and Cheshire were eventually beaten by an innings and 43 runs. Peel claimed six wickets . . .

14 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3074.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

An extraordinary batting performance was accomplished by Mr M C Kemp at Cambridge yesterday in the match between Mr C I Thornton's Gentlemen of England team and the University. Mr T Greatorex played in the home eleven.

The Gentlemen, who went in first, had lost six wickets for 21 runs when Messrs Kemp and G G Walker became partners. Before the last-named gentleman was run out no fewer than 88 had been added, the seventh wicket falling at 109. Another determined stand was made by Messrs Kemp and J G Walker, whose partnership realized 68 runs. After Mr Walker's dismissal Mr J C Mackinnon stayed with Mr Kemp while 51 were added, of which number the last-named scored 43. Nine wickets were down for 228 when Mr G A B Leatham made his appearance. Mr Kemp continued to hit very finely, and 42 more runs were added before the drawing of stumps.

During the day Mr Kemp made no fewer than 20 fours. After Mr J G Walker got out there was over an hour's rain, which made the wicket very easy.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

It will be remembered that the Gentlemen of England monopolized the batting of Cambridge on Monday, and at the drawing of stumps had scored 270 at the cost of nine wickets. Yesterday half an hour was expended in the capture of the outstanding wicket, Mr Kemp returning the ball. His masterly innings included 21 fours, seven threes and 17 twos. Of the seven bowlers tried, only two proved effective. Mr Rock claimed five wickets . . .

Cambridge started their batting in a most promising manner. Messrs Buxton and Bainbridge ran up a total of 95 before they were separated. In addition to this fine display, Messrs Rock and Turner batted carefully, the former showing great patience. The University just managed to save the follow-on by nine runs, the tenth wicket falling for 228. Four bowlers were put on. Mr Leatham took seven wickets . . . The Gentlemen went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 June, page 7)

The above match was continued yesterday at Cambridge in very dull weather. On Tuesday evening the Gentlemen had 70 runs in their favour at the close of the first venture, and had obtained 43 in their second at the cost of one wicket. Mr G G Walker, the not out with 16, had Mr Mackinnon for a companion. Messrs Buxton and Rock had charge of the ball.

Runs were obtained very slowly, and when 11 were added in 20 overs Mr Walker fell to a catch at cover-point. Two for 54. Mr G B Studd came in and scored two fours by drives from Mr Buxton. He was soon afterwards taken at the wicket. Mr Thornton hit vigorously for the highest score of the innings, which closed for 139. Four bowlers were tried. Mr Rock secured three wickets . . .

Cambridge now required 210 to win and had three hours and a half to get them in, thus having to

score at the rate of one per minute. Messrs Buxton and Bainbridge were opposed by Messrs A E Leatham and J E Walker. Both batsmen hit with such determination that 70 runs were obtained in the first hour. Mr Bainbridge ultimately returned the ball and Mr Buxton fell to a catch by Mr Hine-Haycock; the former's principal hits were six fours and four threes, and the latter's seven fours and the same number of threes.

Mr Turner's stay was brief. Messrs Thomas and Rock were then together, and after batting in brilliant style they obtained the 86 necessary for victory just before 6 o'clock. Mr Rock had batted very cautiously, but Mr Thomas was creditable with six fours. Four bowlers were engaged . . . Cambridge thus won by seven wickets – a very good performance, although the ground was in excellent order and the bowling weak.

14 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3077.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

With most of the first-class counties engaged it was almost impossible to get together representative teams for the annual Whitsun Monday match at Lord's. Despite this fact, however, two very good elevens had been chosen by the Marylebone Club, and the weather being fine about 7,000 people witnessed the play.

The North, having won the toss, began batting shortly after 12 o'clock with Wood-Sims and Davenport. Dr Grace and Burton (pavilion end) were the bowlers. Only seven runs were recorded when Wood-Sims obstructed his wicket. Cropper followed in. Ten overs having been sent down for 17 runs, however, he was bowled, and Sugg joined Davenport. The former hit vigorously, while his companion played patiently. Fothergill went on for Dr Grace at 46, and 11 runs later Gregg bowled in place of Burton. Before a run had been added Sugg was taken at cover-point. Three down. 15 were put on prior to Mr Lindley being taken at point. Four for 72.

Brown came in and runs were obtained steadily. With the total at 95 a two-fold change in the attack was made, Burton and Dr Grace resuming. The alteration soon brought about the dismissal of Brown, whom Burton clean bowled. Five for 108. Now came a rapid fall of wickets. Davenport was caught at slip at 111, a single later Shacklock was put out in a similar manner, while at 114 a catch at the wicket got rid of Warren. When the luncheon interval arrived Pougher and White were together, the total being 117 for eight wickets.

On the game being resumed, Dr Grace and Burton had charge of the bowling. After two changes in the attack, Pougher was taken at the wicket. Nine for 148. Parnham and White gave most unexpected trouble. Although the bowling was repeatedly changed, the 200 went up at five minutes to 4. Thirty runs were added in a quarter of an hour, and then a drizzling rain, which had been falling for some time, caused the players to retire.

After three-quarters of an hour the weather cleared and the game was continued. Both batsmen still hit in good style, and although the attack was frequently altered, runs were put on quickly. When White had made 39 he was badly missed by Gregg at mid-on; but Parnham hit all the bowlers severely, and amid great applause the "300" went up at 10 minutes to 6. Shortly afterwards White was beaten by a fine ball from Mills, and the innings closed for 305. The last pair of batsmen had achieved a very fine performance, having added no fewer than 157 for the tenth wicket. Parnham's 90 included 10 fours and as many twos; while White made five fours, four threes and nine twos. Nine bowlers were tried. Burton took four wickets . . .

Dr W G Grace and Mr Francis opened the South innings at 10 minutes past 6. The bowlers were Shacklock and Cropper. Dr Grace made several very fine drives to the boundary, and the score rose to 34 in 12 minutes. Mr Francis was then bowled, while several runs later Dr Grace was well caught at mid-on. The Gloucestershire captain's 32 included seven fours. Two for 41. With Henderson and Painter as partners, the 50 went up 20 minutes from the start. Nine later, however, Painter was run out and Mills came to the aid of Henderson. No further wicket had fallen at the drawing of stumps. During the time that the home eleven were in the light was very bad.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

There was an excellent day's cricket at Lord's yesterday when the match between teams representing the North and South of England terminated. The turf was in good order. Overnight, the home team had gone in against a total of 305, and had lost three wickets for 79.

Yesterday morning Henderson and Mills continued the batting at 11.35, the attack being conducted by Shacklock and Pougher. Runs were obtained rapidly and at a quarter to 12 the 100 appeared on the telegraph board. With three added, however, Mills was taken at extra mid-off. Four down. West obstructed his wicket without alteration in the figures, and Fothergill aided Henderson. Twenty had been obtained since the fall of the last wicket when the new batsman was run out. Gregg was bowled at 126 and Bryan met a similar fate 10 runs later.

Burton came in and a most obstinate resistance was offered to the bowling. Several changes were made, yet the score rose rapidly. When Henderson had obtained 56 he gave a difficult chance to Pougher at slip. The Surrey professional had played very fine cricket. Among his contributions were seven fours, five threes and four twos. Fifty-nine runs had been added for the ninth wicket. Spillman, owing to an injury to his knee on the previous day, was unable to take any part in yesterday's cricket, and the innings thus closed. Total 195. Time 1.25. Shacklock claimed five wickets . . .

In a minority of 110 the South followed on. Henderson and Burton opened the second venture to the bowling of Shacklock and Cropper. Ten overs had been sent down for 12 runs when the luncheon adjournment was made. After the customary interval the game was resumed, the bowlers still being Shacklock and Cropper. At 21 Henderson lost the company of Burton, who was out to a right handed catch at slip. Painter filled the vacancy. The former at once began to hit freely so that at 43 Warren relieved Shacklock. The new bowler got Painter caught at mid-on at 47; the late partnership had yielded 26 runs in a quarter of an hour.

Dr Grace joined Henderson. For a time the batsmen played with caution, but the former soon hit Cropper twice to square leg for four and cut him finely to the boundary. Wood-Sims displaced Cropper at 67, and six runs later the Gloucestershire captain was taken at slip. Three for 73. Mr Francis came in. Henderson was caught at slip at 87 for a well-played 34. His cricket in both innings was wonderfully good; indeed he seems to have quite recovered his batting power.

Mills hit with great freedom and the "100" went up at 4.15. Nine runs later, however, he was caught at long-on. As in the first innings, West was out leg-before, and the sixth wicket fell at 112. Fothergill was caught at point at 127, Gregg was bowled a single later, and at 137 Bryan was dismissed by a good ball from Cropper, the innings closing at 5 o'clock. Wood-Sims took three wickets . . .

The North only required 28 to win, and these they obtained for the loss of one wicket, the winning hit – an on-drive for four – being made by Brown at 20 minutes to 6.

14 June: LANCASHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3075.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

Owing to the inclement weather very little play was witnessed in this match which began yesterday at the Old Trafford ground, Manchester. The Australians, who were successful in the toss, started batting with Messrs Jones and Scott at half-past 12. Watson and Barlow were the bowlers.

The play at first proved very slow; but runs were soon put on steadily. The Australian captain played in excellent style; but his companion scarcely seemed at home with the bowling of Watson. On one occasion Mr Jones skied the ball between Mr Hornby and Yates; but neither fieldsman could reach it. The score rose to 60 when rain caused the players to seek shelter. As there was no prospect of the weather improving it was decided to abandon any idea of further play for the day.

Great disappointment was felt among the large company of spectators who had assembled. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer are standing out of the visitors' team.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

On Monday the almost incessant rain which fell at Manchester caused the play in this match to be limited to an hour. During this time the Australians had obtained 60 runs without loss of wicket. Yesterday the weather had improved, and Messrs Jones and Scott (the not-outs with 34 and 20) were opposed by Barlow and Watson.

Twenty-six were steadily put on, and then Mr Scott obstructed his wicket. One for 86. Mr Giffen appeared, but with an addition of three only, Barlow claimed two wickets in an over – Mr Jones caught at cover-point and Mr Bruce clean bowled; the former's excellent innings of 54 included two fours, three threes and 12 twos. So good was the bowling of Watson and Barlow that the Colonials could do little with it. A catch at mid-off soon disposed of Mr Bonnor; Mr Jarvis was bowled at 95, as was Mr Giffen at 102. Half the wickets were now lost. Of the remainder, Mr Garrett batted well, and having been let off at point was quickly caught at square-leg. Total 145.

Lancashire went in and made a very feeble beginning against the bowling of Mr Giffen. Although several mistakes were made in the field five of the best wickets fell for 22, and the whole of the team were dismissed in one hour and 35 minutes for the meagre total of 46. The only batsmen who could do anything at all were Messrs Steel and Lancashire. Yet, although the former played good cricket, he gave a chance prior to that which led to his dismissal. As will be seen from the analysis, Mr Giffen's bowling was remarkable.

In a minority of 99, the county followed on, and in three-quarters of an hour Mr Hornby and Barlow had put together 29 with great care. There were about 6,000 spectators present. The wicket, under the influence of the sun and wind, was very difficult as it dried, and favoured the bowlers so much that 20 wickets fell during the day and only 160 runs were registered.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 June, page 7)

Few admirers of the Lancashire eleven were prepared for the crushing defeat inflicted on them at the Old Trafford ground, Manchester, by the Australians. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday evening the county had followed on in their second venture 90 runs in arrear, and of this number they had put together 29 without the loss of a wicket, so that it was confidently hoped that they would be able at least to avert the single innings defeat.

Yesterday the weather was gloomy and the light by no means good. Mr Hornby and Barlow (not outs 9 and 14) resumed batting at 12.10. Messrs Garrett and Giffen were the bowlers. Only two runs were scored when the latter clean-bowled Barlow middle stump, and at 33 Mr Hornby was taken at slip. Two down. Mr H B Steel and Briggs were now together, but the professional in playing forward to a ball of Mr Giffen's, missed it and was bowled. Three for 42. Mr Dobell stayed with Mr Steel while the score was slowly raised to 56, when he was dismissed, and Mr Taylor, who succeeded him, returned the ball.

Half the wickets were now lost for 62. The remainder only averaged five runs each. Mr Lancashire was bowled middle stump at 68, and two runs later Mr Steel, who had been the most successful batsman in each innings, was beaten by a splendid ball from Mr Giffen. Seven down. Mr Bruce, who had relieved Mr Garrett at 62, now gave way to Mr Evans. The last three wickets fell in rapid succession, the tenth realizing 87. Mr Giffen's bowling, as will be seen from the analysis, was marvellous. Out of a possible 20 wickets he obtained as many as 16. Australia thus won by an innings and 12 runs.

14 June: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

It is many years since a southern county has been represented by so powerful a team as that which Surrey can now place in the field. Consequently the match between the southerners and the Nottinghamshire Eleven has been anticipated with great interest.

Unfortunately the weather at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday was very unfavourable. Rain delayed the start for an hour, and subsequently stopped play from the luncheon interval until a few minutes after 5 o'clock. Owing to an injury to his foot Selby stood out of the Nottinghamshire Eleven, and his place was taken by Mr R P Daft, elder son of Mr Richard Daft.

Play began within a few minutes of 1 o'clock, when Surrey sent in Abel and Maurice Read. From the first ball bowled the former was taken at the wicket. Diver followed in and runs were soon put on steadily. Altogether the cricket lasted two hours and a quarter. During that time Read and Diver made the fullest use of their opportunity. They scored at one time 114 in an hour and, despite the bowling changes, put on 168 before they were separated. Towards the close of the afternoon Diver seemed as if he would obtain a hundred, but he slipped over the crease in playing forward to a ball from Flowers and was neatly stumped. His fine and brilliant innings of 94 included seven fours, eleven threes and nine twos. Two for 168. Jones joined Read and four runs were added before the drawing of stumps . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

Little progress was made in this match at the Old Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Monday, owing to rain, as only two Surrey wickets were lost for 172. Yesterday the wind was very high. Maurice Read and Jones (the not-outs with 72 and 0) resumed batting.

When four runs were obtained Jones was dismissed, and soon afterwards Maurice Read's valuable innings was closed by a capital ball from Flowers. Among his hits were seven fours, six threes and six twos. There was nothing special in the rest of the batting, except the patience shown by Mr Roller, who was in for an hour and three-quarters for 19. Quite an unexpected stand was made before the downfall of the last wicket by Wood and Bowley, the innings eventually closing at a quarter to 4 for 282. Barnes secured four wickets . . .

When Notts went in Scotton and Shrewsbury gave an excellent exhibition of batting. They were together for two hours, and neither made the slightest mistake. Shrewsbury returned the ball at 78, after which Scotton and Barnes played out time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 June, page 7)

The third day's play in this match on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, was very exciting. Although on Tuesday night a draw seemed inevitable, at one time yesterday victory was almost within the grasp of Surrey. When the game was resumed, the visitors had completed an innings for 282, and only one Nottingham wicket was lost for 101 runs. Scotton and Barnes (not out 51 and

six) were opposed by Lohmann and Beaumont.

The former proved very effective. In his second over he clean bowled Barnes, and soon afterwards dismissed Flowers and Gunn in the same manner. Mr H B Daft was caught at mid-off, and at 131 his brother fell to a catch at wicket. Attewell joined Scotton, and both batted steadily, bringing on Bowley and Jones. When they had scored 25 runs in 40 minutes, Attewell was clean bowled, and at 165 Wright was also bowled by Lohmann, who had resumed. At luncheon the total stood at 181 for nine wickets.

After the interval Sherwin joined Scotton, 22 runs still being required to avert the follow-on. Lohmann and Bowley were the bowlers. The batsmen played with unexpected steadiness. Scotton completed his 100 at 3 o'clock, and soon afterwards Beaumont relieved Bowley. Amid great excitement, the follow on was saved soon afterwards. Despite several changes in the bowling, 43 runs were put on before Sherwin was dismissed. Scotton's 110 were very finely played. Total 223. Lohmann took six wickets . . .

From the full score appended it will be seen that the game was left drawn.

14 June: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3078.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

There were fully 8,000 people at Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, yesterday, when the match was begun between these counties, both of which were strongly represented. Owing to the rain, play lasted only an hour and a quarter.

The game was started at 12.45, when Yorkshire, who had won the toss, sent in Hall and Ulyett. A Hearne dismissed Ulyett with the score at 2; then Bates showed some very fine hitting. He scored 27 before being taken at slip at 34. The Hon M B Hawke next joined Hall, who had been playing with extraordinary patience. The amateur scored freely. Fort-one runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket when play ceased. The caution which Hall showed may be gathered from the fact that he did not score a run during the last 40 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

About 10,000 spectators were present yesterday on the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, to witness the continuation of this match. The weather was fine and the turf in good order. Overnight Yorkshire, who had gone in first, had scored 75 for the loss of two wickets.

The Hon M B Hawke and Hall (the not outs with 9 and 38) continued their batting at 11.35. Repeated variations were made by Kent in their attack; but these were successfully defied until the total had reached 151, when the Hon M B Hawke was caught at mid-on. His brilliant innings of 76 was composed of eight fours, nine twos and singles. Hall, who had been batting for 3 hours and 20 minutes, was caught at the wicket at 172, having previously given a chance to short slip when he had made 49. He had played very patiently, and his chief hits were four fours, three threes and seven twos. At luncheon the total stood at 188 for six wickets, and after 22 runs had been added Lee, the only other batsman who did anything of note, returned the ball. The innings closed at 3.35 for 218. Six bowlers had been engaged. A Hearne claimed five wickets . . .

F Hearne and Mr Patterson began batting for Kent to the bowling of Peate and Bates. The first ball nearly bowled Hearne and went for four byes. Afterwards the batting was very good. Emmett and Ulyett were put on to bowl, and other changes followed. Still the score rose rapidly. At 5 o'clock 100 was reached, this number having taken one hour and 20 minutes to obtain. F Hearne was clean bowled at 106, and G G Hearne was dismissed in a similar manner at the same total. [Two] down.

Mr Patterson and Lord Harris made another stand, until at 161 the former's excellent innings was closed by a catch at wicket, and the Kent captain was disposed of seven runs later. Mr Jones was clean bowled, and then the Rev R T Thornton and M Tonge played out time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 June, page 7)

When play at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, ceased on Tuesday the match between these counties was left in an interesting state. Yorkshire had completed an innings for 218 and five of the Kent wickets were down for 186.

The weather yesterday was boisterous, but no rain fell. At 11.40 the Rev R T Thornton and Mr Tonge (the not-outs with four and nine) were confronted by Emmett and Peate. Both batsmen showed good form. The score gradually advanced, and a two-fold change was adopted, Peel and Ulyett being the bowlers. At 12.25, however, the Yorkshire score was passed, and Bates relieved Ulyett. The change soon proved effectual, as at 239 the Rev Mr Thornton was clean bowled, 70 runs having been put on since the fall of the fifth wicket. Beyond Mr Tonge, who was smartly thrown out from mid-off, the remainder of the side did little, and the innings terminated at a quarter past 1 for 255. Six bowlers had been engaged . . .

Yorkshire, who were 37 runs behind, started their second venture at 1.30 with Grimshaw and Hall. The attack was intrusted to A Hearne and Mr Christopherson. The latter bowled Hall at 25. Ulyett came in, and at luncheon the score stood at 32. Afterwards the wickets fell rapidly, and when the sixth collapsed only 67 runs had been scored. Mr Hawke, who went in third wicket down, batted admirably, and saw the downfall of seven wickets and then had his own intact. His chief hits were three fours, four threes and eight twos. Grimshaw also batted very freely, and while he was in made 43 out of 57. The innings closed for 158. A Hearne took six wickets . . .

Kent now required 122 to win, and had an hour and twenty minutes in which to get them. They made a very bad start as five of their wickets were captured for 28 runs. G G Hearne and the Rev Mr Thornton then played out time, the game, which had been of a very fluctuating character, being left drawn.

14 June: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128315.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 June, page 9)

Yesterday on the Hove Ground at Brighton an interesting day's cricket was witnessed in the match between these counties. A large number of people watched the game. Hampshire went in first on a good wicket. Mr Lacey played a very fine innings, and he and Mr Powell between them contributed 100 towards the total. J Hide claimed four wickets . . .

Sussex on going in lost three wickets (increasing Mr Newham's) for 85. Messrs Brann and Lucas played very fine cricket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 June, page 6)

Some very heavy scoring was made on the Sussex County Ground, at Brighton, yesterday, by the home team. At the close of Monday's play Hampshire had completed an innings for 198 and three Sussex wickets were down for 85. Messrs Lucas and Brann (the not outs with 15 and 31) continued their batting.

The Hampshire bowling was very speedily mastered, and underwent a great variety of changes. Runs at one time came at the rate of over 100 within the hour, and the finest display of batting was shown since Murdoch's team played at Brighton in 1882. Mr Lucas's innings comprised a five and four fours, &c., and Mr Brann, who was at the wickets three hours and 40 minutes, obtained 219, in which were 35 fours and five threes. Each batsman had given one difficult chance. The innings ultimately closed for 420. Eight bowlers had been tried, four with success . . .

With a deficiency of 222 runs, Hampshire went in a second time; but with the exception of Mr Powell, none of their batsmen offered much resistance to the excellent bowling of A Hide, and the tenth wicket fell for 68. Three bowlers were put on: - A Hide claimed nine wickets . . . From the subjoined score it will be seen that Sussex won by an innings and 154 runs.

17 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3080.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 June, page 5)

With three important county matches commencing yesterday, the selection of a representative Gentlemen of England team, always a matter of difficulty, was rendered even more so on the occasion of their meeting the Australians at Kennington Oval. Dr Grace's cricket was quite up to the high standard with which his name is associated. His score of 148 is within four of the highest individual total made in England against any Australian team, as he himself obtained 152 for England against Australia in 1880, Mr Murdoch in the same match scoring 153 not out.

At 10 minutes past 12 the Australians, who had lost the toss, entered the field. Mr Patterson and Dr W G Grace were the first representatives of the Gentlemen of England. Mr Giffen and Mr Bruce began the bowling. Forty runs were the result of 35 minutes' play. When 47 had been reached, Mr Bruce gave way to Mr Garrett. At 50 Mr Evans relieved Mr Giffen, and the Gloucestershire captain obtained four by a leg hit, and in the fourth over from the same bowler he made a cut to the boundary. A cut for three by Dr Grace caused 70 to be registered at the end of the first hour, and 80 was announced after as many minutes' play. Dr Grace made a late cut for four to the railings off Mr Evans, and a single in the same over completed this batsman's 50, after an hour and a quarter's play.

At 91 Mr Giffen resumed in place of Mr Evans. Mr Patterson made on drives for two and four in an over of Mr Garrett's, and an off drive for four by Dr Grace from the same bowler sent the score beyond the 100 after one hour and 25 minutes' play. At 104 Mr Jones superseded Mr Garrett. This had the desired effect, as from the third ball Mr Patterson was smartly taken at the wicket. One down.

Mr Lucas filled the vacancy, and Dr Grace sent Mr Giffen to leg for three and drove him to the on boundary. Seven runs were made by Mr Lucas in an over of Mr Jones's by an on drive and square leg hit. At 123 Mr Bruce resumed bowling at the pavilion end in place of Mr Jones. A separation immediately took place. Mr Lucas was caught at point standing rather towards slip, the ball having previously touched the wicket-keeper's hand. Two for 123, Dr Grace having made 66. Luncheon now intervened.

After the interval Mr W W Read accompanied Dr Grace to the wickets. Messrs Giffen and Bruce were still intrusted with the bowling. The first noteworthy hit was an off drive by Dr Grace for four from Mr Bruce. When 133 had been reached Mr Garrett displaced Mr Bruce, and his second ball Dr Grace drove to the on for a couple. The same batsman then cut Mr Giffen for a single, this bowler having sent down five maiden overs in succession. The 140 was reached at 10 minutes past 3. Mr Giffen, who had sent down 12 overs for six runs, was now cut for three by Dr Grace, and an on drive for two by the same batsman caused 150 to be signalled at 3.25. A square leg hit to the boundary by Dr Grace followed, again off Mr Giffen, who at 162 gave up the ball to Mr Evans. A fine cut to the spectators by Dr Grace off Mr Garrett was greeted with great enthusiasm. Mr Jones superseded Mr Garrett, and a single later Mr Trumble relieved Mr Evans. An off drive for four in his second over by Dr Grace caused the Gloucestershire captain to pass his hundred at a quarter to 4, amid the hearty cheers of the spectators. He had now been in two hours and 50 minutes.

Mr Read drove Mr Trumble to the off for four. Dr Grace then cut Mr Jones for four, and the next

ball he sent to square leg for a like number. At 195 Mr Evans received the ball from Mr Jones, and at 4 o'clock the 200 was signalled through an off drive by Dr Grace. Mr Read cut a ball of Mr Evans's very cleanly for four. A single only having been made in three overs, Dr Grace cut a ball of Mr Evans's to the boundary, this being his fourth hit for four in succession. Mr Read responded to this with an off drive for four from Mr Trumble. A two-fold change in the attack was now adopted, Messrs Garrett and Bruce sharing the bowling. The latter's first ball Mr Read drove to the off for four. At length a splendid left-handed catch by Mr Bruce, running backwards, at mid-off, dismissed Mr Read. Three for 224.

Dr Grace, who had obtained 128, was next assisted by the Hon M B Hawke, who obtained a single from the third ball he received. Nothing but singles came from the next four overs, and Mr Giffen was put on again in place of Mr Trumble. Dr Grace continued to bat in quite his old style, and again cut Mr Garrett for four. Mr Hawke drove a ball of Mr Giffen's to the on among the spectators, and a cut for three by Dr Grace shot the total up to 250 at a quarter to 5, the Gloucestershire captain being credited with 141 of this number. He then obtained five by a cut and leg hit in an over of Mr Giffen's. Three overs later, however, he was easily caught by third man, and on his way to the pavilion he was most vociferously cheered by the company. He had been at the wickets four hours and five minutes, and his chief hits were 17 fours, six threes and 11 twos. Four for 261.

Mr Roller appeared, and Mr Hawke obtained four by a very lucky snick to the pavilion railings off Mr Giffen, and then obtained four and two by on and off drives from the same bowler. Mr Trumble displaced Mr Giffen at 287. Thirteen runs were made in 11 overs, among which was a cut for three by Mr Roller off Mr Trumble, which completed the 300 at 5.40. Mr Roller cut a ball of Mr Garrett's for three, and at 309 Mr Bruce went on in lieu of Mr Trumble, and in his second over Mr Hawke drove him to the on for four. He then sent Mr Garrett to the off with a like result, but the next ball he drove straight into Mr Jones's hands at mid-off. Among his hits were six fours and 12 twos. Five for 319.

Mr G Kemp filled the vacancy. Mr Roller hit Mr Bruce well for three and Mr Garrett for four. The last comer cut Mr Bruce for four, which sent the score to 330. Four runs subsequently Mr Bruce handed the ball to Mr Evans. Mr G Kemp soon cut him for two, and Mr Roller by a similar hit obtained four. Mr Giffen, who had evidently been suffering from lameness in the left leg, now retired to the pavilion and the Hon M B Hawke fielded for him. At 346 Mr Jones went on for Mr Evans. Mr G Kemp sent the new bowler to leg for four, which brought the total to 350. Stumps were now drawn. Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 June, page 13)

There was another remarkable day's cricket at Kennington Oval yesterday when the match between the Gentlemen of England and the Australians was resumed. About 6,000 people visited the Oval. Mr S P Jones got within two of Dr Grace's score and was still not out at the call of "time." Mr G Kemp's excellent display of batting and the free hitting of Mr Jarvis were among the other features of the day's cricket. It will be remembered that at the close of Thursday's play the Englishmen had lost five wickets for 350 runs.

The Australians took up their positions at a quarter to 12, Mr R Pope, an Australian visitor, being substitute for Mr Giffen. Mr Roller (not out 33) and Mr G Kemp (not out 15) continued the innings of the Gentlemen. Messrs Trumble and Garrett bowled. The first ball Mr G Kemp cut for four, and

from the last of the over he secured a single. Mr Roller made four by a fine leg hit. Two singles only came from the next eight overs. The run-getting was then accelerated. Mr G Kemp secured three by a fortunate hit, and in the next over of Mr Garrett's he gained two fours by off and on drives. Mr Roller made two threes by cuts from each bowler. With the score at 389 Mr Garrett crossed over, and Mr Jones went on at the pavilion end. Nothing beyond singles were obtained from the next six overs. Mr Roller then, by a lucky hit through the slips, shot the total up to precisely 400 at 12.20. Two runs later Mr Bruce was tried in place of Mr Garrett. Mr G Kemp made a very fine forward cut from Mr Jones. In the same bowler's next over Mr Roller was quite beaten by a ball which struck his off stump. The retiring batsman's chief items were four fours, six threes and two twos.

Mr M C Kemp came next on the list. Mr G Kemp cut a ball of Mr Bruce's for four and sent Mr Jones to square-leg and to the on also for four each. Mr M C Kemp cut Mr Bruce finely for four, and Mr G Kemp cut Mr Jones for three and Mr Bruce for four. Mr Garrett now superseded Mr Jones, and five runs afterwards Mr Bruce received the ball from Mr Evans. The first delivery of the latter change Mr M C Kemp drove to the on for four, and at 1 o'clock the total had reached 452. Twelve runs were added and Mr M C Kemp was taken at point. Seven for 464. Mr Turner arrived next, and four runs afterwards Mr G Kemp was secured at mid-off. Eight for 468. Mr Toppin played on at 471, and the innings was closed by Mr Horner being clean bowled at 25 minutes past 1.

Messrs M'Ilwraith and Jones opened the Australian innings. Mr Horner and Mr Roller were the bowlers. The third ball Mr M'Ilwraith cut for four. When 13 only had been obtained Mr M'Ilwraith was completely beaten by a ball of Mr Jones's. After luncheon Mr Scott accompanied Mr Jones to the wicket. The last-named gentleman made a fine off-drive for four; but the Australian captain hit a ball upon the off side, which dropped just out of Mr Grace's reach. Runs were now put on steadily, so that at 47 a change in the attack was resorted to, Mr Toppin relieving Mr Horner. Mr Scott then obtained four by an on-drive, which brought 50 on the telegraph board at a quarter past 3. Five runs later Dr Grace superseded Mr Roller, after which the run-getting slackened considerably. As the batsmen remained together, however, Mr Toppin gave up the ball to Mr Turner at 74. This change had the desired effect, as when 18 had been added Mr Scott fell to a catch at cover slip. No fewer than 79 runs had been added during the partnership.

Mr Jarvis came to the assistance of Mr Jones, who by a leg hit for four caused the 100 to be signalled at 10 minutes past 4. Dr Grace now gave way to Mr Horner who crossed over at 134, while Mr Roller conducted the attack at the gasometer end. Despite these and further changes, however, 200 was signalled at 25 minutes to 6. Three runs later Mr Patterson displaced Dr Grace, but Mr Jarvis obtained a like number through the slips. This proved the latter's final contribution, however, as an appeal by Mr Patterson for "leg-before" caused him to retire. Three for 213. Mr Jarvis's brilliant innings of 71 included nine fours, five threes and four twos. Since the second wicket had fallen no fewer than 121 runs had been added.

Mr Jones next had Mr Bruce for a companion. Mr Patterson gave up the ball to Mr Roller at 243, but after delivering an over the latter had to leave the field, having injured his side. Mr Read went on at 258, but no separation was effected. When he had made 18 Mr Bruce gave a difficult chance to Mr Read at point off Mr Turner. Runs were again put on rapidly . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 June, page 10)

Probably the most sanguine of those who visited Kennington Oval expected to see such a display of batting as that shown by our Australian visitors. A rough glance at the score will show that the Colonials have pursued our game so thoroughly that they are not far behind the best amateur players in England. Mr S P Jones's cricket was very fine, and he was credited with the highest innings of the match. The home fielding did not realized expectation, while their batting in the second innings was weak. Still, it must not be forgotten that two of the Englishmen were disabled, while, on the other hand, Mr Giffen had been unable to render his side much service since the opening day.

When play was resumed, Messrs Jones (not out 146) and Bruce (not out 18) were confronted by Mr Horner and Dr Grace. Mr Roller, who was still unwell, had Wood to field as substitute; while Mr Lucas, who had injured his foot, was also absent. After Bruce had given a difficult chance at the wicket, Mr Jones soon made his score the highest in the match, while the third century appeared on the telegraph board at 12 o'clock. Two runs later, however, Mr Jones's long and brilliant innings was closed by a catch at cover-point. His chief contributions were 17 fours, eight threes and 17 twos.

Mr Bonnor aided Mr Bruce. The former, after giving Dr Grace a return chance, began to hit vigorously. He drove the ball into the pavilion, and hit Dr Grace to square leg over the ring. Mr Toppin relieved the Gloucestershire captain at 333; but the separation was effected from the other end before a run had been added, Mr Bruce being taken at the wicket. His 46 comprised four fours, two threes, two twos and singles. Mr Giffen, who was still very lame, followed in and had Mr Garrett to run for him. The new batsman only made four and was then taken at mid-on. Six for 337.

Messrs Trumble and Bonnor were now together, and at 369 the latter was finely caught and bowled for a vigorously hit 47. Mr Blackham and Mr Trumble now had the batting; but both gave difficult chances. Both gentlemen hit freely, so that at 389 Mr Turner received the ball from Mr Toppin. Mr Blackham, by a cut off the new bowler for four, averted the follow on at 1.30. Five minutes later, a similar hit by the same batsman caused 400 to be telegraphed. This proved Mr Blackham's final contribution, however, as the very next ball struck his middle stump. Mr Garrett, who aided Mr Trumble, gave a difficult chance to Mr Read at point, which he failed to accept, and then the score was raised to 415 before luncheon.

Messrs Turner and Horner were the bowlers after the interval. Only four runs were added prior to Mr Trumble being out to a splendid catch at point. Nine down. Messrs Evans and Garrett gave considerable trouble for the last wicket and, despite the variations in the attack, a cut by Mr Garrett for four shot the score past the English figures at half-past 3. Mr Toppin went on again at 485, and this change quickly brought about the downfall of Mr Evans, who was taken at cover-point from the third ball of the over. The innings terminated at 20 minutes to 4; total 488.

In a minority of 17 runs, the home eleven started their second venture with Dr Grace and Mr Turner. Messrs Garrett and Jones were the bowlers. After Mr Turner had cut Mr Jones for four and hit him to leg with a like result, he gave a hard chance to point. Mr Evans superseded Mr Jones at 25. The former at once got Mr Turner caught at deep mid-on, and before a run was added he clean bowled Mr Patterson. Two for 25.

The Hon M B Hawke and Dr Grace scored very slowly. As the batsmen appeared to be getting set, however, Mr Jones resumed in lieu of Mr Evans. Dr Grace, who had been batting 50 minutes for 10 runs, then gave a chance to point, while shortly afterwards Mr Hawke was badly missed by Mr Jones at mid-off. Mr Evans again displaced Mr Jones at 60, but with eight added Dr Grace was

caught off the other bowler at mid-off. Wickets now began to fall rapidly. Mr G Kemp was caught and bowled at 77, Mr Hawke taken at the wicket at 83, while at 91, Mr M C Kemp was cleverly caught at short slip, and a ball from Mr Garrett struck Mr Toppin's leg stump. Mr Horner was taken at slip at 105, and Messrs Roller and Lucas being unable to bat, the innings closed at a quarter past 6. Thus the game ended in a draw greatly in favour of the Australians, who only wanted 89 runs to win and an innings in which to get them.

17 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3082.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 June, page 5)

Middlesex were represented by a very strong eleven at Lord's yesterday, when they began the first of their matches with Nottinghamshire. Middlesex won the toss and made the large total of 253 against the Nottinghamshire bowlers, of which number Mr Vernon made 77. His innings included seven fours, six threes and seven twos. Attewell claimed six wickets . . .

Shrewsbury and Scotton began the Notts innings at 10 minutes to 6. The bowlers were Burton and Mr Robertson. Although several variations were made in the attack, the batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 June, page 13)

This match was continued at Lord's yesterday in dull and cold weather. Notts, who had scored 60 without loss of a wicket on the previous evening, resumed batting, and made 204 before they were all out. Burton claimed four wickets . . . Middlesex began their second innings with a lead of 49.

Day 3 (report from Monday 21 June, page 10)

After one of the finest matches witnessed in London this season, the game between these teams terminated on Saturday at Lord's, Notts winning by five wickets.

17 June: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3081.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 June, page 5)

Briggs played a brilliant innings of 107 for his county against Kent at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. There was an exceedingly large attendance of spectators.

Lancashire started the batting within a few minutes of noon, and the innings did not close until half-past 5. Mr Christopherson claimed four wickets . . . So bad was the light now that the game was delayed three-quarters of an hour. Kent went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 June, page 13)

Lord Harris and several other members of the Kent eleven showed some good batting in this match at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. In the Kent first innings Wootton played very well, as did George Hearne, but after the captain's dismissal six wickets fell in three-quarters of an hour, for 25 runs, the innings closing just before 4 o'clock. Mr Teggin, a slow bowler, proved very successful, as he claimed six wickets . . .

Kent followed on with a minority of 132. They lost two wickets for 25, and then Lord Harris and G G Hearne put on 96 runs.

Day 3 (scorecard but no report from Monday 21 June, page 10)

17 June: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3079.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 18 June, page 5)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 June, page 13)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Derby on Thursday Yorkshire, going in against a total of 92, had lost four wickets for 47. Yesterday the visitors' innings closed for an addition of 40. Cropper took three wickets . . .

On Derbyshire going in a second time, Sugg played a fine innings of 62. Emmett claimed four wickets . . . Yorkshire went in with 162 to obtain for victory . . .

Day 3 (scorecard but no report from Monday 21 June, page 10)

21 June: PLAYERS v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3086.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 June, page 5)

The Players were well represented at Nottingham yesterday when the match with the Australians was begun at the Trent Bridge Ground. Although the weather was dull and cold, between 4,000 and 5,000 people witnessed the play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 June, page 12)

In dull weather but before several thousand spectators this match was continued yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. The Englishmen, who had scored 244 overnight for eight wickets, resumed their batting, the not outs Barlow (80) and Flowers (48) being opposed by Messrs Giffen and Garrett.

Barlow completed his hundred at ten minutes to 1, and shortly afterwards 300 appeared on the telegraph board. The bowling, which had previously been changed, underwent further alterations, and at length, at 314, Flowers was dismissed by a fine piece of stumping. No fewer than 172 runs had been added by the partnership, and of these the retiring batsman had scored more than half. Barlow was taken at slip at 334, the venture closing at a quarter to 2. The Lancastrian had been batting five hours and a half.

After the luncheon interval the visitors began batting with Messrs Jones and Scott. Bates and Barlow were the bowlers. Mr Scott was taken in the long field at 24 and Mr Giffen appeared. With the figures at 30 Barnes gave way to Ulyett, who in his third over got Mr Jones caught at slip. Two for 36. Messrs Giffen and Jarvis then made a stand, so that at 50 Flowers superseded Barlow. The former came in for severe punishment, but at 73 he clean bowled Mr Jarvis. Four runs after Mr Bonnor was taken at mid-off.

Messrs Bruce and Giffen caused the bowling to be changed several times before the first-named was bowled at 127. Mr Giffen was out at 174; his contributions included six fours, a three and nine twos. Rain stopped play shortly before the usual time for drawing stumps.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 June, page 10)

The concluding day's cricket in this match at the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, proved exceptionally good. It was witnessed by several thousand spectators, who took keen interest in the game. Yesterday when play was resumed the visitors, with four wickets to fall, required 81 runs to avert the "follow-on." Barlow and Ulyett were the bowlers.

In the former's first over Mr Palmer fell to a catch at the wicket, and Mr Blackham came in. A very fine ball from Barlow sent back Mr Trumble at 191, after which Messrs Garrett and Blackham raised the score to 200 at 12.30. Briggs, who then bowled in lieu of Ulyett, speedily dismissed Mr Blackham, while at 205 Mr Garrett, after playing a ball from Barlow, stood off his crease and Sherwin put the wicket down. Time 12.40.

Being 129 runs behind, the Australians followed on at 1 o'clock. Messrs Jones and Scott faced the bowling of Barlow and Briggs. The former gave way at 20 to Flowers, who soon missed a difficult return catch from Mr Scott. Ulyett relieved Briggs at 25, and in his second over he got the Australian captain caught at point. Messrs Giffen and Jones then became partners, and at the adjournment the score was 30.

When play was resumed the bowlers were still Ulyett and Flowers; but as runs came rather freely the latter soon handed the ball to Barlow, while at 71 Briggs relieved Ulyett. Seven runs later a separation was effected, Mr Jones being thrown out by Barlow in attempting a short run. The retiring batsman's fine innings of 49 included three fours, five threes and seven twos. Mr Jarvis was clean bowled at 91; but then Mr Bonnor and Mr Giffen made a long stand. The "100" was signalled at 20 minutes to 4.

Several bowling changes were made. Ulyett, Flowers and Maurice Read all went on, but the score had reached 186 before Mr Bonnor was taken at point for 47. He had made five fours, three threes and five twos. Mr Giffen was out to a well-judged catch at long-off at 219 for a faultless innings of 78. He had been batting three hours and 20 minutes, and his hits included six fours, four threes and 12 twos. After Gunn and Scotton had been put on Mr Bruce was bowled, and then Messrs Trumble and Evans played out time, the match being drawn. Owing to a slight injury Barnes was unable to bowl yesterday.

21 June: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3084.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 June, page 5)

The return match between the metropolitan counties was begun yesterday at Lord's in fine weather and before a large company of onlookers. Middlesex, who won the toss, started batting at five minutes past 12. When "time" was announced the score stood as under: - [Scorecard follows.]

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 June, page 12)

When play ceased in this match at Lord's on Monday, Surrey had by no means the best of the game, as with only three wickets to fall they were 78 runs behind. Yesterday, however, the remaining batsmen gave considerable trouble, and the home total was passed by 15 runs.

Yesterday Middlesex completed a second innings. Surrey, who wanted 221 to win, then went in a second time, and when rain stopped play at 10 minutes to 7, the score stood as follows: - [Scorecard follows.]

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 June, page 10)

Surrey gained another victory yesterday, when they defeated Middlesex at Lord's after an excellent match. When play ceased on Tuesday evening the visitors, with eight wickets to fall, required 139 to win. From the full score appended it will be seen that Surrey won by four wickets.

21 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3087.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 June, page 5)

Mr G Kemp's brilliant innings was the feature of yesterday's cricket in this match at Sheffield. His chief hits were 16 fours, five threes and seven twos . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 June, page 12)

Yesterday at Sheffield the return match between the Light Blues and Yorkshire was resumed. Seven of the home batsmen had been dismissed when 59 runs were still required by the county to avert the follow on. Preston and Emmett obtained 49 out of this number before the latter was bowled. Hunter and Preston soon saved the follow on, while Peate and Preston added 64 for the last wicket. Peate, who hit freely, was twice missed, but Preston's innings, beyond a chance when he had made 76, was faultless. Among his hits were one five, ten fours, two threes and seven twos.

Cambridge went in a second time, and when play ceased the score was in the following condition: -
[Scorecard follows.]

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 June, page 10)

The Cambridge Eleven experienced their first reverse this season at Sheffield yesterday at the hands of Yorkshire. Overnight the visitors had begun their second venture with an advantage of three runs, and had scored 65 for the loss of two wickets.

Yesterday morning the innings collapsed in three-quarters of an hour for an addition of only 21 runs. Peate took six wickets . . .

Yorkshire, who were left with 90 to obtain for victory, made a disastrous start, losing both Mr Hawke and Bates from the first two balls bowled. Then came a most brilliant display of batting by Preston. He scored 39 out of 51 before Hall was bowled, after which he with Peel hit off the runs and won the match for Yorkshire by seven wickets. Preston, out of 82 made from the bat, scored 71 – a most remarkable performance. His faultless innings included ten fours, two threes and eight twos. Of the five bowlers tried only Mr Rock proved successful; he claimed three wickets in 30 overs (18 maidens) for 30 runs.

21 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3085.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 June, page 5)

Marylebone sent down a strong team to Oxford yesterday to contest the University eleven.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 June, page 12)

Dr W G Grace accomplished a remarkable performance at Oxford yesterday in the match between the MCC and the University. After obtaining over 100 runs he brought about the dismissal of all the ten batsmen in the Oxford second innings. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening the visitors, having got rid of their opponents for 142, had obtained 83 runs without loss of wicket.

Dr Grace yesterday played in quite his old style, and his innings of 104 included one six and 15 fours. Several other members of the eleven also showed good batting, and eventually Marylebone were left in a majority of 118 runs. Mr Wreford-Brown claimed four wickets . . .

On the University going in a second time, Dr Grace claimed the whole ten wickets in 36 overs and two balls (17 maidens) for 49 runs. Wright and Attewell were the other bowlers. Oxford were beaten by an innings and 28 runs.

21 June: DERBYSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3083.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 June, page 5)

There was an even day's play in this match at Derby yesterday. The wicket was good but the light bad.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 June, page 12)

There was a capital day's cricket in this match at Derby yesterday. Kent, who had lost one wicket in their second innings and were nine runs ahead, resumed their batting.

After some free hitting by A and F Hearne, Mr L Wilson and G Hearne advanced the score from 54 to 130. G Hearne's chief hits were three fours, eight threes and six twos. Subsequently Mr Thornton and Mr Streatfeild made a good stand, and the total reached 258 before the last wicket fell. Mr Thornton made six threes and nine twos. Sugg claimed three wickets . . .

Derbyshire, who required 260 for victory, went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 June, page 10)

With the exception of Davidson and Chatterton, the Derbyshire batsmen offered little resistance to the visitors' bowling at Derby yesterday, and the innings soon closed for 86. Thus Kent were victorious by 173 runs. Only two bowlers had been put on. A Hearne claimed five wickets . . and Wootton five wickets . . .

24 June: MIDDLESEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3090.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 June, page 15)

More than ordinary interest was evinced in the match between the Australians and Middlesex which began at Lord's yesterday. This fact was due in a great measure to the recent fine batting form shown by the metropolitan county in their late engagements with Surrey, Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire.

Their defence yesterday was very good, but the weakness in their bowling department soon became apparent when the visitors went in. There were about 8,000 persons present, the weather being delightfully fine.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 June, page 12)

Visitors to Lord's yesterday who knew of the weakness in the Middlesex attack must have been fully prepared for a heavy score by the colonials, who had already made 96 without mishap. When 270 appeared on the telegraph board with only one batsman out and the wicket still playing true, it seemed as if the Australians were going to obtain an extraordinary total.

Soon afterwards, however, the aspect of affairs completely changed and the game was left in a far more interesting condition than was anticipated. The weather was very fine and about 8,000 people watched the cricket with keen interest.

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 June, page 6)

Even the most sanguine supporters of metropolitan cricket could scarcely have anticipated so close a finish to the match with the Colonists at Lord's as that witnessed on Saturday, when amid great exciting the visitors only just managed to win. The weather again proved delightfully fine, and between 7,000 and 8,000 people witnessed the concluding day's play.

It was a quarter to 12 when Middlesex, who in their second innings were a dozen runs behind and had nine wickets to fall, resumed their defence. Messrs Giffen and Palmer conducted the attack. Both Mr Webbe and Mr Scott played very cautiously, and 35 minutes had elapsed before the 100 was telegraphed. The batsmen were unable to do much with the bowling of Mr Giffen, who sent down eight consecutive maidens. In two overs from Mr Palmer the Middlesex captain thrice hit the ball to the square-leg boundary, but at 129 he was caught in making a similar stroke. Two down. Mr Webbe had shown capital cricket for 61, which included eight fours, a three and five twos.

Only two runs had been added when Mr Walker played on, and Spillman arrived to the aid of Mr Scott. Runs came quickly, and a single by Mr Scott brought 150 on the board at 10 minutes to 1. With the total at 151 Spillman was easily stumped, and Mr O'Brien came in. A fine off-drive by Mr Scott realized four, but that batsman, when he had made 54, was missed from a skier by Mr Bruce at deep square-leg. Mr O'Brien, who had injured his side, was clean bowled at 159, and the addition of four saw the dismissal of Mr Studd – easily stumped.

Messrs Vernon and Scott added 18 before the latter was finely caught deep behind the bowler by Spillman fielding substitute for Mr Jarvis. West drove the first ball he received into the hands of mid-off, while Burton, after making several bad strokes, was caught deep in front of square-leg. Nine for 183. When Mr Robertson, the last man, appeared, Mr Vernon at once began to hit vigorously. He made several off-drives to the boundary, while in an over from Mr Giffen he contributed two square-leg hits and a cut for four each. At 216 Mr Evans superseded the last-named bowler; but a single later Mr Vernon was caught at slip from the other end, the innings closing at five minutes to 2. In Mr Vernon's 37 were seven fours.

After the luncheon interval the Australians, who required 123 for victory, sent in Messrs Scott and Jones to the bowling of Burton and Mr Robertson. The total had only reached nine when Mr Scott was well stumped. Mr Giffen, who followed in, drove Burton to the on for four and placed the other bowler to leg with a like result. Mr Jones then drove Mr Robertson twice for four, causing that bowler to give way to West at 27. Each batsman then gave a difficult chance to mid-off; but at 41 Mr Jones was taken in that position. Mr Jarvis filled the vacancy. He cut West for four, while a leg hit to the boundary by Mr Giffen sent 50 up at 3.35. Mr Robertson resumed bowling in lieu of West at 58, but the score had been advanced to 73 before Mr Jarvis was well taken at the wicket. Three down.

The score rose rapidly while Messrs Giffen and Garrett were together, and West was again put on to bowl at 99. The 100 was signalled at 4.20, but then came a complete change in the game. At 104 Mr Giffen played on and Mr Garrett was caught at the wicket, a single later Mr Bruce was taken at slip, while at 109 Mr Trumble played the ball into the hands of mid-off. Two more batsmen were out at 115 – Mr Evans caught at point and Mr Palmer at slip. Thus with only a wicket to fall the Australians still wanted eight runs to win.

The greatest exciting prevailed when Mr Blackham aided Mr Pope, and on the former taking up his position there was a dead silence over the ground. Mr Blackham played the second ball sent him to leg for two, and the third he drove to the on for four. Mr Pope then had the bowling, and two leg-byes were recorded from the third ball of the over, the Australians thus winning one of the finest matches of the season by one wicket.

24 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3091.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 25 June, page 15)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 June, page 12)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Kennington Oval on Thursday, the home eleven, with three wickets to fall, were 144 runs ahead. Yesterday play was resumed, and eventually Cambridge were left with 213 to obtain to avert an innings defeat. Mr Toppin claimed four wickets . . .

Mr Bainbridge's excellent innings of 58 (not out) was the feature of the Cambridge second venture. Lohmann took five wickets . . . It will be seen that Surrey won by an innings and 59 runs.

24 June: KENT v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3088.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 25 June, page 15)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 June, page 12)

There was an excellent day's cricket in the match between these counties at Mote Park, Maidstone, yesterday. Kent, who had lost nine wickets for 224, resumed their innings shortly after 11 o'clock, and it was soon closed.

Nottinghamshire went in and at one time it seemed probable that they would have to follow on, but there was some good cricket towards the close of the innings, which realized 185. Kent went in a second time with an advantage of 43 . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 28 June, page 6)

The match between these counties terminated on Saturday at the Mote Park, Maidstone, in very fine weather. Play was resumed shortly after 11 o'clock. After seven runs were added, the Kent innings closed, Nottinghamshire being left with 157 to obtain for victory. The match ended at 3.35 in a victory for Notts by three wickets.

24 June: LANCASHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3089.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 June, page 15)

In fine weather and before a numerous company of onlookers, these counties began a match at the Old Trafford ground, Manchester, yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 June, page 12)

After the Lancashire innings had closed yesterday in this match at Manchester, the visitors were left with 265 to obtain to prevent a single innings defeat. With the exception of Mr Lucas, Mr McCormick and Humphreys the Sussex batsmen offered a feeble resistance to their opponents' bowling. Barlow claimed nine wickets . . . From the score appended it will be seen that Sussex were beaten by an innings and 144 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v AN ENGLAND ELEVEN

Report from Saturday 26 June, page 12

Mr F R Spofforth has now recovered from the injury he received at Lord's in the match against the Gentlemen of England, and he will play for the Australians against Lord March's Eleven on Monday next at Chichester.

28 June: LORD MARCH'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3094.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 June, page 10)

Yesterday, at Chichester, the Australians began their match against an eleven chosen by Lord March. Fine weather favoured the opening day's play, but the wicket had been watered too much and, consequently, played rather slow. The match is for the benefit of C Howard, who for several seasons assisted Sussex. Messrs Blackham and Bonnor are standing out of the Australian team.

It was 12.20 when the home eleven, who were successful in the toss, sent in Mr Lucas and Cropper to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. The latter plays for the first time since his accident at Lord's. The Englishmen started badly; after making nine Mr Lucas was clean bowled, while 20 runs later Cropper was out in a similar manner. Bean was bowled by a "yorker" at 30, and an addition of eight saw the dismissal of Chatterton.

Mr Kemp and Jesse Hide then made an excellent stand, causing Mr Giffen to relieve Mr Palmer at 77 – the result of an hour's play. After 50 had been added for the fifth wicket, Mr Kemp was taken at long-on. Mr Patterson came in, and at 20 minutes to 2 the 100 was telegraphed. Three runs later, however, Hide fell to a catch at deep square leg for an admirable innings, which included seven fours, a three and three twos. Mr Vernon was easily caught at mid-on, and at the adjournment the total was 116 for seven wickets. After luncheon the remaining batsmen were got rid of for an addition of 24, the innings closing at 3.20.

Messrs Jones and Scott, who opened the Australian batting, were confronted by Hide and Wootton. Only a single had been made when Mr Jones returned the ball, while at 16 Mr Giffen was caught at slip. Two more batsmen were out at 40 – both Messrs Jarvis and Scott being clean bowled. Four down. Mr Bruce was bowled at 55, but Messrs Trumble and Evans stayed together some time. Cropper superseded Wootton at 80, and nine runs later Mr Trumble was bowled. With Messrs Garrett and Evans as partners, runs were obtained steadily. Wootton resumed bowling, and at 117 Mr Evans was finely caught at long-off. Messrs Garrett and M'Ilwraith were now together and, although Chatterton bowled in lieu of Hide, no separation had been effected up to the call of time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 June, page 9)

The treacherous state of the wicket was the chief cause of the collapse of the English batsmen in this match between the Australians and Lord March's Eleven at Chichester yesterday. The game was soon won for Australia by eight wickets.

28 June: LANCASHIRE v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3093.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 June, page 10)

The return match between Oxford University and Lancashire began yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. Mr Teggin was unable to assist his county, and in the Oxford team Mr Arnall-Thompson took the place of Mr Hildyard.

Lancashire went in first. Mr Hornby and Barlow, who opened the batting, played with great determination, and the score had reached 191 before Mr Hornby was dismissed. He had shown very brilliant form for 111. Barlow and Hudson then made another stand, and 51 runs were added before Barlow was caught for an admirable innings of 79. Hudson was fifth out at 312 for a vigorously hit 85.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 June, page 9)

This match was continued at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. Lancashire, who had lost nine wickets overnight for 348, finished their innings in a few minutes for an addition of 12. Mr Arnall-Thompson claimed seven wickets . . . Oxford then went in, and having completed an innings, followed on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 July, page 8)

Mr Rashleigh, Mr Cobb, Mr Key and Mr H T Arnall-Thompson showed good defence against the Lancashire bowlers, and the University managed to avert the innings defeat at Manchester yesterday. Watson claimed four wickets . . . Lancashire only required 16 runs to win, but these cost them a wicket.

28 June: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3095.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 June, page 10)

There was a large attendance of spectators at Lord's yesterday to witness the opening day's play in the match between the Light Blues and a fairly strong eleven of the Marylebone Club. Play began at 10 minutes past 12, when Cambridge, who had won the toss, sent in Messrs Bainbridge and Buxton. Messrs Smith and Burton were the bowlers. The innings closed at a quarter past 5 for 254. Hearne claimed three wickets . . .

Messrs Booth and Marshall started the home innings at 5.35 to the bowling of Messrs Rock and Dorman. Mr Booth was bowled at 28, and just before the drawing of stumps Mr Marshall fell to a catch at the wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 June, page 9)

It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps in this match at Lord's on Monday, Marylebone, having gone in against a total of 254, had lost two wickets for 59. Yesterday the home batsmen could make little headway against the Cambridge bowling. Fothergill and Mr Wyatt added 28 runs while they were together, and the venture terminated shortly before 1 o'clock. Mr Rock claimed seven wickets . . .

Marylebone, who were 145 behind, followed on; but when the luncheon interval arrived they lost half of their wickets for 26. On play being resumed there was some good batting by George Hearne, Pickett, Burton and Martin, but despite the efforts of these professionals the venture closed for 101, Cambridge this winning by an innings and 44 runs. Mr Dorman claimed four wickets . . . The Cambridge fielding was very good.

28 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3092.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 June, page 10)

Alfred Shaw and Barnes were both unable to play in the match with Gloucestershire at Moreton-in-the-Marsh yesterday, owing to the injuries they lately received. The visitors went in first, and at the luncheon interval had lost four wickets for 73; Scotton, who had played in good style, was thrown out by Dr W G Grace from cover point. The innings closed for 124. Dr W G Grace claimed four wickets . . .

When the home eleven went in Mr Radcliffe was soon caught at the wicket. Then followed some free hitting by Dr E M Grace and Painter. After the latter's dismissal, the brothers E M and W G Grace played out time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 June, page 9)

Fortunately, Dr W G Grace's injury to his hand on Monday did not prevent him from continuing his batting yesterday morning at Moreton-in-the-Marsh yesterday. Gloucestershire, who had scored 105 for the loss of two wickets, resumed their innings. W G Grace saw the rest of the batsmen dismissed and remained unconquered, having contributed 92. His fine display of batting included two fours, ten threes and 12 twos; he was at the wickets about three hours and a half. Attewell claimed six wickets . . .

Nottinghamshire began their second innings against a majority of 118. Scotton was bowled off his pads at 32; then Shrewsbury and Gunn, after the latter had given a chance at slip, played very fine cricket, and were still together at the call of "Time."

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 July, page 8)

Arthur Shrewsbury, the Nottinghamshire cricketer, played a brilliant innings of 227 (not out) at Moreton-in-the-Marsh yesterday. He was batting altogether seven hours and three-quarters, and his chief hits were 15 fours, 12 threes and 34 twos. He gave a difficult chance when he had made 120 to Mr Radcliffe covering the bowler, and with his figures at 164 was let off by Painter at long-on. Apart from these mistakes his cricket was very fine.

Gunn also played an excellent innings, while Flowers, Mr Daft and Walter Wright made 85 between them. Eventually the visitors' total reached 430, and at the close of the innings stumps were drawn and the match left unfinished. Nine bowlers were engaged. Dr W G Grace claimed three wickets . . .

28 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3096.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 June, page 10)

Surrey and Yorkshire began their return match at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday. The weather was very fine. The visitors went in first on an excellent wicket. Mr Shuter and Abel made a brilliant start, the Surrey captain, after being let off by Hall at point, playing especially well. Despite numerous changes in the bowling, the score had reached 109 before Mr Shuter played a ball on to his wicket. His fine innings included ten fours and eight twos.

Abel was cleverly caught at slip at 114, while at 144 Diver was run out. Maurice Read and Mr Walter read then raised the score to 187, when the amateur was out to a well-judged catch at long-on. Maurice Read was eventually stumped on the leg side for 56, which included four fours, three threes and seven twos, and the innings was over at five minutes past 6 for 260. Emmett claimed five wickets . . . Yorkshire had ten minutes' batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 June, page 9)

Surrey had all the best of yesterday's cricket as Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening the visitors had scored 260 and Yorkshire had made 15 without mishap. Yesterday the home side finished their innings for 160. Lohmann claimed four wickets . . . Being 100 runs behind, Yorkshire followed on . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 July, page 8)

Surrey continue their victorious career. Yesterday, at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, they defeated Yorkshire a second time this season. When play was resumed the home eleven were 41 runs ahead and had two wickets to fall. Sixteen were added before the innings closed at five minutes past 12. Bowley took four wickets . . .

Surrey, who required 58 for victory, started badly. Only ten were recorded when Mr Shuter was caught at the wicket, while a single later, Diver was clean bowled. Mr Walter Read and Abel then advanced the score to 40, at which total the former was taken at mid-on from a full pitched ball. Abel and Maurice Read then obtained the necessary runs by half-past 1 . . . From the score subjoined it will be seen that Surrey won by seven wickets.

1 July: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3099.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 July, page 8)

The Oxford University team made their first appearance on a London ground yesterday, when in splendid weather they played a strong eleven of the Marylebone Club, at Lord's. Play began punctually at 12. Oxford, who had won the toss, sent in Messrs Key and Buckland to the bowling of Burton and Wootton.

From the last ball of the first over Mr Key was taken at long-off. Messrs Rashleigh and Buckland showed steady defence until, at 41, the last-named was stumped, the ball rebounding off the wicket-keeper's pads. Mr Page, who followed, hit vigorously, and with Mr Rashleigh as a partner raised the score to 110 before luncheon. Afterwards the Oxford captain again hit freely, but at 134 he was clean bowled. His chief hits were six fours, five threes and six twos.

Mr Brain's stay was brief, as he was caught from a bad stroke at extra mid-off at 138. Mr Rashleigh's excellent innings was closed by a catch at the wicket at 159. He had shown very fine cricket for 49, which comprised two fours, four threes, four twos and singles. Mr Hewett was taken at point at 199, and 11 runs later Mr Hildyard, who had also shown good form, was caught in the same position. After Mr Arnall-Thompson had been taken at the wicket at 218, Messrs Cobb and Cochrane raised the score to 248 when the first-named was well caught in the long field. Mr Whitby was soon taken at slip and the innings closed at 5.10 for 255. Burton claimed seven wickets
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Marylebone started badly, losing Mr Studd when only 16 runs were recorded. Messrs Hadow and Webbe then raised the figures to 68 before the former was taken at slip. George Hearne was bowled at 73 and then Messrs Webbe and Booth played out time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

There was some extraordinary scoring at Lord's yesterday, when the match between the Oxford Eleven and Marylebone was concluded.

1 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3100.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 July, page 8)

That it was a bowler's day at Nottingham yesterday will readily be seen by a glance at the score. The matches between these counties have generally been remarkable for the small totals which they produce, and up to yesterday evening this fact was again conspicuous. The weather was fine, but the attendance scarcely came up to expectation.

Selby and Gunn made the only good stand for the home eleven, who went in first and were all out by a quarter to 4. Peate claimed five wickets . . . The Yorkshiremen fielded wonderfully well.

The visitors, however, on going in fared even worse than their opponents, for, though 61 appeared on the board with only one wicket down, they were 24 runs behind with nine batsmen out at the drawing of stumps. Preston showed very good form.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

As the wicket crumbled yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, the bowlers had a great advantage in the match between these counties. After the Notts innings and thunderstorm broke over the ground. Yorkshire, however, who required 170 to win, went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 July, page 10)

This match was concluded at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday. Yorkshire, who wanted 170 runs to win, resumed batting, and were ultimately defeated by eight runs. The Nottinghamshire bowling and fielding were exceptionally good. Wright claimed three wickets . . .

1 July: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3097.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 July, page 8)

The return match between these counties was begun yesterday at Gloucester. Having won the toss, the home eleven went in. Three wickets fell for seven runs. Mr Radcliffe was run out in the following manner. Having called Dr W G Grace for a run, Mr Radcliffe saw that the ball was fielded and, as one of the batsmen must have been out, he left his crease and virtually gave up his wicket to Dr Grace.

The Gloucestershire captain then had the assistance of Mr Francis. So well did these batsmen play that the score reached 105 before Dr Grace was bowled by a "lob" from Humphreys. Mr Francis, who was run out at 166, hit vigorously, and his figures included 13 fours and eight twos. Mr Townsend and Mr Turner put on 68 for the last wicket. The former, with the exception of a chance in the long field when he had made 21, played good cricket. His principal contributions were eight fours, three threes and ten twos. A Hide claimed five wickets . . .

Sussex lost a wicket before stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

It was chiefly to the batting of Humphreys and Tester that Sussex averted the follow on in this match at Gloucester yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 July, page 10)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Gloucester on Friday, the home eleven, with eight wickets to fall in the second innings, were 193 runs to the good. On Saturday Painter did not increase his overnight score, and after Dr W G Grace had been dismissed Mr Francis saw the rest of the side out, the total reaching 197. Humphreys claimed five wickets . . .

Sussex required 266 runs to avert defeat; they went in and made 160, leaving Gloucestershire victorious by 106 runs. Gregg claimed four wickets . . .

1 July: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3098.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 July, page 8)

After their brilliant victory over Yorkshire, the Surrey eleven went to Liverpool, where yesterday they began the return match with Lancashire. The weather was fine and there was a large company of spectators.

Successful in the toss, Surrey went in. The start was by no means promising, but when three batsmen were out Mr Walter Read and Maurice Read made a determined stand and raised the score to 115 when the professional was stumped. After luncheon Mr Roller aided Mr Read, who played brilliant cricket until he was dismissed at 170. He had not given a chance, and had been in while 135 were scored; his chief hits were 12 fours, seven threes and six twos. Mr Roller was stumped at 220, and the innings closed for an addition of nine at 5 o'clock. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

When Lancashire went in Barlow was taken at point at 16, after which Messrs Hornby and A G Steel played out time. Mr Steel should have been stumped when he had made seven, while Mr Hornby was let off by Mr Shuter at cover-slip just before the drawing of stumps.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

The Surrey bowlers met with a severe check at the Aigburth Ground, Liverpool, yesterday, when Lancashire were batting nearly the whole day. When play was resumed they had scored 78 for one wicket, Messrs A G Steel and Hornby being the not outs.

Yesterday these gentlemen severely punished the visitors' bowling, until Mr Steel was dismissed for a splendid innings of 83. His chief hits were six fours, three threes and 14 twos. Mr Hornby batted four hours and 50 minutes for 161. Among his hits were 15 fours and 10 threes. Briggs was out at 346. His 76 included nine fours, four threes and eight twos. Mr Lancashire and Watson put on 41 for the ninth wicket, and the innings eventually closed for 424.

Requiring 195 to avert a single-innings defeat, Surrey went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 July, page 10)

Surrey suffered their first reverse this season at the hands of Lancashire, on Saturday, at the Aigburth Ground, Liverpool. At the drawing of stumps on Friday evening, Surrey, with nine wickets to fall, required 192 to avert a single innings defeat.

The wicket on Saturday crumbled considerably, and an inspection of it quickly dispelled any hopes of the powerful southern team saving the game. Mr A G Steel bowled wonderfully well, and with the exception of Mr Walter Read, Maurice Read and Lohmann, the visitors offered little resistance to the Lancashire attack. Mr A G Steel claimed seven wickets . . . From the score subjoined it will be seen that Lancashire won by an innings and 27 runs.

2 July: Mr C I THORNTON'S XI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3101.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

In the picturesque grounds of the Chiswick Park Club yesterday, the Australians began a match with a strong eleven chosen by Mr C I Thornton. Beautiful weather favoured the first day's play, which was witnessed by about 2,000 people, including Prince Christian and his son Prince Christian Victor. As will be gleaned from the subjoined details, the batting of Mr Bruce was the feature of the afternoon.

Day 2 (report from Monday 5 July, page 10)

As was generally anticipated, the match between these teams ended on Saturday in a draw. There were about 3,000 spectators in the pleasant grounds of the Chiswick Park Club to witness the afternoon's play. The match ended in a draw greatly in favour of the visitors.

5 July: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3104.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

The annual meeting of the University Elevens is foremost among the events of the season, and yesterday's meeting at Lord's proved no exception to this rule. Everything was favourable. The weather was simply delightful, the attendance was large, among those present being Prince Christian and his son, Prince Christian Victor. An excellent wicket had been prepared.

The elevens sent to Lord's yesterday were reputed to be strong teams. Mr H V Page led the Oxford eleven and Mr H W Bainbridge the Cambridge. There were four new men on either side, viz.: - Messrs H T Arnall-Thompson (Rugby and Brasenose), A R Cobb (Winchester and New), H T Hewett (Harrow and Trinity) and W Rashleigh (Tonbridge and Brasenose) for Oxford; and the Hon C M Knatchbull-Hugessen (Eton and King's), Messrs A W Dorman (Dulwich and Corpus Christi), F Thomas (Eton and Trinity) and L Orford (Uppingham and Clare) for Cambridge.

Oxford won the toss, and at five minutes past 12 Messrs Key and Buckland opened the batting. Mr Rock started the bowling from the pavilion end. A single by each batsman resulted from the first over. Mr Toppin had charge of the bowling at the nursery end. Mr Buckland soon played the ball to square leg for three, and after as many maidens he drove and cut the ball to the boundary. Two singles later, however, in attempting to play back, he was beaten by a good ball from Mr Rock. One for 19. Mr Rashleigh joined Mr Key, but the latter, after an addition of six, had his off stump bowled down. Two for 25.

Mr Page aided Mr Rashleigh. Six runs came from as many overs, and then a single by the Oxford captain was converted into five by an overthrow by Mr Turner. When Mr Page had made 10 he returned the ball to Mr Rock, who cleverly secured it at the second attempt. As neither of the umpires saw the catch, however, the batsman remained. Mr Rashleigh then played Mr Rock finely to leg for four, while two drives by Mr Page, which realized four runs, and a snick for four, also by the Oxford captain, brought 50 on the telegraph board after as many minutes' play. Mr Dorman displaced Mr Topping at 54, but the separation was effected from the other end, as, without addition, Mr Page was easily taken at forward short leg. Three for 54.

Mr Brain followed in. Before a run had been added Mr Rashleigh gave a very sharp chance low down to Mr Thomas at point. Mr Toppin now resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Dorman. Mr Brain drove Mr Rock to the off for three, and after some slow play, each batsman secured three by a cut. When he had made eight Mr Brain almost ran himself out, and would have done so had Mr Rock taken the ball more smartly at the wicket. At 65 Mr Dorman again went on, but Mr Rashleigh soon drove the new bowler to the off for four. Mr Brain next placed Mr Rock to leg for four, but at 79 he was well caught at the wicket. Four down. Mr Hildyard, who followed, gained three by a lucky stroke in the slips, and a single later the adjournment took place.

On resuming the bowlers were Messrs Rock and Dorman. After a single by Mr Hildyard, Mr Rashleigh made a fine on drive for four, but, after having given a chance of stumping, was completely beaten by a splendid ball from Mr Rock. Five for 88. Mr Hewett was next on the order. His stay proved brief, as after a late cut for four by Mr Hildyard and two leg-byes he was clean bowled. Six for 94.

Mr Cobb came in and Mr Dorman gave way to Mr Toppin. Five runs resulted from the latter's first over. The 100 was reached at 3.20. Nine overs were sent down for 15 runs and then Mr Toppin clean bowled Mr Hildyard. Seven for 116. Mr Arnall-Thompson joined Mr Cobb and made a lofty drive for four, the ball being misjudged by Mr Kemp. Mr Cobb drove Mr Rock for two and four, but at 132 he lost the company of Mr Arnall-Thompson, whom Mr Toppin clean bowled.

Runs were now scored quickly, and a snick by Mr Cochrane to the boundary brought up 150 at five minutes past four. Mr Cobb then cut Mr Toppin for four, causing that bowler to give way to Mr Buxton at 155. The score travelled steadily to 170, when Mr Rock was relieved for the first time since the start, Mr Dorman going on. Mr Cobb placed the new bowler to square leg for four; but at 174 Mr Cochrane was taken at slip. He had played with great care for six, the partnership having yielded 42 runs. Nine down. When Mr Whitby came in five singles were added, and then Messrs Toppin and Rock were put on again. Mr Whitby made a square leg hit for four, an on-drive for two and later an off-drive for four. At length Mr Cobb's excellent innings of 50 was closed by the ball rebounding off the wicket-keeper's pads. Time, 4.45. Total 191.

Messrs Buxton and Bainbridge opened the Cambridge batting after nearly half an hour's interval. Mr Whitby started the bowling, and Mr Cochrane conducted the attack from the other end. The first six overs proved maidens. Mr Buxton then cut Mr Whitby for four, and after several smaller items he drove the same bowler to the on boundary. A leg hit by Mr Buxton produced three, which sent 20 up at 5.25. Mr Buxton played Mr Whitby to leg for four, and Mr Bainbridge cut and hit Mr Cochrane to leg for four each. With the figures at 42, Messrs Page and Arnall-Thompson were put on. The latter received severe punishment, as Mr Buxton cut him for four, while two drives by Mr Bainbridge caused 50 to appear at five minutes to 6. Mr Whitby displaced Mr Arnall-Thompson at 53. Eleven runs later Mr Buxton, in attempting to hit to leg, was easily caught at cover-slip. One for 64.

Mr Kemp came in, and at 66 Mr Cochrane relieved Mr Whitby. In his first over an appeal was made against Mr Bainbridge for leg before. At 75, however, Mr Kemp was clean bowled, and his place taken by Mr Rock. The cricket now became rather slow, the Oxford fielding being very good. The score was raised to 84 in 20 minutes, and then Mr Bainbridge cut the ball hard into the hands of Mr Hildyard at point. He had played good cricket for 44. Mr Turner was clean bowled first ball and Mr Thomas arrived. Each batsman made a drive for four from Mr Page, who at 95 gave way to Mr Arnall-Thompson.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 July, page 10)

If noteworthy for nothing else, the University match of 1886 will be remembered for having produced the greatest number of runs obtained without the fall of a wicket in these contests. Messrs Key and Rashleigh opened the Dark Blues' second venture yesterday, and before they could be separated no fewer than 243 runs were scored.

The weather was again almost tropical, and the attendance was larger than on the previous day. As might have been expected, the wicket at Lord's was very fast and, moreover, it wore well. It will be remembered that on Monday evening Oxford had completed an innings for 191, and four Cambridge wickets were down for 95. Punctually at half-past 11 yesterday the Oxford team appeared in the field, and were speedily followed by Messrs Thomas and Rock, the not-outs. Messrs Arnall-Thompson and Cochrane were the bowlers.

Three singles came from as many overs, after which four byes sent up the 100 at 11.40. Mr Thomas then cut Mr Cochrane for three, but at 105, in attempting to pull a straight ball, he was out leg before. Five for 105. Mr Marchant aided Mr Rock. Both batsmen played Mr Arnall-Thompson to leg for three each, and later Mr Rock gained four by a cut. Mr Page relieved Mr Cochrane at 119, but after a single had been added in four overs, Mr Cochrane resumed. Mr Marchant made three fours, by an on-drive, a square-leg hit and a forward cut, from Mr Cochrane, who at 132 gave way to Mr Whitby. This change quickly had the desired effect, as only four had been added when the first ball of Mr Whitby's second over caused Mr Marchant to retire, also leg before. Six for 136.

Mr Toppin arrived. Runs were obtained with great difficulty, and only 12 had been added when Mr Toppin was clean bowled. Seven for 148. Mr Orford, who followed, made two singles, causing the 150 to appear at 20 minutes to 1. Mr Rock was cleverly run out by the wicket-keeper. Eight for 150. Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen's stay was brief, as at 156 he was taken at the wicket, and without alteration in the figures a similar catch got rid of Mr Orford, the innings closing at five minutes to 1 for 156. Mr Arnall-Thompson's analysis during the morning had been remarkably good. It read thus: - 23 overs (18 maidens), 12 runs, two wickets.

Oxford, who had an advantage of 35, began their second venture at 1.20 with Messrs Key and Rashleigh. Messrs Rock (pavilion end) and Mr Toppin conducted the bowling. A fine off drive by Mr Rashleigh to the boundary was the principal hit in eight overs. He then cut Mr Rock late for four, while two drives by Mr Key also realized four each. The last-named drove the ball for three and four, and at 34 Mr Toppin handed the ball to Mr Turner. This alteration at once slackened the rate of scoring, and a leg hit for four by Mr Key was the largest contribution until Mr Dorman bowled in lieu of Mr Rock at 43. The last ball before the interval Mr Rashleigh drove to the off for four. This increased the total to 49.

Play was resumed at 2.45, the bowlers being Messrs Turner and Toppin (pavilion end). The last-named was severely punished; Mr Rashleigh hit him to leg for four, and Mr Key scored four fours – three drives and one leg hit. Mr Rock went on for Mr Toppin at 73. Fifteen runs later Mr Turner gave way to Mr Dorman. The score rose steadily, and at half-past 3 a six (increasing four from an overthrow) by Mr Key brought the 100 on the telegraph board. Mr Buxton superseded Mr Rock at 105, but Mr Rashleigh cut the new bowler to the boundary, while just afterwards Mr Key made a lofty off drive for four; the ball was misjudged by Mr Kemp, who had the powerful sun in his eyes. In the following over from Mr Dorman, Mr Rashleigh made a drive for four, and was then badly missed by Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen at mid-on. The batsman had then scored 46. Profiting by his escape, Mr Rashleigh completed his 50 at 10 minutes to 4.

Mr Rock went on at the nursery wicket for Mr Dorman at 139, and a single later Mr Turner displaced Mr Buxton. Runs came steadily, until, at 153, Mr Toppin superseded Mr Rock. Despite this change Mr Key increased his score to 100 at a quarter past 4. Mr Dorman displaced Mr Turner at 168. Farther variations in the attack were adopted – Mr Dorman going on at 175 and Mr Buxton at 190. Both batsmen hit with great freedom, and after the 200 had gone up at 4.35, Mr Rashleigh drove Mr Buxton thrice in one over for four each, bringing on Mr Rock at 219. Mr Key next gained a single and increased his score to 131, which is the largest individual innings ever made in the inter-University match. The previous best was 130 by Mr Yardley in 1872.

After Mr Rock had nearly bowled Mr Rashleigh, he crossed over at 233, and Mr Bainbridge went on. In his first over an appeal was made for a catch at the wicket against Mr Rashleigh, but without avail. At length at 5 o'clock a separation was effected, Mr Key being well caught at long-off at 243. He had been batting two hours and 50 minutes, and his 143 included a six, 15 fours, four

threes and 20 twos. The total of 243 is the largest ever made for a wicket in a University match.

Mr Page came in, and Mr Rashleigh completed his 100 at five minutes past 5. Shortly afterwards he was let off by Mr Dorman running from slip to short-leg, and in an over later he was badly missed by Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen at long-on. At 257 Mr Page was taken at slip, and without alteration in the figures Mr Rashleigh skied the ball back to the bowler. His fine innings of 107 included 15 fours and five threes. Three down.

Messrs Brain and Hildyard were now partners. Mr Bainbridge got Mr Hildyard out leg before at 269, and when eight had been added he clean bowled Mr Hewett. Five down. Mr Buckland's stay was brief, as when the figures had reached 288 he was clean bowled. Seven down. Mr Arnall-Thompson joined Mr Cobb, who, having cut Mr Bainbridge for four, was well taken at long-on. Eight for 288. Mr Cochrane came in, and Mr Arnall-Thompson made an off-drive for two, but the ball should have been caught by Mr Toppin in the long-field. The 300 went up at 10 minutes past 6, and then Messrs Toppin and Dorman were put on to bowl. These changes speedily brought about the dismissal of both Mr Arnall-Thompson, who was bowled, and Mr Cochrane, who was caught at cover-point. The innings closed at 6.20 for 304. Since Mr Key was out nine wickets had fallen for 61.

Cambridge, who required 340 to win, began their difficult task at 6.40. Messrs Rock and Orford were the batsmen, while the bowlers were Messrs Whitby and Page. Messrs Arnall-Thompson, Cochrane and Brain were also tried, but only a bye had been registered at the drawing of stumps, when 14 overs had been sent down. The fielding of Cambridge became rather loose as soon as Messrs Key and Rashleigh had got set.

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

The victory which seemed easily within the grasp of Oxford at the close of Tuesday's play was by no means so readily accomplished as had been anticipated. When the game ceased on the opening day Cambridge had been put in a second time with a deficiency of 339, and after 20 minutes' batting a bye only had been recorded.

On resuming yesterday, the attendance at Lord's was again large, and the Light Blues played an uphill game with such determination that at one time the result hung in the balance. With Mr Bainbridge's dismissal, however, came a collapse. This gentleman batted in masterly style, and in the double innings was accredited with a trifle over a third of the entire number of runs registered by his eleven. At the same time it must be admitted that his selection all round was not as happy as many of the Light Blues thought it might have been. The victory of Oxford will no be grudged them, as they played thoroughly well throughout.

Messrs Rock and Orford, the not-outs, resumed the Cambridge batting at 11.35. Messrs Whitby and Cochrane were intrusted with the bowling. Mr Orford made two drives for three and four, and also cut Mr Cochrane to the boundary. Mr Arnall-Thompson relieved Mr Whitby at 18, and the change speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Orford, who retired – clean bowled. One for 19.

Mr Kemp aided Mr Rock, who ct Mr Cochrane for four. Mr Page displaced Mr Cochrane at 29. Both batsmen played with great caution, and the total was slowly increased to 34. Mr Kemp then gave a difficult chance to the wicket-keeper. With the figures at 38 a two-fold change in the attack was made, Messrs Whitby and Buckland going on. Nine overs were sent down for six runs, which

included a leg-hit by Mr Rock for four. After giving a difficult chance at the wicket, Mr Kemp cut Mr Whitby finely for four; but, without addition, he was easily taken at the wicket.

Mr Bainbridge came in, and a single by Mr Rock was converted into a five by an overthrow. Fifty went up at five minutes to 1. Mr Arnall-Thompson displaced Mr Buckland at 54, but in his second over Mr Rock played him to leg for three, and later he made a similar stroke with a like result, while an off-drive by Mr Bainbridge yielded four. Mr Page superseded Mr Arnall-Thompson at 65. Mr Bainbridge gained three by a leg hit, and Mr Rock four by an off-drive. A piece of bad fielding by Mr Rashleigh at third man gave Cambridge two runs. Mr Page frequently varied the bowling. Mr Cochrane was put on at 76, but at 78 he gave way to Mr Buckland. Nine overs were sent down for three runs, and Messrs Brain and Cochrane were tried. Mr Bainbridge made an off-drive for three, and at 84 another alteration in the attack occurred, Mr Page again being tried. In the last over before luncheon Mr Bainbridge made a cut for four and a leg hit for two, the score at the interval being 91.

The game was resumed at 20 minutes to three, the bowlers being Messrs Arnall-Thompson and Whitby. Mr Bainbridge drove each for four, bringing the 100 up at 3 o'clock. In the following over from Mr Whitby Mr Rock was completely beaten. His patient batting is illustrated by the fact that he had been at the wickets within a few minutes of three hours and had only scored 27. Three for 102. Mr Turner was next in order. By small hits the total was slowly raised to 118, and then Mr Cochrane went on for Mr Whitby. Five runs later Mr Page displaced Mr Arnall-Thompson. Shortly afterwards Mr Bainbridge drove Mr Cochrane twice in one over for four, but at 140 Mr Turner was finely caught at third man. Four down.

Mr Buxton played the first ball he received in front of square leg to the spectators, and at 4 o'clock the 150 was reached. Three runs later Mr Whitby bowled in lieu of Mr Cochrane. Mr Buxton drove Mr Page to the on for four, but then gave a difficult chance to Mr Cochrane at mid-on. When the total had reached 174 a double change in the bowling was adopted – Messrs Cochrane and Buckland going on. In the latter's third over Mr Bainbridge nearly ran himself out. Mr Arnall-Thompson bowled in lieu of Mr Cochrane at 190, but the separation was effected by the other bowler, as at 196 Mr Bainbridge's innings was closed by a good catch at mid-off. The Cambridge captain had played splendid cricket, and his 79 included seven fours, two threes and 12 twos. Five for 196.

Only a single had been added when a fine catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Buxton. Messrs Marchant and Thomas were now together. After the former had made a leg-hit for three he lost the company of Mr Thomas, who was cleverly caught at slip at 200. Two runs later Mr Marchant was bowled, and eight wickets were down for 202. Without addition Mr Toppin was taken at the wicket, while four runs later Mr Buckland clean bowled Mr Dorman. Thus Oxford won by 133 runs; the game was over at five minutes to 6.

With few exceptions the Oxford fielding was very fine, while the bowling of Mr Buckland was a feature of the day. It may also be noted that in the Cambridge innings the last five batsmen fell for an addition of only 10 runs.

5 July: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3103.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

Yesterday, on the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, the first of the matches arranged between the representative English teams and the Australians was begun. The home eleven differed in two instances from that originally chosen. These alterations were rendered necessary, as both Barnes and Mr Hornby had received slight injuries. Barlow took the former's place, while both Briggs and Preston were spoken of as likely to take the place of the Lancashire captain. Eventually it was decided to play Briggs. Messrs Evans and M'Ilwraith stood out of the Australian team, who won the toss and sent in Messrs Scott and Jones. Peate and Lohmann were intrusted with the bowling.

Play began at a quarter past 12. Both batsmen played with great care, and the most important items for some time were by Mr Jones, who hit Lohmann once and Peate twice to leg for three each. At 32 a change in the bowling was tried, Peate handing the ball to Mr Steel. Seven runs later, Lohmann gave way to Ulyett. Runs came rather quickly for a time, so that at 58 Barlow superseded Mr Steel, but the separation was effected from the other end, as before any addition, the Australian captain was well taken at long slip by Barlow, to whom he had given a difficult chance when he had made 5.

Mr Giffen followed. Runs were obtained with great difficulty, as may be judged from the fact that at one time 16 consecutive maiden overs were sent down. With the figures at 67 a two-fold change in the attack was made, Peate and Mr Steel going on, but at luncheon the score was 69 for one wicket, Mr Jones being 46 not out.

On resuming, Peate and Mr Steel again conducted the attack. Only two were added when Mr Steel clean bowled Mr Giffen. Two for 71. Mr Jarvis aided Mr Jones, and the 100 was reached at 20 minutes past 3. Runs continued to be obtained rather quickly, and on one occasion ten were scored in an over from Lohmann. Several changes had already been made in the bowling when Dr Grace received the ball. The alteration soon had the desired effect, as at 134 Mr Jones was given out leg before. He had been batting 2 hours and 50 minutes, and his fine innings included six fours, ten threes and five twos.

Mr Bonnor's stay was brief, as after he had made four he was dismissed by a brilliant catch at slip. Four down. Messrs Jarvis and Trumble then offered a determined resistance to the English bowling, and although it underwent further changes the score reached 181 before Mr Trumble was out. Seven runs later Mr Jarvis had to leave. He had played an admirable innings and had been in while 117 runs were scored. His chief hits were six fours, a three and four twos. After his dismissal the innings was rapidly finished off, the last wicket falling at 10 minutes past 5. The Englishmen's fielding was remarkably good and some fine catches were made. A glance at the score will show the excellence of the wicket-keeping, a wide being the only "extra."

Dr W G Grace and Scotton opened the home batting at 20 minutes to 6. Only nine runs were recorded when the Gloucestershire captain was splendidly taken at slip. Shrewsbury, who followed, gave a hard chance to Mr Bonnor at slip from the first ball sent him. Afterwards, both the Nottinghamshire professionals played perfect cricket, and were still together at the call of "time."

The weather at the outset was dull, but during the afternoon it was very fine. About 10,000 persons

witnessed the play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 July, page 10)

Fine weather favoured the second day's play in this great match at Manchester yesterday, and the Old Trafford Ground was visited by about 9,000 spectators who took keen interest in the cricket. At the drawing of stumps on Monday evening the Englishmen, with nine wickets to fall in their first innings, were 169 behind.

It was five minutes past 12 o'clock when Shrewsbury and Scotton, the not-outs with 17 and 10, were confronted by Messrs Spofforth and Bruce. The former bowled very fast and the wicket-keeper (Mr Jarvis) stood back several yards. Runs were obtained steadily by excellent cricket, and "50" went up 25 minutes after the start. A single later, however, Shrewsbury had his leg stump struck by a good ball from Mr Spofforth. Mr Walter Read followed in, and at 56 Mr Giffen superseded Mr Bruce. Mr Read at once began to punish the bowling, and at 80 Mr Spofforth gave way to Mr Garrett, whose third ball Scotton played into the hands of Mr Trumble at point. Three for 80.

Mr A G Steel aided Mr Read. Mr Giffen now handed the ball to Mr Palmer. Runs were obtained at a quick rate, however, and loud cheers greeted the appearance on the telegraph board of the "100" at a quarter to 1. At 109 a fine catch at the wicket got rid of the English captain. Four down. Barlow came to the assistance of Mr W W Read. As runs were scored fast from Mr Palmer's bowling Mr Giffen resumed at 122, but the separation was effected from the other end at 131. Mr Read was well caught at third man. He had played a splendid innings of 51, and among his contributions were seven fours and three twos. Ulyett came in. Mr Spofforth resumed bowling, yet no further wicket had fallen up to the luncheon interval, when the figures stood at 140 for five wickets.

On resuming, the attack was intrusted to Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. Ulyett scored fast, and the 150 went up six minutes after 3 o'clock. An addition of six, however, saw the dismissal of Ulyett, who was bowled by a fine "bailer." Six down. Briggs did not stay long, as at 160 he was easily taken at point from a very bad stroke. Lohmann was next on the order. He had only made a single when he was missed by Mr Palmer at long-on. Then both batsmen showed excellent form. Lohmann made two fours and a three from Mr Spofforth, which brought on Mr Giffen at 196. Despite this change, however, Barlow by a boundary hit sent 200 up, while directly afterwards a drive by Lohmann for four equalized the scores.

Mr Palmer now went on for Garrett, but at 20 the eighth wicket fell by Mr Giffen bowling Lohmann for an invaluable 32. Forty-six had been added during the partnership. Peat stayed until 219, and four runs later Pilling was taken at point. The venture closed at a quarter to 5, Barlow carrying out his bat for an admirable 38.

At 10 minutes past 5 the Australians, who were 18 behind, started their second innings with Messrs Scott and Jones. Peate and Lohmann were the bowlers. An over of the latter produced 10 runs, and at 22 Barlow relieved him. The batsmen played steadily, and at 35 a further change in the attack was made, Mr Steel displacing Peate. Two runs later an excellent catch in the long-field got rid of Mr Jones. Two more wickets quickly fell. At 42 Mr Giffen was taken at point, and at 44 Mr Jarvis was caught at slip.

On Mr Bonnor coming in the bowling underwent a twofold change, Peate and Dr Grace taking the ball. Within a few minutes of time Mr Bonnor, in attempting to drive the former, skied the ball into the hands of Barlow at mid-off. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

The first of the matches this season between England and Australia has been decided with the result that, after a splendid game, the Colonials were beaten. This victory was by no means unexpected at the close of Tuesday's play, when the Australians, with four wickets down in their second innings, were only 37 runs ahead.

Yesterday the attendance at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, was by no means so large as on the previous days, but this was probably owing to the somewhat one-sided state of the score at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening. At five minutes past 12 Mr Scott (not out, 36) and Mr Trumble continued the Australian defence, to the bowling of Peate and Barlow. Thirteen runs were added, and then an excellent catch at slip got rid of Mr Trumble. Five for 68.

Mr Blackham's stay was brief, as after six overs had been sent down for two runs he was given out leg-before-wicket. Mr Bruce played the first ball sent him tamely into the hands of extra mid-off, and the seventh wicket fell with the figures still at 70. Mr Garrett came to the aid of his captain, who, however, was clean bowled after an addition of three. His admirable display of batting included four fours, a three and eight twos. Eight for 73.

Messrs Garrett and Palmer now became partners. The scoring proved slow, the batsmen offering a most stubborn resistance. Mr Garrett gave a very difficult chance to Shrewsbury at point, and shortly afterwards Mr Palmer made a bad stroke on the off side; the ball dropped so close to Briggs that he touched it, but failed to make the catch. Ulyett displaced Peate at 94; but despite the alteration 100 was reached at quarter to 2. Three runs later Mr Palmer was finely taken at the wicket by Pilling, who secured the ball wide on the off side. Thirty runs had been added during the partnership.

Mr Spofforth followed in, and although Mr Steel went on no further wicket had fallen up to the interval, when the score stood at 108 for nine wickets. Ulyett and Barlow conducted the bowling after luncheon. Mr Spofforth scored freely; he drove Barlow thrice for four, and also obtained a two off the same bowler. At 123, however, Mr Garrett was well caught at deep mid-off, and the innings closed at five minutes to 3.

England, who required 106 for victory, began their task at a quarter past 3, with Dr Grace and Scotton. Mr Jarvis did not field, and Mr Rowley Pope was substitute. Messrs Spofforth and Giffen were the bowlers. The latter proved very difficult to play, as the wicket at one end had broken up considerably. Only seven runs were recorded when the Gloucestershire captain was easily taken at mid-on, while an addition of eight runs saw the dismissal of Shrewsbury, who returned the ball. Two down. Mr Walter Read aided Scotton. These batsmen showed very good cricket until at 24 the amateur skied the ball to mid-off. Three down.

Barlow and Scotton now showed splendid cricket, and the score travelled steadily to 55. Mr Garrett then displaced Mr Spofforth, and seven runs later Mr Palmer superseded Mr Giffen. The latter change soon had the desired effect, as Mr Palmer bowled Scotton, who had played a most

invaluable and patient innings of 20. Mr Steel came in, and at 77 Mr Spofforth resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Palmer. Mr Steel was soon missed by Mr Bonnor at short slip from Mr Garrett's bowling. After this serious mistake the figures reached 90, at which total Barlow, who had played a splendid innings, was well caught at short mid-on. Five down.

Ulyett came next, and each batsman having obtained a four, 100 was reached at half-past 5. The game was a tie when Ulyett was finely caught from a hard drive in the deep field. Briggs came in and made the winning hit off Mr Spofforth's bowling, the Australians being beaten by four wickets, amid great enthusiasm. Barlow's performance in the match was exceptionally good. He claimed seven wickets in the second innings for 44 runs, scored 68 runs, was only once out, and made three excellent catches.

5 July: DERBYSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3102.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 3 July, page 10)

There was a remarkably even day's cricket in this match, which began at Derby yesterday in lovely weather. Surrey were without the services of two of their most prominent players, Mr Walter Read and Lohmann, who were assisting England at Manchester.

The visitors, who went in first, started well, and at the luncheon interval 112 runs were recorded for the loss of three wickets. Afterwards the bowling of Mr G G Walker proved very effective. The remaining seven wickets were captured for an addition of 20 runs, and of these he claimed six for 11 runs. Altogether Mr Walker took seven wickets . . .

Cropper, Mr Evershed and F Sugg batted with success for the home eleven . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 July, page 10)

When stumps were drawn in this match on Monday at Derby the home eleven had equalled their opponents' total for the loss of nine wickets. Yesterday morning the innings soon closed for an addition of three runs. Bowley claimed six wickets . . .

On Surrey going in a second time there was fine batting by Abel and Diver. The last-named played with his accustomed freedom, and his 52 included five fours, two threes and two twos. Abel's excellent not-out innings comprised five fours, ten threes, nine twos and singles. He was missed at mid-off when he had made 10. Wood and Abel put on 55 for the seventh wicket, while the latter with Beaumont added 63. Mr Walker claimed five wickets . . .

Derbyshire, who required 226 to win, went in a second time . . .

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

Surrey had little difficulty in winning their match with Derbyshire yesterday at Derby. The visitors bowled admirably on a bad wicket, and soon after the start it became apparent that they would win. Only F Sugg and Davidson obtained double figures, and the side were all out for 68. Davidson was batting one hour and 50 minutes for 10 runs. Beaumont took the last four wickets in two overs and three balls for six runs . . . The subjoined score will show that Surrey won by 157 runs.

8 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3106.html)

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

The champion county eleven began their return match with the Colonials yesterday at the Trent-Bridge ground, Nottingham. Barnes, who has not yet recovered from his injury, and Walter Wright stood out of the Nottinghamshire team, and the services of Mr H B Daft and Lockwood – a right-handed fast bowler – were called into requisition. Messrs Jarvis and M'Ilwraith were left out by the Australians.

A start was not made until shortly before 1 o'clock, when the Colonials, who had lost the toss, appeared in the field. Shrewsbury and Scotton opened the defence, the bowlers being Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Both batsmen played steadily and at 28 Mr Garrett displaced Mr Spofforth. Four runs later Mr Giffen relieved Mr Palmer. Despite these changes, however, no separation had been effected up to the luncheon interval, the score then being 42.

On play being resumed, Messrs Garrett and Giffen again conducted the bowling. Scotton was soon afterwards caught at slip for a well-played and patient innings of 17. Selby followed in. Shrewsbury now began to score with great freedom, and at 20 minutes past 3 he completed his 50. Mr Giffen handed the ball to Mr Evans at 77, but at 79 Mr Selby was clean bowled from the other end. Mr H B Daft now aided Shrewsbury, who by a brilliant drive for five sent the 100 up at 10 minutes to 4. Mr Palmer displaced Mr Evans at 113 and the change proved beneficial, as Shrewsbury was speedily out to a catch at wicket. He had played perfect cricket for 72, and among his contributions were one five, five fours, seven threes and four twos.

Gunn was badly run out at 138. Mr Daft showed good form. He was in two hours for 42, which comprised five fours, a three, three twos and singles. The last wicket fell at 5.35.

The Australians started badly against the attacks of Lockwood and Alfred Shaw. The former bowled Mr Bruce's off stump down, while before "Time" was called Messrs rum and Evans were both stumped. About 4,000 people witnessed the play, the weather being fine.

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

Although they are without the services of two of their most prominent players, the home eleven had decidedly the better of this match when stumps were drawn last evening at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. The weather was dull, but between 4,000 and 5,000 people witnessed the day's cricket.

The Australians, who had lost three wickets for 23 runs, resumed their bowling at ten minutes past 12 to the bowling of Alfred Shaw and Lockwood. Mr Palmer, the overnight not-out, was joined by Mr Jones. Thirteen runs were slowly added, and then the last-named gentleman was bowled off his pads. Mr Scott came in, and a determined stand was made. Runs were scored rather freely from Lockwood, who, at 58, gave way to Attewell. Still the score rose gradually, and at 79 a further alteration was made in the attack, Flowers superseded Attewell. Shaw gave up the ball to Shacklock at 85, but the 100 was reached at a quarter to [1?]. Lockwood was then again put on to bowl, and just before luncheon he got Mr Scott caught at slip for an excellent innings of 29.

Eighty-two runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket. Five for 118.

Play was resumed at a quarter to 2, Mr Giffen accompanying Mr Palmer to the wicket. Nine runs were put on and then Mr Palmer fell to a catch at the wicket. He had played excellently, and was greeted with loud cheers when he retired. Among his hits were three fours, six threes and nine twos. Mr Bonnor only made one good hit, and then had his off stump bowled down. Mr Garrett and Mr Giffen offered some resistance to the Notts bowlers, but when Shaw resumed at 173 the innings was rapidly finished off. Mr Giffen was bowled, Mr Blackham was cleverly thrown out by Shacklock, and Mr Spofforth skied the ball into the hands of mid-on. Time, 3.15. Total, 175.

Nottinghamshire went in a second time, with an advantage of 22. Scotton and Shrewsbury, as usual, started the batting, while the bowlers were Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. The cricket was very slow, and at the end of an hour only 26 runs were recorded. This, however, was owing in some degree to Scotton having injured his hand. Mr Palmer went on for Mr Spofforth at 37, and three runs later Mr Giffen displaced Mr Garrett. Mr Giffen's first ball dismissed Shrewsbury for a patient and well-played innings of 28. Gunn stayed until the score reached 57, when he was beaten by a good ball. Mr Daft and Scotton then played out time. It will be seen from the subjoined score that the home eleven, with two wickets down, are 103 runs ahead.

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

About 5,000 people visited the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday to witness the conclusion of the return match between the Australians and Nottinghamshire. The weather was fine and there was a capital day's cricket. Owing to some rain the previous night the wicket played easier than before. At the drawing of stumps on Friday the Nottingham eleven had begun their second venture with an advantage of 22 runs and had lost two wickets for 81.

Scotton (21) and Mr Daft (12), the not-outs, resumed the batting. Messrs Evans and Garrett conducted the attack. Nine runs were very slowly added, and then Mr Daft was bowled. Three down. Flowers joined Scotton, and the play again became rather monotonous, but the 100 was signalled amid loud applause at 1 o'clock. Scotton obtained two fours by a cut and a drive. At length, with the total at 124, he was well caught in the long field for a most patient innings of 45, which included two fours, two threes and seven twos. He was batting three hours and a half. Four down.

Selby was clean bowled without scoring, while a catch at short-slip got rid of Flowers at 127. Shacklock and Attewell then raised the score to 136 before luncheon. After the interval the remaining batsmen offered little resistance to the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Evans, and the innings closed at 3.20 for 157.

The Australians, who wanted 180 for victory, began their second innings at 20 to 4. As rather less than three hours remained for play there was little probability of the visitors securing the runs. Messrs Jones and Scott, who opened the batting, played with the greatest care, and although the bowling was changed the total reached 68 before they were separated. Afterwards Mr Giffen played very steadily, and when stumps were drawn and the match left unfinished the Australians, with six wickets to fall, required 58 to win.

8 July: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3105.html)

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

There was a capital day's cricket in this match at Manchester yesterday. Yorkshire started batting at 20 minutes past 12 with Ulyett and Hall. By very careful play the score was advanced to 40, when Hall was caught at the wicket. Three runs later Preston returned the ball, but Mr Hawke and Ulyett advanced the score to 80 before luncheon.

On resuming eight wickets fell in one hour. At 95 Ulyett was bowled off his pads, and the next ball dismissed Mr Hawke. Ulyett's chief hits were seven fours, four threes and five twos. Wickets continued to fall rapidly, and the side were eventually out for 133. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

Mr A G Steel was the only batsman who offered any determined resistance to the Yorkshire bowlers. His hits included six fours, three threes and seven twos. Emmett claimed seven wickets . . .

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

The match between these elevens was continued yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. On the previous day each side had completed an innings with the result that Yorkshire were 21 to the good. In the second innings of the visitors there was some good batting by Mr Hawke, Peel and Lee, and the home eleven were eventually left with 178 to obtain for victory. It must be mentioned that during the earlier part of the Yorkshire innings the light was very bad. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

Lancashire made a most unpromising start, as only two were scored when Barlow was given out leg before. Mr A G Steel, however, played in quite his old style, and at the drawing of stumps the home eleven with five wickets to fall wanted 56 to win.

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

Lancashire were greatly indebted to Mr A G Steel for the victory which they gained over Yorkshire at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, on Saturday. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening the home eleven, with five wickets to fall, required 56 runs to win.

Mr Steel and Mr Robinson resumed the Lancashire batting and put on altogether 68 runs before they were separated. Only 12 runs were wanted when Watson arrived. These were soon obtained, and Mr Steel made the winning hit, Yorkshire being defeated by four wickets. Mr A G Steel's fine not-out innings of 80 included seven fours, six threes and six twos. Emmett took two wickets . . .

It may be mentioned that Mr A G Steel. In the three first-class matches in which he has taken part this season, has scored 249 runs in five innings, in two of which he was not out.

8 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v SURREY (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128327.html)

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

Some extraordinary cricket was witnessed in this match at Leicester yesterday. Surrey, who went in first, lost a wicket from the first ball bowled. Another batsman was out when only a single was recorded, while at four the third wicket fell. Two more were captured at eight, and eventually the innings was over in an hour for 26. Pougher claimed six wickets . . .

Owing chiefly to some free hitting by Warren and Colver, the home total reached three figures. Lohmann took four wickets . . . Surrey, who required 81 to avert a single innings defeat, went in a second time . . .

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

An illustration of the uncertainty of our national pastime has been furnished by the match between the powerful Surrey team and Leicestershire which terminated yesterday at Leicester. It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Thursday evening the visitors, with five wickets to fall, required 36 to avert a single-innings defeat.

Beyond Maurice Read the remaining Surrey batsmen did little yesterday, and Leicestershire were left with only three runs to obtain for victory. Pougher claimed seven wickets . . . Leicestershire eventually won by ten wickets.

8 July: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3107.html)

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

These counties began a match yesterday on the Hove ground at Brighton. Sussex went in first at a quarter past 12. With the exception of Mr M'Cormick, Humphreys and Quaife, the side offered little resistance to the bowling of Wootton. Humphreys, who was twice missed, obtained 43, which included six fours and four twos. Quaife hit five fours and one three. Wootton claimed eight wickets . . .

Kent started batting at 10 minutes to 4. Two wickets fell for 44 runs, of which number Frank Hearne contributed 34. After rain had stopped play for 35 minutes, Lord Harris and George Hearne put on 105 for the third wicket. The professional's chief hits were three fours, three threes and four twos. Lord Harris was dismissed by a fine one-handed catch at slip for 73, which included eight fours and six twos. Four down. Mr Wilson and Captain Friend then played out time . . .

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

There was a splendid day's cricket at Brighton yesterday in the match between Sussex and Kent. The visitors, who were 26 runs ahead and had six wickets to fall at the drawing of stumps on Thursday, resumed their innings yesterday morning. Five more wickets fell for an addition of 48, but then came a determined stand by the Rev R T Thornton and A Hearne, who added 84 for the last wicket. J Hide claimed five wickets . . .

Sussex went in against a majority of 158. J Hide, Mr Lucas and Humphreys showed excellent cricket, and it was chiefly owing to their determined batting that the game was left at an interesting point. J hide, beyond a hard chance when his figures were 63, played in admirable style.

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

No fewer than 1,063 runs were scored during the three days over which the Kent and Sussex match extended. When play was resumed at Brighton on Saturday morning Sussex, with three wickets to fall, were 144 runs to the good. Jesse Hide, who was not out 124, continued to hit vigorously on Saturday, but was at length out to a catch at the wicket. His fine display of batting included one six, 21 fours, a three and 16 twos. Wootton claimed six wickets . . .

Kent went in with the formidable task before them of scoring 213 for victory. Frank and George Hearne obtained between them 130 of this number. Subsequently there was some good cricket by the Rev R T Thornton, and Kent won the match by four wickets. Five bowlers were tried . . .

12 July: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3109.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 July, page 8)

So far this season the efforts of the Yorkshire eleven have not been attended with such good results as might be expected from a team which includes so many notable players. They have been beaten twice by Surrey and once each by Lancashire and Nottinghamshire. Despite this series of reverses, their match with the Australians at Sheffield had been anticipated with great interest, and an immense number of spectators, 10,209 of whom paid for admission, assembled at the Bramall-lane Ground to witness yesterday's play. The weather was fine, and during the afternoon the sun shone brilliantly. Messrs Blackham and Bonnor stood out of the Australian team.

Successful in the toss, the visitors elected to go in, and at a quarter past 12 Messrs Scott and Jones opened the defence on an excellent wicket. Bates and Emmett were intrusted with the bowling. After Jones had made a bad stroke in the slips, the score, chiefly by his contributions, was raised to 24. Then Mr Scott, who had only made a couple, played on, and Mr Giffen joined Mr Jones. With ten runs added, however, the last-named gentleman was bowled by a "shooter" from Emmett. Mr Jarvis came in, and at the end of an hour's play only 36 runs were registered.

Emmett gave way to Peate at 42. When he had made six Mr Jarvis gave a difficult chance to Hall low down at point, which the fieldsman failed to accept. At 51, however, Mr Giffen was easily caught at mid-off. Three down. Mr Jarvis having been joined by Mr M'Ilwraith, hit each bowler for four; but, at 62, in attempting to pull a ball he was bowled. Four down. Mr Trumble followed in, and although the bowling was changed, Preston going on, the figures at the luncheon interval were 74.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3 by Preston and Bates bowling. Five were added and then Mr M'Ilwraith was badly run out; while two runs later Mr Garrett was bowled. With six wickets down for 81, the game appeared all in favour of Yorkshire. Messrs Palmer and Trumble, however, entirely altered the aspect of it. Runs were put on steadily, and at 20 minutes past 3 this week "100" was signalled. Numerous alterations were made in the bowling; Peel superseded Bates, while Peate, Ulyett and Emmett were all tried. Wade took the ball at 139; but this change only increased the rate of run-getting, his first over producing 11 runs. Preston and Bates again went on, and at length at 179 the batsmen were separated, Mr Trumble being bowled. He had played sound cricket for his 45, which included five fours and the same number of threes. No fewer than 98 had been added for the partnership. Seven for 179.

Mr Bruce's stay was brief, as at 187 he was bowled. Eight down. Mr Evans stopped with Mr Palmer some time. The second century was reached at 10 minutes to 5. At 209 Emmett displaced Bates. He soon bowled Mr Evans, and nine wickets were down for 214 when Mr Spofforth joined Mr Palmer. The last-named gentleman continued to play good cricket, while the vigorous hitting of Mr Spofforth caused the score to rise rapidly. Several bowling changes were tried; but it was not until 275 that Mr Palmer attempted a fifth run for a hit by Mr Spofforth and lost his wicket. Time, 5.40. Sixty-one were scored during the time that the two batsmen were together. Mr Palmer played a faultless innings of 94 – the largest he has made for an Australian team in England. He was at the wickets two and a half hours, and his chief hits were ten fours, six threes and nine twos.

Yorkshire had half an hour's batting. Hall and Bates were confronted by Messrs Spofforth and

Giffen. Hall sent the first ball to leg for four, which proved his only contribution. Bates, on the other hand, punished Mr Giffen's bowling severely and caused Mr Garrett to take the ball at 33. Still, no wicket fell . . .

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

There was an excellent day's cricket at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday, in the match between the Australians and Yorkshire. The home eleven played an uphill game with great determination, and although they are only 114 ahead with three wickets to fall, an interesting finish is anticipated. Fine weather and the prospect of good play again attracted a large number of spectators, who must have numbered nearly 10,000. When the game was resumed, Yorkshire had scored 42 without mishap against their opponents' total of 275.

Shortly after 12 o'clock Hall and Bates, the not-outs, with four and 30, were confronted by Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. Most of the scoring was done by Bates. At 64, however, Bates lost the company of Hall, who was smartly stumped. Soon after Ulyett had appeared Bates gave a difficult chance to Mr Bruce at long on. He had then scored 48, and he quickly obtained nine more runs, but was then brilliantly caught high up at long-off. His excellent innings of 57 comprised seven fours, two threes, seven twos and singles. Two down.

Mr Hawke and Ulyett then offered considerable resistance and, as the professional scored rather freely from Mr Spofforth, that bowler gave way to Mr Palmer at 93. Despite the change, however, the 100 appeared on the telegraph board at 10 minutes to 1. Mr Hawke, after giving a hard chance to Mr Bruce at mid-off, was bowled by Mr Garrett at 120. Forty-seven had been added during the late partnership. Preston did not long have the company of Ulyett, who was dismissed by a fine right-handed catch at mid-on when only a couple of runs had been added.

The batting now collapsed. Three wickets fell at 150, Preston out leg-before, and Peel and Wade bowled. Four runs later Lee was bowled, and at 158 Peate was well caught in the long field. Nine down. After luncheon Hunter was bowled without addition to the score and the innings closed for 158. The last seven wickets were captured for 38 runs.

Being 117 behind, Yorkshire followed on at 10 minutes past 3. Hall and Bates again started the batting, while the bowlers were Messrs Garrett and Palmer. The latter was rather severely punished, and the total having rapidly reached 44 he handed the ball to Mr Spofforth. Fifty, however, went up after 25 minutes' play. Mr Garrett gave way to Mr Evans a single later and, at 73, Mr Giffen bowled in lieu of Mr Spofforth. Before a run had been added Bates, in attempting to drive, was clean bowled. He had again batted in brilliant form for 44, and among his hits were six fours, a three and two twos.

Ulyett came in. Hall was taken at short mid-on at 83, but on Mr Hawke arriving runs were scored freely. At 4.35 the 100 was reached amid loud applause. At 106 Mr Hawke had his off stump upset. Preston, who was next in, at once began to hit with great freedom, and the innings defeat was averted at 10 minutes to 5. Mr Palmer had just previously relieved Mr Spofforth. Preston made several bad strokes, but subsequently he timed the ball remarkably well. Mr Garrett superseded Mr Evans, but he gave way to Mr Trumble at 150. Preston was at length bowled for an admirable 37, including four fours, two threes and five twos. Ulyett was out in a similar manner quickly afterwards.

A stand was then made by Peel and Lee, so that at 177 Mr Giffen displaced Mr Palmer. Lee speedily hit the new bowler for four fours, and at 10 minutes to 6 the second hundred was greeted with loud cheering. Nine runs later Mr Spofforth superseded Mr Giffen, and Lee was then out to a good catch at long-on. His hits included five fours. Wade aided Peel, who was clean bowled at 224, after which the former with Emmett played out time.

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

The Australians gained a brilliant victory over the Yorkshire eleven at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday. Although rain fell on Tuesday night the wicket was in good condition, while a shower soon after the Australians went in a second time left it considerably in favour of the batsmen. Yorkshire, who had lost seven wickets in their second venture and were 114 runs ahead, resumed their batting at five minutes past 12.

Wade and Emmett, the not-outs with ten and nine, were confronted by Messrs Spofforth and Garrett. With three runs added Emmett was easily caught and bowled. Eight down. Peate and Wade were partners for some time. The former, after giving a difficult return chance, was taken at extra mid-off at 246. Three runs later Hunter was clean bowled, and the innings closed at 12.35 for 249.

One hundred and thirty-three runs to win was a formidable task for any side against bowlers of such renown as the Yorkshiremen possess. The start was by no means promising, as Mr Jones, after scoring two runs, was completely beaten by a ball from Peate. Mr Giffen joined Mr Scott. These batsmen played the bowling of Peate and Bates with caution, and the most important items for some time were a four and a three by Mr Scott and a three by Mr Giffen. Steadily the score was raised to 26, and then at 1.25 rain came down so heavily that the players were compelled to seek shelter for 20 minutes. On resuming, an appeal for a catch at the wicket against Mr Scott was decided in favour of the batsman. Runs were now added quickly and a drive by Mr Scott from Bates for four caused Preston to take the ball at 38. Despite this alteration no separation had been effected up to the luncheon interval, when the score stood at 41 for one wicket.

At a quarter to 3 the game was continued, the bowling being intrusted to Peate and Preston. Emmett displaced the former at 52, and the change speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Giffen, who was given out leg before at 56. Jarvis, who followed in, at once began to hit freely, so that a double change in the attack was made, Bates and Peate going on. From the latter's second delivery Mr Jarvis was taken at cover-point, and three wickets were down for 82. Mr Palmer aided his captain. Ulyett relieved Bates at 93. Shortly afterwards Mr Palmer was let off by Emmett from a lofty hit at mid-off. The 100 went up at 3.35, and seven runs later a further variation was made in the bowling, Wade being tried. From his first delivery Mr Palmer was caught in the long field almost on the boundary.

Mr Trumble then aided Mr Scott, who scored 22 in an over from Wade. The first ball – well on the off side – he placed in front of square leg for six, the second he hit in the same direction for four, the third he drove over the seats beyond the cinder path for six, and then finished this sensational over by hitting the ball out of the field of play for six. The latter item won the match for the visitors by six wickets. Mr Scott took out his bat for 67, more than half of the number of runs required.

12 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3108.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 July, page 8)

In spite of the absence of the Yorkshire professionals, who are engaged against the Australians, the Players' team which the Marylebone Club has chosen is exceptionally strong. On the other hand, the Gentlemen's side is comparatively weak without Messrs A G Steel, W W Read, W E Roller and C W Rock. All cricketers will note with pleasure that Mr E F S Tylecote, who showed such good form in the late Australian match at Chiswick-park, reappears for the Gentlemen. The weather at Lord's yesterday was not inspiring, and when play began the wicket, owing to the effects of the early morning rain, did not play at all well.

Dr W G Grace and Mr Hornby started the Gentlemen's batting at five minutes past 12. Barlow and Lohmann (nursery end) were the bowlers. Only three runs had been added when an easy catch at slip caused the retirement of Mr Hornby. Mr Patterson, who followed in, played in good style, but with the figures at 17 he lost the company of Dr Grace – caught at point. Two down.

With Messrs J G Walker and Patterson as partners, a stubborn resistance was offered to the Players' bowlers. The cricket, however, proved very slow, and the only items of interest were a couple of twos through the slips by Mr Patterson. Twenty-six were recorded after 35 minutes' play. Mr Walker then enlivened the game by cutting Barlow brilliantly for four. The bowler handed the ball to Flowers and the variation soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Walker, who was well taken at mid-off by Barlow. Three for 36.

Mr Lucas arrived to the aid of Mr Patterson. Runs were obtained with great difficulty. Forty was reached in an hour and five minutes from the start. Briggs superseded Lohmann at 51. Mr Lucas hit the new bowler to leg for four, and in his following over drove the ball finely to the boundary – a very hard hit, the ball reaching the roadway near the nursery. At 63, however, Mr Lucas was bowled off his foot. Four for 63. Mr Bainbridge joined Mr Patterson. The former was soon appealed against for "leg before," but the answer was in favour of the batsman. Barlow resumed the attack in lieu of Flowers at 67, and with his first ball cleverly caught and bowled Mr Patterson. The last-named had played an excellent innings of 33. Five for 67.

Mr Scott came in. Mr Bainbridge made a splendid cut from Briggs to the boundary, and a snick by Mr Scott off Barlow realized three. Rain which had been falling slightly for a considerable time now came down so heavily that the points had to seek shelter five minutes before the usual luncheon hour. During the interval the weather showed signs of clearing; but subsequently rain once more began to fall very fast, and shortly before 5 o'clock it was decided to postpone further play until this morning at 11.30.

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

Considerable assistance was afforded the bowlers at Lord's yesterday by the bad state of the wicket. It had been rendered very treacherous by the recent rain, and throughout the day the batsmen were at a great disadvantage. However, the weather proved fine, and about 5,000 people witnessed the cricket. It will be remembered that when rain stopped the game on Monday the Gentlemen had scored 78 for five wickets.

Play was resumed at 11.35, the bowlers being Lohmann and Barlow. Mr Scott was taken at slip at 86, and four runs later Mr Tylecote was cleverly caught and bowled. Mr Bainbridge was taken in the long field at 91, and at 98 both the remaining wickets fell – Mr Page caught at cover point and Mr Robinson at forward short leg. Time 12.15.

Shrewsbury and Scotton started the Players' batting at 25 minutes to 1 against the attack of Dr Grace (nursery end) and Mr Robertson. Runs came very slowly, and the only items of interest were a cut by Shrewsbury for three and a leg hit by Scotton to the boundary. At 12, however, Scotton, in attempting to hit to leg, skied the ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. Barnes, who followed, hit Mr Robertson to leg for four and cut him for three. Mr Cochrane displaced Mr Robertson at 24, but Shrewsbury drove him twice to the on for four each and caused Mr Page to take the ball at 43. At the end of an hour's play the score stood at 44. Barnes cut Dr Grace for four, but at 49 the Gloucestershire captain drove Shrewsbury back on to the wicket. Two down. Barlow came in and by a single he caused 50 to be telegraph at ten minutes to 2. Shortly afterwards he was nearly caught at point.

The luncheon interval having intervened, Dr Grace and Mr Page again conducted the bowling. Barnes hit a ball from the latter to leg for four, after which the play became monotonous. An on drive by Barnes realized two, 70 being announced at 3 o'clock. At 73 Barlow was given out leg before, and the fact that he was at the wicket 35 minutes for eight runs may be taken as an indication of his patient batting. Gunn came next. He quickly cut Dr Grace for four, while his companion obtained three by a similar stroke. Barnes was bowled at 89 for 44, which included four fours, three threes and three twos. Considering the bad state of the wicket he had played a good innings.

Abel aided Gunn, who drove Mr Page for three and four, and caused the 100 to be announced at 10 minutes to 4. Seven runs later Gunn was beaten by a good ball from Dr Grace. Maurice Read stayed while 13 were added, and was then cleverly caught at cover point from a very bad stroke. Briggs' innings was brief and fruitless, as the figures were unaltered when he was bowled by a yorker. Flowers, who then came in, considerably enlivened the play. He hit Dr Grace twice to leg for four each, and at 138 that bowler gave way to Mr Robertson. Abel by a cut for two brought 150 up at 20 minutes to 5. Flowers made a four from each end by a leg hit and an on-drive, but was smartly caught and bowled at 167, and eight wickets were down. Forty-seven had been put on during the last partnership, towards which number Flowers had contributed 35.

Lohmann aided Abel, who obtained four by an off-drive and three by a cut from Mr Robertson. Mr Cochrane displaced Mr Page at 181, and at 187 Dr Grace resumed in lieu of Mr Robertson. Mr Cochrane clean bowled Lohmann at 201, while immediately afterwards Abel was easily caught at deep square leg, the innings closing at 20 minutes to 6.

In a minority of 103, the Gentlemen began their second venture at 6 o'clock with Dr Grace and Mr Hornby. Barlow and Lohmann were the bowlers. Dr Grace obtained a three through the slips and four by a fine off-drive – both from Barlow. Mr Hornby secured three from a cut and later Dr Grace drove Lohmann to the off for four and hit him to leg with a like result. At 26, however, the Gloucestershire captain was out to a good catch at the wicket.

Mr Patterson followed in. Mr Hornby hit Lohmann to square leg for four. After this the cricket became rather slow, but the score was gradually raised to 43, when a two-fold change in the bowling was made, Briggs and Barnes going on. Despite these alterations the 50 was reached at ten

minutes to 7. An addition of four saw the dismissal of Mr Patterson, who was easily caught at mid-off. Two down. Mr Walker was then clean bowled, and stumps were drawn for the day, the Gentlemen requiring 49 to avert the innings defeat with seven wickets to fall.

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

As had been anticipated, the first of the annual matches between the Gentlemen and Players terminated at Lord's yesterday in a victory for the professionals. The wicket played even more treacherously than on the preceding day. When play was resumed, the Gentlemen, with three wickets down in their second venture, still required 49 to avert a single innings defeat.

Mr A N Hornby, the overnight not-out with 15, was accompanied to the wickets at 11.35 by Mr Lucas. Barnes (pavilion end) and Briggs started the bowling, but at 67 they were superseded by Flowers and Lohmann. A single by each batsman raised the score to 70 at 12 o'clock. Four runs later, however, Mr Hornby was well caught at cover point for 25. With the figures at 76, the Gentlemen lost two more wickets in an over from Flowers. Mr Lucas was taken by Sherwin, running towards short leg; while Mr Bainbridge cut the ball into the hands of Shrewsbury at point. Six down.

Messrs Tylecote and Scott now became partners. The former, after giving a very difficult chance in the long field, drove Lohmann to the off for four, and a few minutes later Mr Scott made a similar stroke with a like result. Having obtained three by a cut, Mr Scott might have been caught and bowled by Flowers, who, however, failed to hold the ball. Mr Tylecote then cut Lohmann for two, and at 20 minutes to 1 he by a single increased the score to 100. Briggs now displaced Lohmann, and the change quickly had the desired effect, as before a run had been added Mr Scott was easily stumped.

Mr Page, who followed in, soon secured a couple by an on drive, which saved the innings defeat. Mr Tylecote next cut Flowers for two, while his companion drove the same bowler for four. When the score had reached 118, however, Mr Tylecote was easily caught at slip. Eight down. Then followed a stand by Messrs Robertson and Page. Both gentlemen hit vigorously and caused a double change in the bowling at 137, Lohmann and Barlow going on. Abel misjudged a lofty hit by Mr Robertson deep in front of square leg, but shortly afterwards a good running catch at long off dismissed Mr Page. Nine for 150. A dozen runs later Mr Robertson was bowled, and the innings was over at 20 minutes to 2.

Requiring 60 runs for victory, the Players started their second innings at five minutes to 2 with Shrewsbury and Scotton. Mr Page opened the bowling from the pavilion end, and from his third ball Shrewsbury was badly run out. He had called Scotton for an easy run, but the last-named did not leave his crease. One wicket down.

After the interval, Barnes joined Scotton. The cricket proved very slow and the only items in 12 overs were an off drive for four and two singles by Scotton, and two twos by Barnes. The last-named then drove Dr Grace to the off for three and hit him to leg for four. Mr Cochrane relieved the Gloucestershire captain at 18, but the separation was almost immediately effected by Mr Page, who cleverly caught and bowled Scotton. Two for 18.

Barlow was out in a similar manner at 27, and Gunn filled the vacancy. Barnes now enlivened the play by a drive, a cut and a leg hit for four each in two overs from Mr Page. Mr Robertson, who

had gone on for Mr Cochrane after Barlow's dismissal, caught and bowled Gunn at 44, and Abel came in. At 48 Mt Page handed the ball to Dr Grace, who at 55 clean bowled Abel; he had contributed two leg hits for four each. Thus only five runs were necessary for victory when Flowers made his appearance. He soon obtained two singles and an on-drive for three, and won the match for the Players by five wickets.

Barnes again batted well, and in both innings his cricket was by far the best shown in the match. Mr Tylecote kept wicket remarkably well on both days.

12 July: DERBYSHIRE v ESSEX (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128316.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 July, page 8)

Rain interfered with the match between these counties at Derby yesterday and delayed the play altogether an hour and a half. Essex, who were strongly represented, had all the best of the day's cricket. Going in first, they were not disposed of until over 200 runs had been recorded.

Mr C D Buxton played a somewhat faulty innings of 60. He was let off by the wicket-keeper from the first ball sent him, and subsequently he was twice missed at slip by Stubbings. Apart from these chances, his hitting was clean and well timed. Among his contributions were three fours, five threes and ten twos. Brelsford claimed four wickets . . . As will be seen from the subjoined score, Derbyshire started badly against the bowling of Messrs Buxton and Bishop.

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

When play ceased in this match at Derby on Monday, the home eleven, with seven wickets to fall, required 137 to avert a follow-on. Yesterday, despite some good cricket by W Chatterton and Cropper, the innings closed for 118. Mr Buxton claimed three wickets . . .

Requiring 100 to prevent an innings defeat, Derbyshire went in a second time. Cropper again batted well, but in each innings he had the misfortune to play on.

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

Essex at one time had considerably the best of their match with Derbyshire at Derby. Yet after compelling their opponents to follow on they were beaten. Yesterday morning when the game was resumed the home eleven, with three wickets to fall, were only 52 runs ahead. However, the remaining Derbyshire batsmen increased the score by 60 runs. Pickett claimed seven wickets . . .

Essex, who required 113 to win, started badly. Before luncheon Messrs Stevens, Owen and Green were dismissed for 17 runs. Subsequently the score reached 49 for six wickets. Davidson was then put on to bowl, and he captured the remaining four wickets in eight overs and one ball (three maidens) for six runs. Cropper claimed four wickets . . . Mr Francis was the only batsman who offered any determined resistance to the home bowling. From the score subjoined it will be seen that Derbyshire won by 46 runs.

THE CRICKETERS' FUND

Report from Wednesday 14 July, page 10

Lord Harris presided last evening at Lord's over the annual meeting of the Cricketers' Fund Society, and in addition to a large number of our most prominent professionals, there were present Mr V E Walker and H Perkins. There was a considerable falling off in the balance in hand when compared with last year's, and a resolution, proposed by George Hay, to the effect that the amounts paid out of the fund to cricketers should be reduced, was carried. Subsequently Lord Harris, in addressing the meeting, explained that he thought English professionals were quite within their right in raising their terms when playing against the Australians.

15 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3110.html)

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

Much difficulty seems to have been experienced by the Surrey executive in getting together a good Gentlemen's side for the second match of the season. Lord Harris and Messrs A G Steel, A N Hornby, W H Patterson and W E Roller were all absent from the team. Mr W Rashleigh was, among others, asked to play, but he was assisting his county. There were only three changes from the Players' team which appeared at Lord's, the places of Gunn, Barlow and Briggs being filled by Diver, Peate and Ulyett. Fine weather favoured yesterday's play at the Oval and there was a good attendance of spectators.

Successful in the toss, the Gentlemen began batting at 10 minutes past 12 with Drs W G and E M Grace. Peate and Lohmann (pavilion end) were the bowlers. Runs were obtained with some difficulty, and the first ten were registered after twice as many minutes' play. Mr W G Grace then cut Lohmann for four, and later he drove Peate to the off with a like result. A single by the Gloucestershire captain was ten converted into five by an overthrow. Dr W G Grace next gained four by a cut, which raised the score to 42. The bowling was now changed at both ends, Ulyett and Barnes going on. Despite these changes, however, Dr W G Grace hit Ulyett to leg for four, bringing "50" on the telegraph board at five minutes past 1. Dr W G Grace then cut Ulyett and hit him to leg for four each. Flowers superseded Ulyett at 61, and after some slow play Barnes got Dr E M Grace out leg before. One for 67.

Mr Radcliffe arrived, and when he had contributed an off drive for four Peate and Lohmann were put on to bowl. Dr Grace made a fine on-drive for four, but at 93 he lost the company of Mr Radcliffe, who had the misfortune to play on. Mr Walter Read arrived, and a single later an adjournment was made for luncheon.

Lohmann and Peate conducted the attack after the interval. Dr Grace drove Lohmann to the off for three, while at 2.55 a leg hit by Mr Read caused the "100" to be signalled. Several maidens ensued, and then Mr Read hit Peate to leg for four and drove Lohmann to the on with a like result. The last-named bowler gave way to Barnes at 123, and 13 runs later Peate handed the ball to Flowers. This variation soon had the desired effect, as when nine runs had been added Dr W G Grace was easily taken at slip. He had played an admirable innings of 65. He was at the wickets two hours and three-quarters, and his hits included one five, eight fours and five twos. Three down.

Shortly afterwards Mr Read was let off by Lohmann at cover-point. He had then scored 32, but did not long profit by his escape, for at 159 he played a ball from Barnes into his wicket. Mr Read's chief hits were four fours, two threes and five twos. Messrs Bainbridge and Tylecote were now partners. Only four were added when Mr Tylecote returned the ball. Mr Key followed in. Both batsmen played with caution, so that at 170 Lohmann displaced Flowers. In his second over Mr Key was out leg before, while at 172 Mr Daft was clean bowled by a good ball. Mr Bainbridge was caught at the wicket without alteration in the figures, while at 179 Mr Toppin was bowled. Four runs later Mr Turner played on, and the innings closed at 10 minutes past 5 for 183. Barnes and Lohmann had bowled admirably.

Scotton and Shrewsbury opened the Players' defence at half-past 5 to the bowling of Messrs Toppin and Dorman. Only six runs were recorded when Scotton was bowled by a "bailer" from Mr

Dorman. Ulyett aided Shrewsbury, who cut Mr Toppin finely for four, and later he played Mr Dorman to leg for a two and a three. In the following over from the same bowler Shrewsbury made two splendid cuts for four each. Ulyett obtained a three to leg, after which the play became rather slow. Principally by singles the score was advanced to 42, when Mr Toppin gave way to Mr Radcliffe. His second ball Shrewsbury played to leg for three, but an over later he clean bowled Ulyett (off stump) by a ball which broke across the wicket. Two for 45.

Diver followed in. A brilliant piece of fielding by Dr E M Grace was loudly applauded. Diver secured four by a very late cut, and a couple to leg by Shrewsbury caused "50" to be signalled at half-past 6. Two runs later Dr W G Grace received the ball from Mr Dorman, and the change nearly brought about the dismissal of Shrewsbury, who made a bad stroke on the off-side, the ball falling just out of reach of Mr Read at cover point. Shrewsbury next sent a full-pitched ball from Mr Radcliffe to the on for four. Sixty went up after an hour and ten minutes' play. An appeal against Shrewsbury by Dr Grace for leg-before was decided in favour of the batsman. A two by Diver to leg and an off-drive for the same number were the principal items in the next few overs. Mr Turner relieved Mr Radcliffe at 76. Mr Key was loudly applauded for stopping a hard hit by Diver at long leg. Shrewsbury gained three more runs, and then stumps were drawn for the day.

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

In addition to the splendid innings by Shrewsbury, the cricket at Kennington Oval yesterday possessed several other features of interest, notably the batting of Dr W G Grace towards the close of the day. The weather was fine, but the wicket was slightly in favour of the bowlers. The Players, who were 102 runs behind with eight wickets to fall, resumed batting at five minutes past 12 with the not-outs, Shrewsbury (42) and Diver (22).

Three maidens were sent down and then Diver lost his wicket in attempting a fourth run for a fine cut by himself. Mr Daft returned the ball to Mr Tylecote, who put the wicket down in capital style. Three for 84.

Barnes followed in. Shrewsbury obtained four and three by drives, and two by a cut, so when the figures had reached 96 Mr Turner gave up the ball to Mr Radcliffe. Barnes gained a single, and then, by a leg hit to the boundary, he brought the 100 on the telegraph board at half-past 12. Dr W G Grace superseded Mr Dorman at 105. Runs were put on steadily. Barnes cut Mr Radcliffe for four and played the other bowler to leg with a like result. At 122 the attack was changed at both ends, Mr Toppin and Dr E M Grace going on. The play now became rather slow. Shrewsbury gained four by a leg hit, while a single by his companion was converted into four by an overthrow. A further alteration was made in the bowling, Mr Toppin giving way to Mr Bainbridge. At 1.25, however, the 150 was announced. Two two's by Shrewsbury resulted from Mr Bainbridge's next over, but at 157 Barnes ran himself out, the ball being well returned from cover point. Four down.

Abel's stay was brief and fruitless, as, after Shrewsbury had scored a couple of threes, the Surrey professional was caught from a bad stroke, at short mid-on. Maurice Read arrived. With the figures at 178, Dr E M Grace handed the ball to Mr Toppin. Maurice Read, when he had made five, gave a difficult chance to Mr Tylecote at the wicket. Shrewsbury, by a square-leg hit for three, completed his hundred shortly before 2 o'clock.

Luncheon having intervened, the Gentlemen's bowling was conducted by Messrs Radcliffe and Toppin. Read, by a leg hit for four, sent up 200 at 3 o'clock. Mr Turner was tried for Mr Radcliffe

at 216, and a single later Mr Read displaced Mr Toppin. Both batsmen, however, were now thoroughly set. Mr Dorman superseded Mr Turner at 243, and at 249 Dr W G Grace went on at the gasometer end. This change brought about a separation as when 13 had been added Shrewsbury was well taken at the wicket. Ninety-nine runs had been obtained during the partnership. Shrewsbury had been batting four and a half hours for 127. His faultless innings included eight fours, 11 threes and 18 twos.

Some free hitting by Flowers and Maurice Read followed the former's appearance. At 275, however, Read was bowled by a good ball from Dr W G Grace. His chief hits were seven fours, a three and nine twos. Seven down. Lohmann, after giving a difficult chance to Mr Radcliffe at mid-on, began to score freely, and at 4.25 the third hundred was reached. Four runs later, however, a fine piece of fielding by Mr Walter Read at cover-point enabled Dr W G Grace to run out Lohmann. At 308 Flowers fell to a catch at the wicket, while an appeal for leg-before got rid of Sherwin at 321 and brought the innings to a close at a quarter to five.

During the interval there was a light shower of rain, but it lasted only a few minutes. Dr E M Grace and Mr Radcliffe began the Gentlemen's second innings at five minutes past 5, against a majority of 138. Barnes and Peate were the bowlers. Six overs were sent down for four runs. Mr Radcliffe then drove a ball from Barnes to the boundary. This proved the largest item for a considerable time. At length Dr Grace drove Peate to the on for four, and later a fine drive by Mr Radcliffe realized two. The last-named gentleman then cut Peate thrice in one over for four each, causing that bowler to give way to Lohmann at 37. Mr Radcliffe, however, played him to leg for four, but at 48 he was out to a good catch at the wicket. One down. Dr W G Grace aided his brother, who was soon bowled by a splendid ball from Lohmann. Two for 44. Mr Walter Read was finely caught at cover-slip from the first ball he received, and three wickets were down.

Mr Tylecote aided Dr Grace who, by a leg-hit for three, caused 50 to appear. The Gloucestershire captain drove Barnes to the off for two and four, so that at 56 Flowers was put on. Dr Grace cut him for four, while Mr Tylecote drove Lohmann to the off with a like result. Shortly afterwards Dr Grace cut the same bowler finely to the boundary. Mr Tylecote next contributed three by an on-drive, but at 79 he was bowled.

Mr Turner came in, and Dr Grace quickly cut Lohmann for four. Several singles followed, after which Dr Grace gained three by a cut from Flowers and four by a drive from the other end. He supplemented these strokes by cutting Lohmann finely for four, and by an on-drive for two he brought the 100 on the telegraph board at a quarter to 6. Peate displaced Lohmann at 101, and a single later Ulyett relieved Flowers. Dr Grace cut the new bowler for three, and by a leg-hit for two he completed his 50. Both batsmen then played with caution, and at the drawing of stumps were still together. Mr W G Grace had played brilliant cricket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 July, page 10)

Owing to the heavy rain on Saturday, this match at Kennington Oval had to be abandoned. The decision was arrived at at 2 o'clock. The score and the analysis of the bowling were given in The Times of Saturday.

15 July: LANCASHIRE v ESSEX (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128312.html)

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

Lancashire were batting nearly the whole of yesterday on the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. Barlow, Burns and Robinson were the chief scorers for the home side. Pickett claimed six wickets . . . Essex went in . . .

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

Barlow and Briggs bowled with great effect against the Essex team on the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. The visitors, who overnight had lost one wicket for four runs, with the exception of Messrs Owen and Buxton, offered a very feeble resistance yesterday to the Lancashire attack. Briggs claimed five wickets . . .

Essex followed on, but they batted even worse than before, and were beaten by an innings and 227 runs. Barlow took five wickets . . . It must be mentioned that the wicket played treacherously yesterday.

15 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3111.html)

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

Tester, the Sussex professional, played a very fine innings of 130 for his county in their match against Kent at Tonbridge yesterday. He was batting just over four hours, and his only mistake was a difficult chance when he had made 58. He went in first and was out last, and his chief contributions were 20 fours and 13 twos. Jesse Hide rendered Tester most assistance, and while these two batsmen were together 90 runs were added. With the exception of the players named the team batted feebly; the nine other members only contributed 49 between them. A Hearne claimed four wickets . . .

Lord Harris and Mr W Rashleigh made a splendid start for Kent. His lordship scored freely, while the steady defence of Mr Rashleigh also gave the visitors' bowlers considerable trouble. Before the batsmen were separated 91 runs were recorded. Subsequently the Kent wickets fell rapidly, and five were down at the drawing of stumps. Lord Harris's chief hits were nine fours, two threes and four twos. The weather was fine and there was a large attendance of spectators.

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

In fine weather and before a large company of onlookers play in this match at Tonbridge was continued yesterday. Kent, who had lost five wickets overnight for 107, played with great determination towards the close of the innings. Mr A J Thornton batted steadily, and was in two hours and three-quarters for his 41. He and H Hearne put on 47 for the last wicket, which fell at a quarter to 2. Bean claimed three wickets . . .

Sussex, who went in a second time with an advantage of 18, lost three wickets for 45. Despite a most useful innings of 30 by Humphreys, five batsmen had been dismissed with the figures at 113. Then followed a fine stand by Messrs Thomas and Blackman. These gentlemen had put on 83 runs in an hour when Mr Blackman was bowled in trying to hit to leg. Mr Thomas was in an hour and 55 minutes for 73, which included 12 fours. Nine wickets were down for 222 when H Phillips and A Hide became partners. Fifty-three runs were added in an hour, and then stumps were drawn, Sussex being 293 runs ahead with a wicket to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 19 July, page 10)

The task which Sussex set their opponents in this match at Tonbridge on Saturday proved far too difficult for the home eleven. This was owing in a great measure to the rain, which began to fall soon after Kent had gone in a second time, and spoilt the wicket. When play was resumed on Saturday morning the visitors, with nine batsmen out, were 293 ahead. Twelve runs were added, and then A Hide was caught at long-off, the innings closing at 11.35. Altogether the last wicket had put on 65 runs. George Hearne claimed three wickets . . .

Requiring 306 to win, Kent went in a second time at five minutes to 12. The brothers Hide conducted the bowling. With the score at 26 Frank Hearne was bowled off his pads. George Hearne and Mr Rashleigh then became partners, but when seven runs had been added rain stopped

play. Time, 12.35.

It was a quarter to 3 before the game could be resumed. The wicket was still firm, yet the sun soon caused it to play treacherously. Mr Rashleigh was taken at mid-off at 38 for a well-played innings of 21. Lord Harris was bowled off stump at 39, and after a short stand by George Hearne and Mr Thornton, during which A Hide gave way to Bean, the amateur obstructed his wicket. Mr Kemp was secured at mid-off at 88, and five runs later George Hearne was bowled. He had played patient cricket for 30, having been at the wickets nearly two hours.

The 100 went up at 4.30, but the innings was finished off for an addition of 26, Sussex being victorious by 179 runs. Jesse Hide claimed six wickets . . .

15 July: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129387.html)

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

Yesterday's cricket at Lord's furnished some very brilliant hitting by Chatterton and W Hearn for the Marylebone Club against Northamptonshire. Going in first, these batsmen scored no fewer than 127 before they were separated. Hearn, who was then out, had made ten fours, three threes, two twos and singles. Chatterton's fine innings of 165 included one six, one five, 24 fours, five threes and eight twos. The remaining members of the home eleven offered little resistance to the bowling of Mr J P Kingston. The latter claimed seven wickets . . .

On the visitors going in, Martin and Burton bowled very effectively, a fact that will be gleaned from the subjoined score.

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

It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Thursday in this match at Lord's the Marylebone Club, having scored 352, had dismissed seven of their opponents for 52. Yesterday the remaining batsmen added 53, Potter, the last man, hitting with freedom. Martin claimed five wickets . . .

The visitors followed on in a minority of 247. Mr Turner and Alley were the only players who offered any determined resistance to the Marylebone bowling. Mr Turner's 49 included one five, three fours, six threes and three twos. Burton claimed seven wickets . . . From the score subjoined it will be seen that Marylebone won by an innings and 100 runs.

16 July: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3112.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 17 July, page 12)

Under the captaincy of Mr A G Steel, a team selected from Liverpool and district met the Australians at the Aigburth Ground yesterday. Fine weather favoured the opening day's play, which was witnessed by about 5,000 people. The visitors, who had left out Messrs Jones, Blackham and Garrett, went in first.

Messrs Bonnor and Scott started the innings to the bowling of Mr A G Steel and Evans. Mr Bonnor was stumped with the score at ten, and at 33 Mr Scott was bowled by Smith, who had superseded Mr A G Steel. Mr Jarvis came next, and some good cricket was shown. Mr A G Steel resumed bowling at 62, while Shore displaced Evans. Mr Giffen should have been stumped off the professional, but at the luncheon interval the score was 70 for two wickets.

On play being resumed at 2.45 three runs were added, and then Mr Jarvis was run out owing to a smart piece of fielding by Mr Dobell and White the wicket-keeper. Both Messrs Palmer and Trumble were bowled, but Messrs M'Ilwraith and Giffen batted well and, despite a change in the bowling, the 100 was reached. Four runs later Mr Giffen fell to a good catch in the long field. His chief hits were three fours, three threes and four twos. Mr M'Ilwraith, who continued to hit in fine style, saw the remainder of the side dismissed, the innings closing at 5.25.

Liverpool started badly. Mr H B Steel was taken at mid-on from the first ball, while a yorker dismissed Holden at eight. Mr Dobell stayed with Mr A G Steel until the figures had reached 41, when he was secured at slip. Mr Ratcliffe followed, and by excellent cricket he and Mr Steel raised the score to 96. The last-named gentleman then had the misfortune to play on. He had been batting an hour and ten minutes, and his fine innings included six fours, a three and nine twos. Two more batsmen were out at 97. Mr Ratcliffe was caught at third man and Mr D Q Steel was bowled the first ball.

Day 2 (report from Monday 19 July, page 10)

Had the weather proved favourable on Saturday there seemed every probability of this match at the Aigburth Ground ending in a victory for the Lancastrians. As it was the game terminated in a draw in favour of the home eleven and Mr A G Steel's team has every reason to feel gratified at the excellent struggle made against the formidable Australian players. Liverpool, who were 48 runs behind with four wickets to fall, resumed their batting on Saturday at 10 minutes to 12. Mr Hornby and Smith were confronted by Messrs Bruce and Evans.

Only a single had been added when Smith fell to an easy catch at cover-point. Shore became Mr Hornby's partner, and a determined resistance was offered to the Australian bowling. It must be mentioned, however, that the Colonial fielding was by no means so good as usual, and as a result of this two opportunities of running out a batsman were lost. Mr Spofforth soon displaced Mr Evans, but after almost getting Shore caught in the slips he was punished severely. Mr Palmer superseded Mr Bruce. Mr Hornby hit Mr Spofforth twice in one over for four each, and at half-past 12 the Australian total was passed amid loud cheering.

Mr Spofforth gave way to Mr Giffen at 170; and when 11 runs had been added, this alteration brought about the dismissal of Mr Hornby, who was well caught at cover-point. Mr Hornby had made 46 by five fours, two threes, six twos and singles. Seventy-six runs had been added during the partnership. White, who followed in, was soon bowled by a yorker, while Evans after scoring 10 was easily stumped. Total, 204; time, 1.10. Shore carried out his bat for a freely hit 42.

In a minority of 52, the Australians began their second innings with Messrs Bonnor and Bruce. Mr A G Steel and Shore conducted the attack. The former, after bowling a couple of overs, retired owing to an attack of rheumatism, and gave up the ball to Smith. Having scored 11 out of 20, Mr Bonnor, in attempting to drive, was easily taken at slip. Mr Giffen came in. With a single added Mr Bruce was caught by Mr Scott fielding as substitute for Mr Steel. Two for 21.

When play was resumed after the luncheon interval rain was falling. Smith and Shore were the bowlers. With his second delivery Smith clean bowled Mr Jarvis. Mr Scott aided Mr Giffen. The Australian captain hit with freedom and obtained three fours from Shore, who at 39 handed the ball to Evans. A further alteration was made in the bowling at 65, when Mr Hornby relieved Smith. The separation was effected by Evans, who at 71 caught and bowled Mr Giffen. He had been in a long time for 12 runs.

Mr M'Ilwraith, after giving a chance of stumping, played a ball on to his wicket, while Mr Palmer was bowled without scoring. Six for 82. Mr Trumble was next in. Play still went on, although rain fell persistently. After a further variation in the bowling, Shore resuming in lieu of Evans, Mr A G Steel was able to field again. The 100 was signalled at a quarter past 4, and the bowling was changed at both ends, Messrs H B Steel and Ratcliffe going on. Steadily the score was advanced to 122, at which total Mr Trumble was taken at wicket. Forty runs had been scored while he was in.

With Mr Evans' appearance the bowling underwent further changes, Smith and Evans resuming. The last-named soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Scott, who was caught at cover-point. His brilliant innings of 80 consisted of 14 fours, three twos and nine singles. Mr Pope came in, but at a quarter to 5 the rain increased and it was then decided to abandon the match.

16 July: YORKSHIRE v CHESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128314.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 17 July, page 12)

Yesterday at Hull these counties began their return match. Yorkshire, who were playing without Ulyett and Peate, had the best of the day's cricket. Davenport and Hargreaves batted very well for the visitors, who at the end of an innings each were 24 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Monday 19 July, page 10)

After an exciting finish Yorkshire defeated Cheshire at Hull on Saturday by two wickets. The home eleven was in a second time requiring 111 for victory. They lost eight wickets for 79, and when Emmett and Lee became partners 32 were still required to win. Both the batsmen hit freely, and the runs were obtained by half-past 4 amid great cheering.

In the first innings of Cheshire Emmett claimed five wickets . . . In their second innings Mr Hart secured five wickets . . . Mr Wotherspoon claimed five Yorkshire wickets in the first innings . . . In the second innings Millward claimed four wickets . . .

19 July: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3113.html)

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

Since the memorable encounter in 1880 the matches between England and Australia have been watched with great interest. The season's colonial team is not, however, so powerful in batting as those that were here in 1882 and 1884. Still it includes the great Australian bowlers and, despite the absence of Messrs Murdoch, M'Donnell and Bannerman, their career up to the present has by no means been unsuccessful. Three representative matches were included in the tour, yet that at headquarters seems to have been anticipated with most interest.

The selection of the England side gave general satisfaction. At one time yesterday there was every appearance that rain would seriously interfere with the match. Play had not been in progress long when the weather stopped it for an hour and 20 minutes. The remainder of the afternoon, however, proved to be fine. England had the advantage of going in first. Three of their great batsmen – Messrs Grace, Read and Steel – failed; but Shrewsbury enabled the spectators to witness a splendid defensive innings. He was at the wickets upwards of four hours and, with the exceptions mentioned in the details, did not make a mistake. Throughout the day the Australian fielding and bowling was very good, and altogether the cricket was very interesting. In spite of the unsettled weather about 15,000 persons visited Lord's.

Choice of innings fell to the Englishmen, and at 11.45 the Australians appeared in the field. They were quickly followed by Dr Grace and Scotton, who were received with loud cheers. Mr Garrett opened the bowling from the nursery end with a maiden to Dr Grace. Mr Evans conducted the attack at the pavilion end. In his first over Scotton gained a two by a leg hit, and afterwards Dr Grace secured four by a hit on the off side, the ball being misfielded by Mr Scott at cover point. After a three through the slips by Scotton, six overs were sent down for a single. Dr Grace then cut Mr Garrett late for three, but in the following over from that bowler Scotton gave a difficult chance to Mr Giffen at cover slip. Dr Grace next scored a couple of singles, which he supplemented by a leg hit for two. Scotton obtained four by a forward cut from Mr Evans. Two singles followed by the Gloucestershire captain, who next cut Mr Evans finely for four. A change in the bowling was tried at 27, Mr Palmer superseding Mr Evans. It immediately proved effective, as from the first ball Dr Grace was neatly caught at the wicket. One for 27. Shrewsbury joined Scotton. Two maidens were sent down, and then at 12.25 rain, which had been falling from the start, increased and caused the players to seek shelter.

Rain continued to fall steadily until 20 minutes to 2, when it ceased, and shortly afterwards the game was resumed. Messrs Palmer and Garrett were the bowlers. Shrewsbury obtained two singles, but in obtaining one of these items he gave a possible chance to Mr Evans at short slip. Six overs produced five runs, after which Shrewsbury gained two by an off-drive. At the adjournment for luncheon rain was again falling slightly, but during the interval the weather improved and, when the game was resumed at a quarter to 3, there were appearances of a fine afternoon.

The only items in nine overs were an off-drive for two and a leg hit for three, both by Shrewsbury from Mr Palmer. With the figures at 40 Mr Spofforth displaced the last-named bowler. His first over proved a maiden, but then Shrewsbury scored a run from each end. After two maidens, Shrewsbury cut Mr Garrett late for three, and Scotton obtained a couple by an on-drive. Six overs were sent down without a run being scored. Shrewsbury, however, then enlivened the play by

hitting a ball from Mr Spofforth to the leg boundary and scoring two by an off-drive. The 50 had just previously been signalled as a result of an hour and a quarter's play.

Each batsman secured a two, while five byes were recorded from Mr Spofforth's bowling. Mr Garrett gave way to Mr Trumble at 62. Shrewsbury cut the new bowler's first ball for three. Mr Giffen superseded Mr Spofforth at 66. Three maidens ensued. The following over from Mr Trumble produced six runs, a cut for two and a leg hit for four by Shrewsbury. Scotton now obtained the first hit from Mr Giffen – a cut for two. A single later Shrewsbury gave a difficult chance of stumping on the leg side to Mr Jarvis; he had then scored 35. Mr Garrett resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Trumble at 77, and this change at once brought about the dismissal of Scotton, who was bowled – leg stump from the last ball of the over. He was at the wickets two hours for his 19. Two for 77.

Mr Walter Read aided Shrewsbury. The former scored two by a bad stroke on the leg side, while his companion played a ball from Mr Giffen to the on with a like result. After an appeal for leg before against Mr Read, the latter hit Mr Giffen to leg for four and drove him to the on for two. This free hitting was succeeded by slow cricket, the largest item for some time being an on-drive for three by Shrewsbury. Mr Read then contributed two by a dangerous hit near mid-off, but in the following over from Mr Giffen Mr Read was easily caught at point from a ball which got up quickly from the pitch. Three for 112.

Loud cheering announced the appearance of Mr Steel. The wicket was now beginning to show signs of play being difficult. Mr Steel scored a single by a faulty stroke through the slips, while Shrewsbury obtained two from a lofty drive to the off. Having played Mr Giffen finely to leg for three, Mr Steel was given out for obtaining the wicket. Four for 119.

Barnes was Shrewsbury's next partner. He did not begin well, as he played the first ball nearly into the hands of forward short leg. Shrewsbury completed his 50 at 10 minutes to 5. The wicket apparently played worse every over, and the batsmen were several times beaten. Shrewsbury drove Mr Giffen to the on for two, and Barnes obtained a similar number by a cut from Mr Spofforth. After Mr Trumble had stopped a very hard hit by Shrewsbury at forward short leg, the latter hit Mr Giffen to leg for four. He next drove the same bowler to the off for three. Later on Barnes cut Mr Giffen for the same number. Mr Palmer relieved the last-named bowler at 142. Four overs produced three singles. This slow rate of scoring was owing in a great measure to the close fielding of the Australians. Three byes increased the total to 150 at 20 minutes past 5.

Afterwards the most noticeable contribution for some time was a cut for three by Barnes. Shrewsbury next obtained four by a lofty drive from Mr Spofforth. Nothing beyond singles was recorded for a few overs; but, as the batsmen appeared well set, a further change in the bowling was tried, Mr Garrett going on in lieu of Mr Spofforth at 163. Shrewsbury, however, hit Mr Palmer to square leg for four, and shortly afterwards he drove Mr Garrett for three. Mr Evans received the ball from Mr Garrett at 180. Shrewsbury hit Mr Palmer to leg for four. Both batsmen, however, played with caution, and slowly the score reached 186, when Mr Jones displaced Mr Palmer. An appeal for leg before against Shrewsbury was decided in favour of the batsman, after which four byes were recorded. At 193 Mr Jones handed the ball to Mr Giffen. Still the batsmen played carefully. Several maidens ensued, and then Shrewsbury drove Mr Evans to the off for two, while Barnes gained two by a cut from Mr Giffen. A similar number resulted from a drive by Shrewsbury, and amid loud applause the "200" appeared at 20 minutes past 6. During the remaining ten minutes two runs were added.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 July, page 6)

No better illustration of the popularity of cricket could be afforded than the immense company of spectators which assembled at Lord's yesterday. Unlike the fashionable matches, when the promenade is a feature, everybody yesterday seemed bent on securing a view of the game.

The second day's play of the match will long be remembered for the brilliant innings by Arthur Shrewsbury. His 164 is the largest individual total ever scored against the Australian bowlers in this country. The 1880 match at the Oval furnishes the previous best innings – Dr W G Grace's 152. Shrewsbury's perfect style of batting is so familiar to most followers of the game that it is almost unnecessary to say that he played in masterly form during the whole time he was in. His performance is rendered all the more creditable from the fact that the wicket materially assisted the bowlers. So far Barnes, another Notts professional, claims the second highest score of the match, and his runs were the result of good cricket. In the English total of 353 there were no fewer than 29 "extras." Mr Jarvis kept wicket until the last quarter of an hour of the innings.

After starting well the Australians offered only a feeble resistance to the home attack, and as the game now stands there is every probability of a victory for England. The weather proved delightfully fine, and about 18,000 people witnessed the contest. Considering the heavy rain of the previous night, the wicket played remarkably well. It will be remembered that on Monday the home eleven scored 202 for four wickets.

Barnes (28) and Shrewsbury (91), the not-outs, resumed the English batting at 20 minutes to 12. Mr Spofforth started the bowling from the nursery wicket. Barnes played the first ball to leg for four. Mr Palmer conducted the attack from the pavilion end. Five overs were sent down for as many runs, and then Shrewsbury hit Mr Spofforth finely to leg for four. The field for the last-named was placed rather peculiarly: there were five men on the on side – viz., short leg, forward short leg, short mid-on, deep mid-on and long-on. Five maidens followed, and then Shrewsbury by a single completed his 100 amid tremendous cheering. Shrewsbury next gained four by a square leg hit, and three by an on-drive. Barnes drove each bowler for a couple, while a drive by Shrewsbury from Mr Spofforth realized four. He supplemented this by hitting Mr Palmer finely to the leg boundary. Four byes and an off-drive for three raised the score to 245, at which total a two-fold change in the bowling was made. Mr Giffen superseded Mr Palmer and Mr Garrett displaced Mr Spofforth.

After Shrewsbury had scored a single, Barnes obtained four by a leg hit from Mr Giffen, and the 250 appeared at 20 minutes past 12. The wicket was playing better than had been anticipated. A piece of misfielding by Mr Jones at extra mid-off converted what should have been only a single by Shrewsbury into a four. Shrewsbury next drove Mr Garrett to the off for four. Mr Giffen's succeeding over produced 13 runs – two fours and a single by Barnes and a four by Shrewsbury, all leg hits. Seventy-eight runs had been scored in an hour when Barnes was easily taken at short mid-on from a ball which got up very high and went off the shoulder of the bat. He had played an excellent innings of 58, which included four fours, three threes and five twos. No fewer than 161 runs had been obtained during the partnership. Five for 280.

Barlow followed in, and Mr Evans was put on to bowl in lieu of Mr Giffen. In his first over Shrewsbury obtained six, an on-drive for two and a square-leg hit to the boundary. Barlow was then badly missed by Mr Palmer at short mid-on before he had scored. The next six overs produced four runs. Since Barnes's dismissal the cricket had been very slow; both bowlers were difficult to

play and the fielding was smart and clean. Ten overs were sent down for two singles. Barlow then secured three by a faulty stroke in the slips and a similar number by an off-drive. A drive for two by the Lancastrian brought the third century on the telegraph board at 1.20. At 302 Mr Spofforth relieved Mr Evans. This change speedily had the desired effect as, in his second over, a good right-handed catch at short mid-on got rid of Barlow. Six for 303.

Ulyett aided Shrewsbury, who had been playing very patiently during the last half hour. He had only contributed three runs in 28 overs. Three singles were added, and a splendid late cut by Ulyett sent the ball to the boundary. Shrewsbury played Mr Garrett to square-leg for three, and Ulyett drove the same bowler for two. With the score at 320 Mr Trumble superseded Mr Garrett. Amid cheers Shrewsbury increased his score to 150 at a quarter to 2. Ulyett hit Mr Trumble to leg for four but at 333 was clean bowled by Mr Spofforth, who also dismissed Mr Tylecote with the second ball he sent him. An adjournment was now made for luncheon, the score being 333 for eight wickets.

After the interval Briggs joined Shrewsbury. Messrs Trumble and Spofforth were the bowlers. Shrewsbury made leg hits for two and four; but at 340 Briggs was easily taken at third man. Nine down. Lohmann, the last match, appeared. An ineffectual appeal was now made against Shrewsbury for leg-before. Lohmann then drove Mr Trumble to the off for four, and a few minutes afterwards Shrewsbury cut Mr Spofforth finely with a like result. At length, at 353, Shrewsbury's brilliant innings was closed by a catch at slip. He had been batting six hours and three-quarters, and his display of batting will long be remembered. Shrewsbury's chief hits were 16 fours, eight threes and 16 twos. The innings was over a few minutes before 3 o'clock.

Messrs Scott and Jones opened the Australian batting at 20 minutes past 3. Barnes and Lohmann (nursery end) were the bowlers. In Barnes's second over Mr Scott obtained a single, and quickly afterwards he drove Lohmann to the off for four. Mr Jones gained three by a leg-hit, and his companion a two in the same direction. A brilliant piece of fielding by Briggs at cover point was then witnessed. Afterwards Mr Scott drove Lohmann twice to the off and cut and snicked the same bowler for four each. Mr Jones gained a like number by an on-drive from Barnes, whom he then played to leg for three. A change in the bowling was tried at 36 – Briggs displaced Lohmann. A couple by each batsman was added in three overs and 40 went up after 35 minutes' play. Mr Steel now relieved Barnes, but the separation was effected from the other end, as at 45 Mr Scott was given out leg-before.

Mr Giffen came in, and at a quarter past 4 an on-drive for three by that batsman increased the score to 50. Shortly afterwards Mr Giffen was clean bowled and two wickets were down for 52. Mr Jarvis filled the vacancy. Both batsmen played with caution, and the only items in six overs were two and a single by each. Briggs dismissed Mr Jarvis with a "shooter," which struck the off stump, at 59. Mr Bonnor's stay was brief and unproductive as a single later he skied the ball and was easily caught by Dr Grace running from mid-on to short leg. Four for 60. Mr Trumble was taken at the wicket two runs later. Mr Palmer, who followed in, gained a single and an on-drive for three. With the total at 67 a very fine right-handed catch at cover point by Dr Grace got rid of Mr Jones. Briggs had then sent down 18 overs for nine runs and four wickets.

Mr Blackham aided Mr Palmer. The former was nearly caught by Dr Grace from the first ball sent him. Three singles by Mr Blackham were followed by a fine leg hit to the boundary by Mr Palmer. The latter drove Briggs twice for two each, while Mr Blackham played both bowlers to leg for four. Later on Mr Blackham obtained four by a drive from Mr Steel, who at 96 gave way to Barlow. In his first over Mr Blackham made an on-drive for three. Without addition, however, he was clean

bowled leg stump. Seven for 99.

Mr Garrett came in, and an appeal against him for a catch at the wicket was answered in the negative. A single by Mr Palmer caused the 100 to be signalled at 5.25. The same batsman drove Barlow to the off for three, but was afterwards almost bowled by a ball which went to the boundary for four byes. Barlow gave way to Barnes at 109. From the last ball of the latter's over Mr Palmer was caught by Shrewsbury running towards third man. Eight down. Mr Evans stayed for a few overs, but failed to score, and the figures were unaltered when he hit a ball into the hands of extra mid-off. Nine for 109. A single to Mr Spofforth, the last man, and a snick by Mr Garrett for four resulted from the next over by Barnes. Mr Spofforth drove Briggs finely for four; but at 121 was bowled middle stump by Barnes, and the innings closed at five minutes to 6.

Requiring 232 to avert an innings defeat, the Australians sent in Messrs Garrett and Palmer at a quarter past 6. Briggs opened the bowling from the nursery end. Mr Garrett drove him to the off for four. Lohmann had charge of the attack at the pavilion wicket. Two singles were added, and then Mr Garrett was bowled by Briggs. Mr Trumble came in . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 July, page 10)

English cricketers will be highly gratified at the brilliant victory gained by their representatives at Lord's yesterday. Briggs's bowling proved even more effective than that of the previous day. To this professional the English side was mostly indebted for the rapid manner in which the game was finished off.

Yesterday morning he started bowling from the nursery wicket, but was subsequently put on at the pavilion end, and the change proved beneficial, as, after some good batting by Messrs Palmer, Trumble and Jones, wickets fell to his bowling in quick succession. Altogether in the match he claimed 11 wickets (seven clean bowled) for 74 runs.

At one time yesterday there appeared some probability of the Australians averting the innings' defeat. But with the dismissal of Messrs Trumble and Jones came a collapse, and shortly after 3 o'clock the match terminated. The bowlers yesterday received little assistance from the wicket. About 10,000 people witnessed the concluding day's play, the weather being very fine.

The Australians, who were 220 behind and had nine wickets in their second innings to fall, resumed their defence at 11.35. Messrs Trumble (6) and Palmer (2), the not-outs, were opposed by Lohmann (pavilion end) and Briggs. Mr Palmer drove Lohmann for four in his second over, but the bowling and fielding proved very fine and runs were obtained with difficulty. Slowly the score was raised to 29. Ulyett then displaced Briggs. Both batsmen, however, played good cricket, so that at 40 Mr Steel relieved Lohmann. The latter at one time sent down eight overs for a single. Runs still came steadily, and at 12.25 an off drive by Mr Palmer brought 50 on the telegraph board. Two singles and a leg hit for three by Mr Trumble advanced the figures to 56. A further change in the bowling was now made, Ulyett giving way to Barnes. From the second ball of the latter's first over a separation was effected, a smart catch at the wicket dismissing Mr Trumble. He had played very good cricket for 20. Two wickets were thus down for 56, when Mr Jones aided Mr Palmer.

In the following eight overs the largest items were a leg hit by Mr Jones for three and a snick by Mr Palmer for four. Despite the brilliant fielding of the home eleven, Mr Jones gained four by a splendid late cut. Six overs were sent down for four runs, which increased the total to 76. Mr A G

Steel then handed the ball to Briggs, who had not been previously tried at the pavilion wicket. Mr Palmer, having gained a single from the Lancastrian, hit Barnes to leg for four, while his companion scored three by a similar stroke. With the figures at 84 Barlow was put on in lieu of Barnes. Mr Palmer drove a ball from Briggs to the off boundary, while Mr Jones secured a couple by an overthrow. This was the only item obtained from Barlow in nine overs. Directly afterwards Briggs bowled Mr Jones's off stump out of the ground. Three for 91.

Mr Scott, who followed in, was almost bowled by the first ball sent him, from which two byes were recorded. Barlow's bowling still puzzled the players, and an appeal was made against Mr Palmer for a catch at the wicket; but the umpire decided in favour of the batsman. Nine consecutive maidens followed, and then the Australian captain scored two by a drive. He was then clean bowled by a good ball from Briggs, which struck the top of the wicket. Four for 95.

No addition had been made to this score when Mr Giffen, the new batsmen, gave a difficult chance to Shrewsbury at point, the ball going wide to his right hand. Eight overs produced three runs, after which Mr Giffen was clean bowled by Barlow. Five for 98. Mr Jarvis came in. Four byes sent the 100 up at 10 minutes to two; but after three more byes, a further misfortune befell the visitors, Mr Palmer being easily taken at mid-off. Six wickets for 105 was the score at the luncheon interval. Mr Palmer's excellent 48 included six fours, a three and four twos.

When play was resumed at 20 minutes to 3, the bowlers were Briggs and Barlow. Mr Bonnor joined Mr Jarvis, but had his captain to run for him. Mr Jarvis played Briggs to leg for three and drove the other bowler for four and two. Mr Bonnor had only scored three, however, when his leg stump was bowled down by Briggs. Seven for 120. Mr Blackham followed in, but only six had been added when he was bowled middle stump. Mr Evans aided Mr Jarvis. The latter was missed by Briggs at mid-off, and then by Mr Steel at extra mid-off. Mr Steel, however, returned the ball quickly to Barlow, who put the wicket down, and Mr Evans, who had left the crease, was run out. Mr Spofforth was speedily caught and bowled, and the venture closed for 126, England winning, at a quarter past 3, by an innings and 106 runs.

19 July: MIDLAND COUNTIES v YORKSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129511.html)

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

Bates's splendid innings of 119 was the feature of yesterday's cricket at Birmingham. The match is being played for the benefit of Veitch, the Edgbaston Club professional. Yorkshire were batting all day, but with the exception of Mr E Lumb and Bates the visitors did little.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 July, page 6)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Birmingham on Monday, Yorkshire had lost eight wickets for 215. Yesterday before the remaining two were captured 27 runs were added. Shilton was the most successful bowler; his five wickets cost 104 runs.

The home batting was feeble, Spillman being the only player who offered any determined resistance to the Yorkshire bowling. Bates claimed five wickets . . . In a minority of 157 the Midland team followed on . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 July, page 10)

Yorkshire had little difficulty in beating their opponents in this match at Birmingham yesterday by 10 wickets. Owing to some good batting by Gunn, Attewell and Grundy the home eleven averted an innings defeat. Emmett took four wickets . . .

19 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3114.html)

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

Rain delayed the start in this match at Brighton yesterday until after 1 o'clock. Surrey, who were playing without Mr Walter Read and Lohmann, went in first. Mr Shuter and Abel opened the batting and put on 98 before they were separated. Subsequently Mr Diver played well. The remaining members of the team, however, offered little resistance to the bowling of Walter Humphreys. Mr Shuter's brilliant innings of 60 included nine fours, three threes and two twos, while Abel contributed six fours, four threes and four twos. W Humphreys claimed six wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 21 July, page 6)

Surrey had the best of yesterday's cricket in this match at Brighton. When play was resumed the visitors had completed their innings for 213. With the exception of Walter Humphreys the home eleven offered little resistance to the attacks of their rivals. Beaumont took four wickets . . .

Sussex followed on against a majority of 116. They did much better at their second attempt and the innings defeat was averted. Mr M'Cormick hit freely, as may be judged from the fact that among his contributions were seven fours.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 22 July, page 10)

Despite the great advantage which at one time Surrey possessed in this match at Brighton, they had some difficulty in winning yesterday. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening the home eleven, who had followed on, with three wickets down were 39 runs ahead. On the game being resumed, Mr Newham and Quaife batted with success, and eventually Surrey were left with 92 to obtain for victory. Beaumont took four wickets . . .

Although 50 went up with only one batsman out, Surrey lost six more wickets before they secured the necessary runs. Abel played good cricket, but the others batted feebly. Walter Humphreys took four wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Surrey won by three wickets.

22 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3115.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 July, page 6)

Rain greatly interfered with the opening day's play in this match at Manchester yesterday. Neither side was fully represented. Lancashire went in first; but after a few minutes' play the game was stopped on account of the bad weather, the score being 17 for no wicket. The match was not resumed until 20 minutes to 5 – an interval of four hours having elapsed.

What proved to be the most interesting feature of the day was now witnessed – viz., the splendid hitting of Briggs. He was only at the wickets 65 minutes, but in that time he scored 72 by 11 fours, five threes, four twos and five singles . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 July, page 10)

There was very little cricket at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday owing to the weather. The home eleven, who had scored 143 for the loss of seven wickets, resumed their innings yesterday morning. The remaining batsmen added 41, Watson hitting vigorously. Dr W G Grace claimed four wickets . . . Owing to the rain no further play took place.

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

It will be remembered that the rain considerably interfered with this match on Thursday and Friday at Manchester, and the little time that was available for cricket was occupied by the Lancashire first innings of 184. On Saturday morning the wicket played treacherously, but improved as the day wore on. Briggs bowled very effectively.

Gloucestershire managed to avert the follow-on, but this was owing in a great measure to the mistakes made by the Lancashire fieldsmen. Dr W G Grace gave a difficult chance to point before he retired hurt, a ball from Watson striking his bad finger. However, this did not prevent him subsequently going on to bowl. Mr Townsend might also have been caught and bowled, while Mr Brain, besides giving a return chance, was missed at mid-on. Seven wickets were down for 115, and the remaining three fell to Briggs' bowling for an addition of four runs. Altogether, the last-named took seven wickets . . .

With an advantage of 65 Lancashire went in a second time. Mr Hornby and Barlow put on 80 for the first wicket; the latter, who had played patiently for 15, was then dismissed, and four runs later Mr Hornby was also out. Curiously enough both batsmen were taken at slip in hitting to leg. Mr Hornby's brilliant innings of 66 included a five, nine fours, three threes and four twos. Three wickets then fell for an addition of 10 runs. Afterwards only Mr Haigh gave any trouble. He was missed twice and was out ninth. The innings closed five minutes before time for 142, and consequently the match was drawn. Dr W G Grace claimed five wickets . . .

22 July: YORKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3118.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 July, page 6)

Owing to the unfavourable weather, play in this match at Huddersfield yesterday lasted only 35 minutes. Yorkshire were represented by the same team that were beaten by the Colonials last week; but the Australians were without the services of Messrs Spofforth, Bonnor and Evans.

The start was delayed until a quarter past 1. Yorkshire, who won the toss, then sent in Hall and Bates, to the bowling of Messrs Garrett and Trumble. Bates hit brilliantly, but Hall played with his customary patience. Only 14 overs had been bowled when rain stopped the game at 20 minutes to 2. As the weather did not improve, at 4 o'clock it was decided to abandon play for the day. Bates hit four fours in his 23.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 July, page 10)

After luncheon at Huddersfield yesterday rain descended in torrents and prevented further play in this match. However, during the morning the cricket proved very interesting. It will be remembered that on Thursday Yorkshire scored 30 without mishap. Bates and Hall, the not-outs, with 23 and 7, were confronted by Messrs Trumble and Garrett at five minutes past 12.

With the figures at 45 Bates was caught at extra mid-off, and Ulyett joined Hall. The new batsman at once began to hit freely, but he was missed by Mr Jones at long-off when he had made seven. It must be mentioned, however, that the fieldsman had some difficulty in getting to the ball owing to the roller being inside the boundary. The score quickly travelled to 69, at which total a two-fold change in the attack was resorted to, Messrs Palmer and Giffen going on. The change proved beneficial, as only ten were added when Ulyett was caught at the wicket. Two down.

Mr Hawke followed in, and runs were again scored rapidly. Mr Hawke drove a ball from Mr Giffen out of the ground for six, and the 100 was signalled at a quarter past 1. Eighteen runs later, however, Hall fell to a good catch at mid-on. Three down. Six runs later, Mr Hawke was caught at the wicket, and Preston and Peel became partners. The figures were raised to 145 and then Preston was dismissed. During the luncheon interval rain fell heavily, and at 20 minutes to 4 play was abandoned for the day.

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

Excellent batting by Lee and Peel and the effective bowling of Peate and Emmett caused the return match between the Australians and Yorkshire to be drawn greatly in favour of the home eleven. The weather on Saturday was very fine, and about 6,000 people were present at Huddersfield to witness that day's cricket. When stumps were drawn on Friday, Yorkshire had scored 145 for five wickets.

On Saturday morning Lee joined Peel, and despite frequent changes in the bowling these batsmen added 103 runs in less than an hour and a half. Both played good cricket. Lee's chief hits were six fours, two threes and eight twos, while Peel made four fours, eight threes and two twos. The

remaining wickets were soon captured, and the innings closed for 258.

The Australians started badly, and when the figures had reached 35, four wickets were down. Three more batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 43; but then followed a good stand by Messrs M'Ilwraith and Garrett, who put on 68 runs. Eventually the innings closed for 169. Being 89 behind the Australians followed on . . .

22 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3115.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 July, page 6)

In the picturesque grounds of the Beckenham Club yesterday the first match of the season between these neighbouring counties was begun. Though several showers fell before luncheon, the weather was very fine and there was a good attendance of spectators. Surrey, who were playing their strongest side, won the toss and went in first, their batting being started by Abel and Mr Shuter. Wootton and A Hearne were the bowlers.

Each batsman made a cut for four but, a single later, the Surrey captain was bowled – middle stump. Diver followed in and soon began to score freely. He obtained four by a drive and a like number by a leg hit. At 27 Mr Christopherson was put on to bowl in lieu of A Hearne. This alteration at once brought about the dismissal of Abel, who was easily taken at slip. Mr Walter Read came in, but he had scored only six when he was almost caught by Frank Hearne running from third man. At 37 Wootton clean bowled Diver.

With three good wickets down for 37 matters by no means looked favourable for Surrey. Mr W W Read and Maurice Read, who were now together, made several very bad strokes. After a time, however, they played in good style and runs were scored rapidly. Maurice Read by a drive for four sent the 50 up at 1.25. A two-fold change in the attack was tried at 71 – Lord Harris and George Hearne going on. At the luncheon interval, however, no further wicket had fallen, the score being 93.

Wootton and A Hearne were the bowlers at a quarter to 3. The former gave way to Mr Christopherson at 114. Both batsmen still hit freely and at 141 Mr Tonge was tried for Mr Christopherson, while George Hearne relieved his brother. Despite these alterations 150 appeared on the telegraph board at a quarter to 4. Two fine hits by Mr Read for four each – one of which sent the ball over the pavilion – followed; but at length the batsmen were parted, Maurice Read being caught at the wicket. His 67 included four fours, three threes and nine twos. During the partnership no fewer than 126 runs had been added. Four for 162.

Mr Roller aided Mr Read, and at 174 the bowling was changed at each end, Mr Christopherson and Wootton resuming. Mr Read continued to hit vigorously, so that at 197 A Hearne superseded Mr Christopherson. A drive for three by Mr Roller brought 200 on the telegraph board at 20 minutes to 5. Ten runs were added, and then Wootton gave way to Mr Tonge. This alteration quickly brought about the dismissal of Mr Read, who was well caught at mid-on. During the latter part of his innings the cricket had been very good, and his 87 included six fours, three threes and 11 twos. Five for 213.

Lohmann, who came in, soon scored two fours and a three by drives. Runs were then put on steadily, and at 239 George Hearne relieved Mr Tonge, while at 243 Mr Christopherson again went on. Still the score rose rapidly, and at 266 Wootton was again tried. Lord Harris also bowled a second time; but a fine drive by Lohmann brought 300 up at 6.20. Mr Marchant then received the ball from Wootton, yet the batsmen were together when “Time” was announced. The wicket was in splendid condition and throughout the day the fielding of the home eleven was excellent.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 July, page 10)

Mr Roller showed by far the best cricket during the long Surrey innings which terminated yesterday. Lohmann also obtained over 100 runs, but his batting formed a marked contrast to Mr Roller's; he hit vigorously and made numerous faulty strokes. At Beckenham yesterday rain several times stopped play. When the game was resumed Surrey had scored 316 for five wickets. Mr Roller, not out, 46, and Lohmann, not out, 80, were opposed at a quarter past 11 by Wootton and A Hearne.

The professional punished the latter severely, and by a bad stroke through the slips for four he completed his 100 at 20 minutes to 12. Having made another cut for four, he attempted a drive and was clean bowled. He had not given a real chance, and his hits included 15 fours, two threes and ten twos. Six for 357. Since the fall of the previous wicket 144 runs had been put on. Bowley was clean bowled when seven had been added. Jones fell to a good catch at long-off at 383; but then another stand was made by Wood and Mr Roller. A fine drive by the latter sent 400 up at a quarter to 1.

Several changes in the bowling were resorted to. After an interruption by rain Mr Tonge was tried, and at 438 he clean bowled Wood. Beaumont soon obstructed his wicket, and the innings closed at 1.25 for 440. Mr Roller carried out his bat for a splendid innings of 102, which comprised nine fours, four threes, four twos and singles. Mr Tonge claimed three wickets . . .

Kent had a few minutes' batting before luncheon. Frank Hearne and Mr Rashleigh started the innings to the bowling of Bowley and Lohmann. Before the professional had scored he was missed by Lohmann at slip. After the interval Frank Hearne was bowled at eight. George Hearne and Mr Rashleigh then raised the score to 34, and Lord Harris then came in. Mr Rashleigh, when he had made 12, was let off by Walter Read at point – a difficult chance. Each batsman then made a fine cut for four, and 50 was signalled at five minutes past 4. Beaumont relieved Bowley at 53; but only two were added when rain began to fall so heavily that the players retired.

Nearly two hours had elapsed before the contest could be resumed. Lord Harris hit Beaumont to leg for three, and in his following over he scored a four and a two by drives. Mr Rashleigh next drove and cut Lohmann for four each. Two maidens followed, and then Mr Rashleigh was bowled by a good ball. He had played excellent cricket for his 30, which included three fours, a three and three twos. Mr Wilson, who followed in, made a cut and a drive for two each. He should then have been caught at the wicket. Bowley displaced Beaumont at 81. Lord Harris at once played him to square leg for three, while a similar hit by Mr Wilson realized the same number. The last-named had the misfortune to be run out at 87, and then stumps were drawn for the day.

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

With such determination did Kent play an uphill game on Saturday that it was not until two or three minutes before "time" that Surrey secured the victory. The heavy rain of Friday caused the wicket to play treacherously on Saturday morning; but it improved during the last three hours of the match. Fine weather favoured the concluding day's cricket, and there was a large attendance of spectators at the Beckenham Cricket Ground.

Kent, who had lost four wickets for 87, resumed batting at a quarter past 11, Lord Harris (not out 25) being accompanied to the wicket by Mr Marchant. Bowley and Mr Roller conducted the

bowling. Both batsmen played well; but when Mr Marchant had made 19 he should have been caught at the wicket. Beaumont and Lohmann were then put on and, with the score at 123, Lord Harris was taken at the wicket. His lordship's 43 included six fours, two threes and three twos.

Mr Tonge followed in. As runs were obtained rapidly a further change in the bowling was tried at 146, Lohmann giving way to Beaumont. The 150 was reached at a quarter past 12. Ten runs later Lohmann superseded Bowley, and this alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Tonge, who retired clean bowled at 161. A Hearne aided Mr Marchant, who had been severely punishing the bowlers. Jones displaced Beaumont at 167; but the separation was effected from the other end, as, at 177, Lohmann clean bowled A Hearne. Seven down.

With Mr Christopherson at the wickets runs were put on rapidly and, despite several alterations in the bowling, 200 was reached at 10 minutes past 1. Mr Marchant also continued his free hitting, and the total had been raised to 226 when Mr Christopherson was caught at long-on. Mr Marchant was taken at point for a vigorously-hit 96. Although he had made one or two bad strokes, his cricket, as a whole, had been very brilliant. He contributed 12 fours, five threes and six twos. The innings closed at a quarter to 2 for 248. Bowley claimed five wickets . . .

Kent went in a second time against a majority of 192. Mr Rashleigh and Mr Christopherson were the batsmen. Lohmann opened the bowling, and for the last ball of the over he dismissed Mr Rashleigh. The ball broke back and would have beaten almost any batsman. With one of their best wickets down and no runs scored, matters did not look very bright for Kent at the luncheon adjournment.

On resuming, Mr Christopherson was well taken at point before a single had been obtained. George and Frank Hearne, however, now became partners, and a determined stand was made. Both played good cricket, but George Hearne scored faster than his brother. Although the bowling was changed 50 went up at five minutes to 4. Abel displaced Lohmann at 51, yet as the score still rose steadily the latter resumed at 72, and three runs later Jones was put in on lieu of Beaumont. Without addition Jones clean bowled Frank Hearne. [Three] for 75.

A further misfortune now befell Kent, as, at 76, Lord Harris was taken at the wicket. When Mr Wilson arrived the figures quickly travelled to 100, which number was hoisted amid loud applause at 10 minutes to 5. Shortly afterwards, however, three wickets fell in rapid succession; George Hearne was stumped at 111, Mr Wilson fell to a catch at long-on at 113, and two runs later Mr Tonge was bowled. George Hearne's excellent innings of 58 included ten fours, a three and a two. Seven down. Ten minutes previously Kent had the prospect of saving the game, the aspect of which had completely changed.

A Hearne, who followed in, batted patiently while Mr Marchant hit with freedom. Mr Walter Read was tried at 139, and the change should have proved successful as Mr Marchant, after hitting several more fours, was let off by Bowley at mid-on from a skier. Not only was the chance missed but an overthrow for four resulted. Profiting by his escape, Mr Marchant again hit freely and numerous alterations were made on the attack. At length A Hearne was caught at the wicket. Wootton aided Mr Marchant, who cut Lohmann for three and snicked him for four. He then scored 18 runs in two overs from Beaumont, four fours and a two. Wootton played on at 202, and without alteration Mr Marchant was given out, caught at wicket. Amid much exciting the innings closed at 10 minutes past 6. Mr Marchant's chief hits were one five, 11 fours, two threes and two twos. Lohmann took four wickets . . .

Maurice Read and Lohmann soon obtained the necessary 11 runs, and Surrey was victorious by ten wickets.

22 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3117.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 July, page 6)

Sussex were represented by a very weak eleven at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, while on the other hand the home county had a very powerful team. The weather was dull and boisterous. Throughout the day the cricket was very slow and 14 wickets fell for 163 runs.

Jesse Hide and Humphreys batted fairly well for Sussex, but the rest of the side did little. Flowers's bowling proved very effective; on one occasion a delivery from him sent a bail 39 yards from the wicket. Altogether he claimed six wickets . . .

Nottinghamshire began their innings at 20 minutes past 4. Scotton was bowled from the third ball sent him, while the score was only 6 when Shrewsbury was taken at slip. Gunn and Mr Daft became partners with the score at 45 for four wickets, and they were still together at the drawing of stumps.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 July, page 10)

Play in this match at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, only lasted an hour and 20 minutes, owing to the heavy rain. It stopped the game for 10 minutes at 12.40, and subsequently it came down so heavily that at 20 minutes to 5 it was decided to abandon play for the day. Gunn and Mr Daft showed very good form with the bat. The former and Selby were bowled by consecutive balls from Walter Humphreys.

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

Attewell accomplished a remarkable bowling performance in this match at the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday. He bowled throughout the second innings of Sussex and claimed nine wickets for 23 runs. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening the home team with four wickets to fall in their first innings were 44 runs ahead.

Mr Daft, who was not out 39, again played well on Saturday and saw the remainder of the side dismissed. He was batting three hours and 20 minutes and, considering the bad state of the wicket, his cricket was very good. He hit two fours, seven threes and eight twos. A Hide claimed five wickets . . .

The home total was precisely double that of Sussex, who thus required 88 to avert a single innings defeat. Their batsmen, however, offered a most feeble resistance to the bowling of Attewell; and Bean and Walter Humphreys were the only players credited with double figures. Attewell claimed nine wickets . . . From the score appended it will be seen that Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 15 runs.

22 July: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v NORFOLK

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129388.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 July, page 6)

The cricket at Lord's yesterday proved of a very interesting character. Going in first, the county eleven started well. Mr Jarvis, the Rev A C Davies, Hansell and Major Currie all batted in good style, and when the fourth wicket fell the score was 155. Then came a collapse as, with the exception of Mr Dunn, the remaining batsmen failed to reach double figures. Mr Jarvis hit six fours, a three and four twos, and Major Currie one five, two fours and five twos. West claimed three wickets . . .

Marylebone lost six wickets for 82; but then West and Hay added 85 and were still together at the call of "time."

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 July, page 10)

At the drawing of stumps in this match at Lord's on Thursday, Marylebone, with six wickets down, were 48 runs behind the Norfolk score of 215. Yesterday West and Hay, the not-outs, continued their vigorous batting, and 258 runs had been obtained before they were separated. During the partnership 176 runs had been scored. West's 109 included 13 fours, seven threes and eight twos, while Hay's chief hits were 10 fours, six threes and seven twos. Mr Raikes claimed five wickets . . .

Requiring 135 to avert a single innings defeat, Norfolk went in a second time. Again Messrs Jarvis and Davies batted well, but eventually the game had to be abandoned owing to the rain. Mr Jarvis hit six fours, two threes and three twos, and Mr Davies six fours, a three and three twos. Four bowlers were tried . . .

26 July: ENGLAND XI v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3119.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 July, page 6)

The rain greatly interfered with the opening day's play in this match at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday. A strong England team had been got together with Mr G B Studd as captain. Messrs Spofforth, Bonnor and Evans stood out from the Australians. Owing to the weather a start was not made until after luncheon, when the visitors, who won the toss, began batting with Messrs Jones and Scott. Briggs and Flowers were intrusted with the attack.

In the latter's second over Mr Scott was neatly caught at point for three. After a delay of 55 minutes on account of rain, Mr Giffen aided Mr Jones, but only eight runs were recorded when the last-named gentleman was dismissed by a brilliant catch at point. Shrewsbury secured the ball low down with his left hand.

Messrs Palmer and Giffen then became partners and runs were put on steadily. Mr Palmer had made eight when he gave what appeared to be a difficult return chance to Briggs. With the figures at 29, Barlow displaced Briggs. This alteration, however, caused runs to come at a quicker rate. Giffen hit the new bowler to leg for four, after which each batsman secured three by an off-drive. Barnes superseded Barlow at 46, and at 59 he bowled Mr Palmer with a very fine ball. Three down.

Mr M'Ilwraith aided Mr Giffen, and as these batsmen played vigorous the bowling was changed at both ends; at 69 Walter Wright displaced Flowers, and five runs later Briggs resumed in lieu of Barnes. At five minutes past 6 o'clock the light, which had previously been bad, got worse and after a consultation the umpires stopped play. It was not again resumed . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 July, page 6)

The Australians were batting nearly the whole of yesterday at Stoke-on-Trent. There was a great improvement in the weather and the cricket proved exceptionally good. It will be remembered that rain considerably interfered with Monday's play, and when stumps were drawn the visitors had scored 81 for three wickets. Mr Giffen and Mr M'Cormick, the not-outs with 51 and 6, were confronted at 12.5 by Flowers and Briggs. Sixteen overs were sent down for three singles, and then the Lancastrian bowled Mr Giffen – off stump. He had played very well for his 53 and had been at the wickets two hours and a half. Four for 84.

Mr Jarvis came in, and after seven runs had been slowly added a change in the bowling was tried; Barnes relieving Flowers at 91. A single later Mr Jarvis obstructed his wicket. Five down. With Mr Trumble in, runs were obtained quickly, and an off-drive for four by the new batsman brought the 100 on the telegraph board at 20 minutes past 1. Barlow displaced Barnes but no wicket had fallen at the luncheon interval, the score then being 104.

On resuming, the bowlers were again Barlow and Briggs. The principal item for some time was a fine square leg hit by Mr M'Ilwraith for five, from Barlow. The last-named gave way to Barnes at 124. The alteration soon had the desired effect as Mr M'Ilwraith skied the ball to short-leg. He had been in two hours and 25 minutes for 19. Mr Blackham followed in, but at 130 Mr Trumble was caught at mid-on. Ten runs later Mr Garrett fell to a catch by the wicket-keeper, and eight batsmen

were out for 140.

Few were prepared for the long stand which followed by Messrs Blackham and Bruce. Numerous bowling changes were tried but at 4 o'clock a straight drive by Mr Bruce for four caused 200 to be signalled. Further alterations were made in the attack, yet it was not until the total had reached 247 that Mr Bruce was bowled. His 43 included one five, three fours and five twos. During the partnership 107 runs had been obtained. Mr Pope came in only to see the dismissal of Mr Blackham, who was bowled for 71. His fine innings included four fours, seven threes and eight twos. Time 4.50; total 248.

After an interval of 20 minutes, Barlow and Shrewsbury started the English batting. The bowlers were Messrs Garrett and Giffen. Only eight runs were scored when Shrewsbury was dismissed by a good catch at slip. Barnes came in and at the call of "Time" the score stood thus . . .

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

The English team only escaped defeat at Stoke-on-Trent yesterday through the arrangement of drawing stumps at 5.45. This decision had been arrived at so as to enable the Colonials to catch a train for London. As it was, the Australians with an innings to play only required 20 runs for victory when the match ended.

Yesterday the wicket proved difficult and the English batsmen found the bowling of Mr Giffen far too puzzling for them. He secured 12 wickets for 91 runs. When play ceased on Tuesday the home side, with nine wickets to fall, were 213 behind. Barlow and Barnes, with 13 each, resumed the English innings at five minutes past 12 to the bowling of Messrs Giffen and Palmer.

Only four runs had been added when Barlow played on. Barnes took his wicket in a similar manner without alteration in the figures. Flowers and Mr Tylecote made a brief stand, but at 62 both wickets were captured. Mr Tylecote, who had contributed a fine hit from Mr Palmer to leg for six, was bowled by a ball which broke back, and a good catch at third man got rid of Flowers. Mr Blackham was severely injured and had to leave the field. The sixth wicket fell at 81 and the seventh at 88. Neither Mr Heath nor Mr Buxton gave any trouble; the former was taken at mid-on and the latter was bowled by the first ball sent him. Mr Studd and Walter Wright offered some resistance to the Australian attack. The amateur gave a hard return catch to Mr Giffen. At 119 Mr Studd was caught at long-on. He had hit freely for 27. Time 2.40.

With a deficit of 129 the home side followed on at 3 o'clock. Mr Studd and Shrewsbury, who opened the innings to the bowling of Messrs Giffen and Palmer, made a promising start. The Notts professional hit freely and caused Mr Garrett to go on. This change speedily had the desired effect, as at 39 Shrewsbury was taken at long on. Eight runs later Barlow was caught at point, and at 52 a catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Studd. Barnes and Flowers stayed together some time and caused the bowling to be changed. At 70 Mr Garrett handed the ball to Mr Palmer, and after Flowers had been missed at mid-off Mr Bruce was put on. With the total at 105 Barnes was bowled; the partnership had yielded 53 runs. Flowers was run out at 120, and after his dismissal wickets fell rapidly. At half-past 5 the venture closed, the match being left drawn.

This result furnishes an illustration of the absurdity of beginning matches so late as five minutes past 12. After the delay on the opening day it would have been advisable to have started earlier on the second and third mornings. In any case, considering the arrangements for the early drawing of

stumps, the game might have been started sooner yesterday, so as to have made it equivalent to a full day's cricket.

26 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3120.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 July, page 6)

Rain prevented much progress being made with the match between these counties, which opened yesterday at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield. Woof was able to assist Gloucestershire, who were well represented. There was a heavy rainstorm on Sunday night, and more bad weather yesterday morning delayed the start until 20 minutes to 1. After 50 minutes' play rain again descended steadily, and at half-past 1 it stopped the game, which was not further proceeded with.

Yorkshire won the toss and started batting. Bates, who went in first with Hall, hit brilliantly and caused several changes in the bowling. Woof and Gregg opened the attack. The latter gave way to Mr Page at 21, and at 41 Dr W G Grace went on and Woof changed ends. Four runs later Bates, who had made 37, was caught and bowled. Ulyett came in, and at 50 the rain put further play out of the question.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 July, page 6)

There was a capital day's cricket in this match at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday. Yorkshire, who had lost one wicket overnight for 50, resumed their batting at 11.35, the not outs, Hall and Ulyett, being opposed by Woof and Dr W G Grace.

Only 10 runs had been added when Hall was taken at slip, and two wickets were down for 60. Mr Hawke followed in. Despite an indifferent light, the cricket proved good. Ulyett's hitting was especially clean and well-timed. Dr Grace displaced Mr Page at 85, but the 100 was signalled at 12.25. Four runs later Mr Hawke was cleverly caught at the wicket. With Preston's arrival, Dr E M Grace was put on to bowl with lobs. In the new bowler's first over Ulyett was taken at mid-on for an excellent 39. An addition of six saw the dismissal of Preston, who obstructed his wicket. Lee, who came next, stayed while the figures were raised to 134. He was then caught at mid-on in hitting across a full-pitched ball.

Wade aided Preston. Dr W G Grace and Mr Page were put on to bowl and at 161 Wade was easily stumped. Emmett filled the vacancy. At 186 Dr E M Grace bowled Emmett and caused Peate to be taken at mid-off. Hunter, the last man, was caught at cover-point, and the innings closed at 3.35.

After a quarter of an hour's interval Dr E M Grace and Mr Radcliffe opened the Gloucestershire defence. Peate and Bates were the bowlers. Dr Grace had only scored a single when he was badly missed behind the bowler (Bates) by Mr Hawke. Runs were scored freely and at 25 Emmett superseded Bates. At 39 Preston displaced Peate and from his third ball Dr E M Grace was taken at slip. One for 40. Painter was next in. With nine runs added the visitors lost two more wickets – Mr Radcliffe was bowled and Painter returned the ball.

Dr W G Grace and Mr Brain then became partners. The Gloucestershire captain batted patiently; his companion hit in brilliant style, and the score rose rapidly. Dr W G Grace, however, after being in over half an hour for nine runs, was beaten by a ball from Peate, which broke back. Four for 81. Mr Page aided Mr Brain, who continued to hit the bowling with great freedom. His play to the off-side was particularly good. The 100 was reached at five minutes to 6. Mr Page was out in the last

over of the day; he had played very cautiously. In the Yorkshire innings Dr E M Grace proved the most effective bowler; he claimed five wickets . . .

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

The cricket at Sheffield yesterday in the match between these counties proved of an interesting character. The game, however, had to be left drawn. On Tuesday evening Gloucestershire, with five wickets to fall, were 72 runs behind. At 25 minutes to 12 Mr Francis joined Mr Brain, who was not out 62. The bowlers were Preston and Emmett.

With the score at 155 Mr Francis was out to a well-judged catch in the long field. Ten runs later a smart piece of stumping sent back Mr Brain, who had played very fine cricket. His chief hits were four fours, six threes and 10 twos. The innings then rapidly closed, and the last wicket fell at 12.40 for 177. Preston took five wickets . . .

With an advantage of 33 Yorkshire went in a second time at 1 o'clock. Bates and Hall started the batting and were confronted by Dr W G Grace and Woof. Runs were scored steadily, so that at 33 Dr E M Grace superseded his brother. Shortly afterwards Hall ran himself out. One for 37. With Ulyett and Bates as partners the score rose rapidly, and although Hale and Gregg were put on the batsmen were still together at the luncheon interval, when the figures stood at 66.

On resuming 34 runs were obtained in a quarter of an hour. Ulyett then had the misfortune to play on, but when Mr Hawke came in another stand was made. Woof resumed bowling at 126, and in his first over he dismissed Bates. The retiring batsman had played brilliant cricket for 72, and among his contributions were 10 fours, a three and eight twos. Three for 130. Preston, who followed in, was bowled at 147, and nine runs later Peel fell to a catch at long on. Only five were added, and then Wade played on. Mr Hawke was bowled at 183, having played admirably for his runs. After this the innings was soon finished off, and the last wicket fell at 20 minutes to 5. Mr Radcliffe claimed four wickets . . .

Gloucestershire required 238 for victory, but owing to the little time left for cricket had no possibility of getting them. The visitors went in a second time at five minutes to 5. Mr Radcliffe and Dr E M Grace started the batting. Emmett opened the bowling and from the last ball of the over Mr Radcliffe was finely taken at slip. Mr Page came in, and two changes in the bowling were made at 24, Wade and Preston going on. In Wade's second over Dr E M Grace was dismissed. Painter was got rid of at 34. After a determined stand by Messrs Brain and Page, during which the bowling was several times changed, the last-named batsman obstructed his wicket. Mr Hale was out just before "Time" was announced. It will be seen from the appended score that the game was drawn.

29 July: SURREY v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3123.html)

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

As Surrey is the only county that has beaten the Australians the return match between the teams was naturally anticipated with more than ordinary interest. At Kennington-oval yesterday the home eleven was precisely the same as that which defeated the Colonials. On the other hand, the visitors have the assistance of Mr Spofforth, who was unable to take part in the first match. At the outset the wicket apparently favoured the bowlers a little, and throughout the cricket proved slow. Mr Giffen played by far the best innings, but a feature of the day was the effective bowling of Bowley. The weather was fine and about 6,000 people visited the ground.

Successful in the toss, the Australians began batting with Messrs Scott and Jones at five minutes past 12. Bowley and Lohmann conducted the bowling. Both batsmen started cautiously, and the only contributions in the first 15 overs were six singles and an on-drive for two by Mr Jones. The last-named then snicked Lohmann for four, while his companion obtained a like number by a square-leg hit. With the figures at 18 Mr Scott was bowled, middle stump, in playing across a straight ball.

Mr Giffen followed in, but only a single had been added when Mr Jones was missed by Beaumont at short-leg. Profiting by his escape, Mr Jones gained two twos by drives. Mr Giffen next secured four by a bad cut; but then obtained a two by a drive and a four to leg – both very fine hits. Mr Jones snicked Lohmann for three, while a leg-bye increased the figures to 38. Abel now relieved Bowley. In his second over he nearly threw out Mr Giffen, who then played Lohmann to leg for two. Forty-one runs resulted from the first hour's play. A further change in the attack was now tried, Beaumont displaced Lohmann. For a time the cricket was slow and only eight runs were recorded in 12 overs. Bowley resumed in lieu of Abel; still, a drive by Mr Jones for two caused 50 to be telegraphed at 1.25. Five runs later a good catch at the wicket in Bowley's third over sent back Mr Jones. Two down.

When Mr Palmer came in runs were again difficult to obtain. However, the bowling was further varied at 59, Lohmann going on for Beaumont. A single by Mr Giffen brought up 60 after an hour and 40 minutes' play. Abel was again tried for Bowley at 64, yet, at the adjournment, seven runs had been added and the batsmen were still together.

After an interval of three-quarters of an hour the game was continued. The attack was again intrusted to Bowley and Lohmann. Slowly the total was carried to 79, when Mr Palmer was well taken low down at point. Three for 79. Mr M'Ilwraith aided Mr Giffen, who drove Lohmann to the off for four and the other bowler in the same direction for three. Jones displaced Lohmann at 93, and three later Beaumont relieved Bowley. Runs were now scored faster than hitherto, and a single by Mr M'Ilwraith sent up the 100 at half-past 3. Principally by the contributions of Mr Giffen the figures reached 115, when Mr Roller superseded Beaumont. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as, at 117, Mr Giffen was clean bowled by Jones; this bowler had sent down eight overs (four maidens) for six runs. Mr Giffen had played excellent cricket for 59, which included three fours, six threes and nine twos.

Mr Trumble came in. Both bowlers proved very difficult to play, and 12 overs produced only four runs. Mr Trumble cut Mr Roller for two and Mr M'Ilwraith then scored three by a leg-hit. Mr

Roller handed the ball to Bowley at 125. Lohmann relieved Jones at 131, but as the batsmen showed steady defence the bowlers crossed over at 139. Just previously a hit by Mr M'Ilwraith for three had been increased to five by an overthrow. More tedious play followed, but at 142 Mr M'Ilwraith was taken from a bad stroke at mid-off. Four runs later Mr Trumble was completely beaten by a good ball from Lohmann, which he attempted to play forward. Six for 146.

Mr Blackham, who filled the vacancy, at once scored a single, while a fine off-drive by Mr Jarvis realized four. The 150 was signalled at a quarter to 5. At 161, however, Mr Blackham was clean bowled and Mr Bruce appeared. The latter's stay was brief and unproductive, as, after Mr Jarvis had secured four by a snick, he was easily taken at cover-slip. Eight for 163. With Messrs Garrett and Jarvis together runs were scored quickly, although Mr Garrett was beaten several times. Mr Garrett was easily caught at the wicket and Mr Spofforth bowled, the innings closing at 5.25 for 185.

After 20 minutes' interval Abel and Mr Shuter opened the Surrey batting. Messrs Spofforth (pavilion end) and Palmer were the bowlers. Two maidens were sent down and then Abel hit a full pitched ball from Mr Spofforth to the on for four. Two twos were next credited to Mr Shuter; but having made five the Surrey captain gave a possible chance to Mr Giffen at slip. He then cut Mr Palmer brilliantly for four, and having gained a single he cut the other bowler for four. At 26, however, Mr Spofforth bowled Mr Shuter with a "yorker."

Diver joined Abel, who drove Mr Palmer for two. Diver obtained three by a cut, and an overthrow increased a single by that batsman to three. Stumps were then drawn for the day. The Surrey fielding was by no means so good as usual, though it must be mentioned that Mr Walter Read, Lohmann and Diver were all very smart.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 July, page 9)

From the play in this return match at Kennington-oval yesterday it seems that Surrey must inevitably inflict another defeat upon the colonists. The hope of the Australians, of course, lies in their chance of making a drawn game of it. A large number of spectators were present during the day. The county delighted the spectators with as fine a display of batting as has probably been witnessed this season.

Abel's patient yet at times free hitting and the masterly style of Maurice Read left little to be desired. When these two became partners the former had made 67, and some idea of the relative rate of scoring may be gathered from the fact that Maurice Read completed his hundred when Abel's total was only 124. A subscription of £68 was raised by the spectators to be easily divided between these batsmen in recognition of their performance. The fielding throughout the day was quite up to the high standard for which the Australians have so just a reputation. The wicket, it should be noted, played very true. Overnight the Australians were all out for 185, and Surrey had lost one wicket for 39.

Messrs Spofforth and Palmer opened the bowling at 11.35 to the not-outs, Diver and Abel. The former hit Mr Palmer to square-leg and drove him to the off for four each. Several maidens followed, and then a splendid hit by Abel to square-leg realized four. This item increased the score to 51, at which total Diver was clean bowled.

Mr Walter Read aided Abel. Several twos were followed by a fine square-leg hit for four from Mr

Spofforth by Mr Walter Read. He next cut Mr Palmer for three, after which Abel gave a possible chance to Mr Spofforth low down at short leg. Principally by the contributions from Mr Read the 100 was reached at 10 minutes to 1. Mr Read next hit Mr Giffen to leg for four and two, bringing on Mr Spofforth at 110. At 126 the bowling was changed at both ends, Mr Palmer and Bruce going on. Despite these alterations Mr Read completed his 50 at 1.20. Ten minutes later a leg hit by the amateur for four caused 150 to be telegraphed. A single later Mr Palmer handed the ball to Mr Giffen. Mr Walter Read secured four by a splendid straight drive from Mr Bruce, who gave way to Mr Trumble at 157. The rate of run-getting now slackened considerably, and the largest item for some time was an off-drive for four by Abel. At the luncheon interval the figures were 177 for two wickets. Up to this point 126 runs had been added since the dismissal of Diver.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, the bowlers being Messrs Trumble and Garrett. Abel scored eight runs in the first over, and the Australian total was thus equalled. Having added a single, Mr Read was bowled by a bailer. He had played a splendid innings of 80, and had been batting two hours and a quarter. His chief hits were nine fours, five threes and ten twos. Since the fall of the last wicket 135 runs had been put on. Three for 186.

Maurice Read, who followed in, soon began to score freely, and by a single caused the second hundred to be hoisted. Eleven runs later Mr Giffen displaced Mr Garrett; in his first over Maurice Read drove him twice to the on boundary. Afterwards for a time the cricket was slow, and chiefly by singles the figures were advantage to 231. Mr Spofforth now resumed in place of Mr Giffen. In his second over Read drove him finely to the on for four. Mr Palmer bowled in lieu of Mr Trumble at 241. Abel played him to leg for three and cut the other bowler with a like result. He further increased his total by drives for three and two, while a brilliant square-leg hit by Read sent the ball to the boundary. He then snicked Mr Spofforth for four. Amid tremendous applause Abel, by a square-leg hit, completed his 100 at 4 o'clock.

Mr Jones was tried at 269 for Mr Spofforth. Runs were still scored rapidly. Read drove Mr Palmer straight for four and Abel hit a full-pitched ball from that bowler to the leg boundary. At 290 the bowling was again varied, Mr Bruce relieving Mr Palmer. A four by each batsman, however, brought 300 up at 4.25. A two-fold change in the attack was resorted to at 314 – Mr Garrett was put on at the pavilion wicket, while Mr Blackham bowled at the gasometer end. Runs were scored rapidly by Read, while Abel, who had been batting patiently for a time, soon hit Mr Blackham to leg for four. Mr Giffen again went on at 344. Read by a leg hit completed his hundred, amid loud cheers, at 5.30. Mr Trumble received the ball at 361. Maurice Read now twice ran out to drive Mr Giffen; in each instance he missed the ball, which went from his foot off the wicket. He then punished Mr Giffen severely, and by a leg hit to the boundary passed his companion's total of 132.

Mr Spofforth and Mr Palmer were now put on again, but each batsman scored a four, and at 6 o'clock prolonged cheers from the dense ring of spectators announced the 400. Abel obtained four by a drive, but Maurice Read kept his figures in front of his companions by a leg hit to the boundary from each end. Further variations in the attack were tried, Messrs Blackham and Jones being once more put on. Maurice Read, however, succeeded in passing Dr W G Grace's score of 152 made against the Australians three years ago at the Oval. When stumps were drawn the batsmen had added 241 since they had been together.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 August, page 5)

The match which has engrossed the attention of cricketers during the past week will long be

memorable in the annals of Surrey cricket. During the match the highest aggregate number of runs ever obtained by an English eleven against the Australians in this country were registered. Surrey is the only county that has twice beaten the colonials in the same tour, while Maurice Read's score of 186 is the highest individual score ever recorded against them. Twice within a fortnight Dr W G Grace's score of 152 against the 1880 eleven, also made at the Oval, has been passed, the previous instance being at Lord's last Monday and Tuesday week by Shrewsbury, who obtained 164.

The heavy shower of the early morning on Saturday caused the wicket to favour the bowlers a little. Mr Giffen took six wickets for an average of less than four runs. The bowling of Lohmann was also noteworthy. Rain twice interrupted play on Saturday, thus threatening a drawn game, and there was a drenching downpour directly the match was over, which had the effect of speedily scattering the 8,000 spectators present.

Maurice Read and Abel, the not outs with 156 and 144, resumed the Surrey batting at 11.40. Messrs Spofforth and Giffen (gasometer end) were the bowlers. Three maidens were sent down, and then Abel was cleverly caught at short mid-on by Mr Palmer at the second attempt. The score had not been increased since the previous evening. Abel's fine score of 144 had occupied within a few minutes of six hours and three-quarters. His hits were 14 fours, seven threes, 20 twos and 27 singles.

Mr Roller's stay was brief, as from the third ball he received he was easily taken at short-leg – the result of a very bad stroke. Five for 427. Lohmann came in and soon drove Mr Giffen finely to the off boundary. When Maurice Read had made 161 he gave a possible chance to Mr Palmer at mid-on. Profiting by his escape, he passed Shrewsbury's great score by a bad stroke through the slips. Each batsman secured a four, bringing on 450 at 12.5. Read continued to hit vigorously; he cut Mr Spofforth for four and three and played the other bowler to square-leg also for three. Lohmann then drove Mr Spofforth straight for four. From the last ball of the following over Maurice Read was finely caught at mid-on for 186. He hit from which he got out was very hard, and few fieldsmen could have stopped the ball. His is the largest innings ever recorded against Australian bowling in England, as it passes Shrewsbury's by 22 runs. He was at the wickets four hours and a quarter, or two hours and a half less than Abel. From this it will be easily gathered that he scored much faster than his companion. Among his contributions were 23 fours, 12 threes and ten twos. Six for 469.

Jones came in, and Mr Garrett was at once put on for Mr Spofforth. In his second over Jones was easily taken at extra mid-off, and seventh wicket were down for 472. When Wood came in Lohmann again hit with freedom, and the Marylebone total of 485, the largest hitherto recorded in England against Australian bowling, was passed. Wood was clean bowled at 493, and Bowley was out in a similar manner at 495. With Beaumont as a partner, Lohmann, by a drive for four, caused 500 to be signalled at 10 minutes past 1. Immediately afterwards Beaumont was clean bowled, and the innings closed for 501.

The only chance that the Australians had of saving the game was of course to play for a draw. They went in a second time at 10 minutes past 1 against a majority of 316. Messrs Jones and Scott opened the defence to the bowling of Lohmann (gasometer end) and Bowley. Both batsmen played cautiously, and the first ten overs were sent down for a single. None of the team, however, were able to make much of a stand against the Surrey bowling, and at a quarter past 5 Surrey were victorious by an innings and 209 runs.

29 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3122.html)

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

Some excellent batting was witnessed yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, when this match was begun. Dr E M Grace and Mr Page opened the Gloucestershire batting shortly after 12 o'clock to the bowling of Barnes and Shaw. Runs were scored quickly so that at 26 Attewell relieved Barnes, from whom 20 runs had been obtained. In the new bowler's second over Mr Page gave a difficult chance to Always at slip. He had then made seven. Although the bowling underwent further changes the score had reached 55 at 1.20. Rain then stopped play and the game was not resumed until after luncheon.

Dr E M Grace was bowled at 83 for a well played innings of 50, which included four fours, two threes and five twos. Mr Radcliffe aided Mr Page, who after being missed again at short leg, this time by Selby, was dismissed by a catch at the wicket. Dr W G Grace arrived, and at a quarter past 4 the 100 was announced. Numerous variations were made in the attack but without effect. Twice the game was interrupted by the weather, yet this fact was an advantage to Gloucestershire, as the rain made the wicket very easy. Dr Grace gave a hard chance at the wicket and was missed by Shacklock from a fast return. Towards the close of the day runs were scored more quickly, and at the drawing of stumps no separation had been effected.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 July, page 9)

There is little probability of this match being played out, as, although Gloucestershire are credited with 321 runs, they could scarcely get the champion county eleven out twice in one day. The cricket at the Trent-bridge Ground yesterday proved very interesting. Gloucestershire, who had lost two wickets for 192 runs, resumed their innings yesterday morning at 11.45. Dr W G Grace (51) and Mr Radcliffe (49), the not-outs, added 30 in an hour, but then the last-named gentleman was caught at long-on. His innings had lasted three hours and 20 minutes, and he gave no chance whatever, though he should have been run out the previous evening. His chief hits were four fours, three threes and seven twos.

Mr Brain aided his captain, who at 256 was taken in the long field for a fine innings of 84. Besides the two difficult chances mentioned in yesterday's report, Dr W G Grace was missed at long-on when he had made 73. Notwithstanding the blemishes, his cricket had been excellent, and his 84, which had taken three hours and 50 minutes to accumulate, included three fours, two threes and 17 twos. Five wickets were down for 271 at the luncheon interval.

Afterwards Mr Brain could get no one to stay with him, and the venture closed at 20 minutes to 4. Notts had 40 minutes' batting before rain stopped the game for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 August, page 5)

For a side to go in against a total of over 300 and then surpass it for the loss of three wickets is, indeed, a rare occurrence. This performance was accomplished, however, on Saturday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, by the champion county eleven. It will be remembered that on Friday

evening Gloucestershire had scored 321 and the home eleven 24 without loss of wicket. Shrewsbury and Scotton, the not outs, raised the figures to 51 before the latter was dismissed.

Then followed a long stand by Barnes and Shrewsbury, who advantage the total to 116. Shrewsbury then had the misfortune to hit his wicket. He had played very fine cricket for 66, and his innings included three fours, seven threes and eight twos. Further resistance was offered to the Gloucestershire bowlers by Barnes and Gunn, and, despite the variations in the visitors' attacks, the score reached 304, or 188 for the partnership, before Barnes was bowled by Gregg. He had been in while 253 runs were scored. The great proportion of these had been contributed by him – viz., 152. He made several bad hits, but the only real chance was given to the wicket-keeper when he had reached 76. He was batting nearly four and a half hours, and among his hits were 11 fours, 11 threes and 21 twos.

Gunn and Flowers then played out time, the home county, with seven wickets to fall, being 22 runs ahead. Gunn's excellent 80 not out included five fours, four threes and 13 twos . . .

29 July: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3124.html)

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

The return match between Lancashire and Yorkshire opened yesterday at Dewsbury. Yorkshire started batting with Hall and Bates. Watson and Briggs were the bowlers. Three wickets had fallen for 21 when Preston and Ulyett became partners. Before these batsmen were separated 58 runs were added to the score. This stand was the feature of the afternoon's cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 July, page 9)

There was no play in this match at Dewsbury yesterday, owing to the persistently heavy rain. The score, therefore, remains as published in *The Times* of yesterday – viz., 97 for the loss of seven wickets. When the decision which was arrived at yesterday afternoon of abandoning play for the day became known, a body of spectators present broke across the wicket; they pulled up the stakes, but no serious damage was done.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 August, page 5)

Fine weather followed the two previous unpropitious days in this match at Dewsbury on Saturday. Yorkshire, who had lost seven wickets for 97, completed their innings for an addition of 15. Watson and Briggs had bowled throughout. The former claimed four wickets . . .

Lancashire in the three-quarters of an hour before the luncheon interval scored 21 for the loss of one wicket. Afterwards the score reached 40 with only one batsman out; but with Briggs' dismissal came a collapse, and the innings was finished off in less than an hour for 13 more runs. Hudson, Robinson, Barlow and Mr Haigh were all out with the total at 42, while Bates took the last four wickets in five overs. Altogether the last-named bowler claimed six wickets . . . Emmett, who relieved Peate at 34, in his first six overs secured four wickets for five runs . . .

On Yorkshire going in a second time, Ulyett and Bates hit brilliantly, the latter scoring 30 runs out of the 32 obtained while he was in. Watson took five wickets . . . From the score given below it will be seen that the match was drawn.

29 July: KENT v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3121.html)

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

In pleasant weather these counties began a match yesterday at Maidstone. Kent won the toss and went in. They were batting three hours and three-quarters and scored 219.

Mr Marchant played a very brilliant innings, and with Hickmott added 90 runs for the seventh wicket. He gave a hard chance at slip when he had made eight, but otherwise his cricket was very fine. Included in his hits were nine fours, two threes and three twos. Hickmott contributed six fours, a three and five twos. Davidson claimed 4 wickets . . .

Derbyshire had an hour and a quarter's batting. They lost three wickets for 30, but afterwards Chatterton played well . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 July, page 9)

Kent gained a very easy victory over Derbyshire yesterday, at the Mote-park Ground, Maidstone. The weather was showery and the company was by no means large. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening Kent had completed an innings for 219, while the visitors had lost four wickets for 80 runs.

A heavy shower of rain just before the game was resumed, at 11.30, caused the wicket to play treacherously as it dried. In 40 minutes the remaining batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 24. Wootton and H Hearne were the only bowlers put on yesterday.

29 July: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128574.html)

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

These counties began a match yesterday at Southampton. The feature of the day was the bowling of Messrs Bastard and Barton. The former claimed eight wickets for 35 runs, and the latter six for 37 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 31 July, page 9)

Yesterday at Southampton to home county suffered a severe defeat at the hands of Somersetshire. There was nothing particularly interesting in the batting, but the bowling of Messrs Bastard and Trask proved exceptionally good. From the score subjoined it will be seen that Somersetshire won by nine wickets.

2 August: KENT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3126.html)

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

The hold which the Canterbury Week retains on the cricket-loving public has by no means diminished. This fact was demonstrated in a marked degree yesterday in the St Lawrence Ground. Although the weather was damp there was a large number of spectators present on the St Lawrence Ground. As the day wore on the weather improved. The wicket it must be admitted played excellently well.

It became known at 20 minutes to 4 that the Australians had won the toss and wisely put Kent in considering the uncertain state of the wicket. F Hearne and Mr Patterson first opposed the attacks of Messrs Giffen and Evans. The last ball of the opening over proved fatal to F Hearne, who hit the ball straight into the hands of Mr Palmer at mid-on. G Hearne followed. The cricket was now very slow, and 23 overs only yielded 13 runs. Hearne then obtained two fours by a cut and a leg hit; minor hits followed, and at 32 Mr Spofforth displaced Mr Evans. A cut for four by Hearne ensued in the fresh bowler's opening over, but immediately afterwards Mr Patterson was out, leg before wicket. Two for 37.

Lord Harris followed, and 40 runs were recorded as the result of an hour's play. The Kentish Captain cut Mr Spofforth for three, and then hit him finely to the on for four. Mr Palmer now superseded Mr Spofforth. Nothing beyond singles ensued for many overs, and then Lord Harris was out from a patiently judged catch at long-on. Mr Wilson arrived and soon drove Mr Giffen to the off for four. Eight runs were creditable to G Hearne by two drives to the boundary for four each. The 100 was attained at five minutes to 6. Before a run had been added Mr Wilson was clean bowled. Four wickets were now lost.

Mr Kemp followed, and soon played Mr Palmer to leg for four. With the total at 111 Mr Garrett superseded Mr Palmer. The total having reached 115, Mr Kemp was caught at the wicket. Half the wickets were now down for 115. Mr Christopherson succeeded . . .

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

A bright morning yesterday gave promise of a pleasant day, and it was fully realized, the sun shining brightly till late in the afternoon. The public were able therefore to make up for the disappointment caused by the rain of Monday and to enjoy a day's cricket under the most agreeable circumstances. Seldom has there been a large assemblage on the St Lawrence Ground, every available spot from which a view of the game could be obtained being occupied, while in the background cabs and carriages were thickly packed.

There was more than the pleasant weather to make the day enjoyable, for the Kent eleven have seldom been seen to better advantage, and by their fine bowling and fielding had always the best of the game, and have now every chance of repeating their victory over the Australians last year. The hot sun had made the wicket rather difficult; still it was the fine fielding of Kent that gave them the advantage, Mr Kemp at the wicket being especially successful. He secured four Australian wickets and was mainly instrumental in making them follow on.

At half-past 11 the Australians took their places in the field, Messrs Giffen and Garrett bowling to G Hearne and Mr Christopherson. In seven overs the professional added a single to his overnight score of 38, and then a good catch at mid-on dismissed Mr Christopherson, who had failed to make a run. Mr A J Thornton was the next batsman and began well by hitting a ball from Mr Giffen to square leg for four. He next played Mr Garrett to leg and through the slips for four and for three, but with the score at 140 he was run out.

Mr Marchant followed, but after he had scored seven his wicket was upset by Mr Giffen. A Hearne added only a couple, but Wootton, the last man, offered considerable resistance, hitting Mr Garrett to square-leg for four and Mr Giffen to the on for three. With the addition of four for an overthrow to the boundary Hearne scored a five, which brought his total to 50. Soon afterwards Wootton was out leg before, the innings ending at five minutes to 1 for a total of 171. G Hearne went in before a run was scored and carried out his bat for a most patient innings of 51, in which were a five and five fours.

Mr Jones and Mr Scott were the first pair of batsmen to face the bowling of Wootton and A Hearne at a quarter past 1. Mr Scott was the first to score, hitting Hearne to leg for three and Wootton in the same direction for four. When the score had reached 12, however, he was caught and bowled, Mr Giffen filling the vacancy. The new comer had made only two when he succumbed to a smart catch at the wicket, making way for Mr Palmer.

A good stand was now made, Mr Palmer hitting Wootton to the on for four, while later on Mr Jones drove the same bowler twice for four. In one over, when the total had reached 30, Mr Christopherson was tried in place of Wootton, G Hearne supplanting A Hearne at the other end. Mr Jones cut the amateur twice for four, and at luncheon time the score was 41.

After the interval Wootton and G Hearne were the bowlers and in his second over the latter caught Mr Jones, who had made 30 out of 43 by excellent cricket. Mr Jarvis then joined Mr Palmer, who hit Wootton to the on for four, after which the play became very slow till 55 was reached. Then three wickets fell, Mr Jarvis being stumped, Mr Palmer caught at the wicket and Mr M'Ilwraith clean bowled. Messrs Blackham and Trumble took the score to 73, when the latter was caught at mid-off. Mr Garrett ran himself out at 75, and with two runs added Mr Evans was bowled. Mr Spofforth, the last man, was stumped before he had made a run, and at 4 o'clock the innings ended for 79.

The Australians being 92 to the bad and consequently having to follow on, Messrs Jones and Blackham began the second innings, being opposed by Wootton and G Hearne. With 12 runs scored, increasing a four to the on by Jones, the latter was well caught at short-leg and Mr Giffen came in. The score now rose steadily, and at 29 A Hearne went on in place of G Hearne, and four runs later Mr Blackham was bowled. Mr Palmer, the next man, was in a long time for a single run, and then fell to a fine catch at short-slip.

Mr Scott, the Australian captain, next joined Mr Giffen, and the score was taken to 52, when the latter was finely caught at mid-off. The next man, Mr Jarvis, was bowled two runs later, and half the wickets were down for 54. Mr Trumble gave more trouble and, in spite of bowling changes, the score was taken to 88, when Mr Scott was run out and stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 August, page 10)

Yesterday was quite an off day at Canterbury. The match was practically decided on Tuesday night, it being simply a question of the number of wickets by which Kent would win. The attendance, however, was by no means so small as might be expected, the pleasure of seeing Kent achieve a second victory over the redoubted Australians attracting many to the ground.

Less than two hours sufficed to finish the match, Kent winning by ten wickets, a result upon which Lord Harris and his followers may well be congratulated. From first to last they played with an amount of spirit and energy rarely seen in a match, and by good bowling and faultless fielding scored a decisive victory.

When play was resumed, Mr Trumble was joined by Mr M'Ilwraith, Wootton and A Hearne sharing the bowling. The new comer hit Hearne to leg for four, but when 92 had been reached he ran out to hit him and was bowled. Mr Garrett quickly hit up 14 and was then caught at the wicket. Mr Spofforth fell to a well-judged catch by G Hearne at long-on, and the last man, Mr Evans, after playing Wootton to leg for four, was run out, Mr Trumble not starting when called. The innings thus ended at 20 minutes past 12, the total being 123.

This left Kent the task of scoring 32 to win, to which Mr Patterson and F Hearne proved equal. The former did most of the scoring at first, and then his companion hit three fours in succession, and by a quarter past 1 Kent had won by ten wickets. Those who were on the ground applauded loudly, and there is every likelihood that permission will be asked from the committee to get up a subscription for the Kent professionals, as was done two years ago.

2 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3127.html)

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

The title of champion county, held by Nottinghamshire for the past three years, has been seriously threatened this season by Surrey. So rapidly has his county increased the strength of its team that not a few followers of the game anticipated that at the end of the season Surrey would be at the head of affairs. Notts up to the present have not lost a match, and so far as the return game with Surrey has gone they have a distinct advantage.

The match has been looked forward to with much interest and, despite the unsettled state of the weather, there were fully 14,000 people present at Kennington-oval yesterday. The two great points of interest in the cricket were the bowling of Attewell and the defence of Shrewsbury and Scotton towards the close of the day.

Owing to a drizzling rain the start was delayed for some time. Surrey won the toss, and it was five minutes to 1 when Abel and Maurice Read opened the batting. Alfred Shaw and Attewell, pavilion end, were the bowlers. In the first ten overs there were only three items – a cut for three and a leg hit for two by Abel, and a bad stroke in the slips by Read for a couple. Each batsman then obtained four by a drive. Later on ten runs were scored in an over from Attewell, but at 29 Abel was easily taken at short slip.

Diver's stay was brief, only four singles having been added when he was completely beaten by a ball, which got up very fast from the pitch. A further misfortune soon befell the home side, Maurice Read being finely caught at long-off at 38. Messrs W W Read and Roller by careful play advanced the score to 47 before luncheon. The wicket had played very treacherously and both batsmen had made several bad strokes.

After the interval Shaw and Attewell were again the bowlers. From the first ball of the third over Mr Roller was caught at short leg, and four wickets were down for 47. A single later Mr W W Read played on, but when Lohmann and Mr Shuter became partners a short stand was made. Lohmann by a cut for two caused 50 to be signalled at five minutes past 3. At 69 Flowers relieved his captain, but the separation was effected from the other end, as Mr Shuter skied the ball to Shrewsbury at point. Six for 71.

Jones stayed while 11 runs were added, and was then finely thrown out by Barnes from forward short leg. Wood was clean bowled at 86, and five runs later Bowley's middle stump was disturbed. With Beaumont, the last man in, Lohmann gave a possible chance to mid-off, after which he drove Flowers to the off for four. When the score was within one of the hundred, however, he was out to a splendid catch at long-off. Time, 4.10. Attewell had taken eight wickets . . . Throughout the visitors had fielded in brilliant style.

Scotton and Shrewsbury began the Nottinghamshire innings at half-past 4 to the bowling of Lohmann and Jones. At the end of 12 overs only eight runs were recorded. Scotton then enlivened matters by hitting Lohmann to leg for four. At 17 Jones gave way to Beaumont. Shrewsbury hit Lohmann to square leg for four, while his companion secured a like number by a lucky stroke in the slips. Beaumont crossed over at 27, and his place, at the gasometer end, was taken by Mr Bowley. Runs were put on steadily, so that at 46 Bowley relieved Mr Roller, and 50 was signalled at 25

minutes to 6. Scotton obtained a three from each bowler, and at 57 Lohmann resumed in lieu of Beaumont. Slowly the score reached 75, and the bowling underwent a further variation, Abel displacing Bowley at 75.

An instance of the careful cricket that followed is furnished by the fact that the only item in the next 16 overs was an off-drive for three by Shrewsbury. The same batsman, after gaining a single at each end, hit Lohmann to leg for four, but was then well taken at cover-slip for an excellent 42. The batsmen had been together nearly two hours, during which time 84 runs had been scored. With the fall of Shrewsbury's wicket stumps were drawn for the day.

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

Nottinghamshire yesterday more than maintained the advantage which they had secured in this match on Monday. Fine weather favoured the second day's play, and quite 10,000 people visited Kennington Oval to witness it. At the drawing of stumps on Monday evening Nottinghamshire were only 15 runs behind the Surrey total with one batsman out.

The wicket had considerably improved since the previous day. Scotton, not out with 38, and Barnes resumed the visitors' batting at 20 minutes to 12. Bowley and Lohmann conducted the attack. Runs were obtained with difficulty, the bowling being very true. Barnes by a leg hit equalized the scores at five minutes to 12, and shortly afterwards by a cut for two he brought the 100 on the telegraph board. Ten overs produced seven runs, and then a change in the bowling was tried, Beaumont displacing Lohmann. Six runs were added, so that at 114 Abel relieved Bowley. In the new bowler's first over Scotton gained three by a cut and his companion four by a leg hit. Afterwards the play became very tedious, and what few runs were registered were chiefly from Barnes's bat. Barnes, after giving a difficult return chance to Abel when he had made 33, cut Bowley, who had gone on in lieu of Beaumont, for three. Lohmann was tried at the gasometer end in place of Abel at 141. At 149 Barnes was taken at the wicket for an excellent 44. His chief hits were three fours, three threes and four twos. During the partnership 65 runs had been added.

Gunn, who followed in, obtained four by a very bad stroke through the slips, causing 150 to appear at 1.20. Eight maidens were sent down, and then Gunn, who had played in a most indifferent style, was finally caught at the wicket. Three for 154. Flowers joined Scotton. By exceedingly patient cricket the score was raised to 169 before the luncheon interval. During the morning 85 runs had been added in two hours and 20 minutes.

After an interval of three-quarters of an hour Lohmann and Jones resumed the bowling. Eleven runs were slowly added before Flowers was clean bowled by Jones. Without alteration in the figures Mr Daft was beaten by a good ball from the same bowler. Selby aided Scotton, but at 197 the latter was dismissed for 73. He had played very good cricket during yesterday, and his hits included four fours, seven threes and ten twos. He was at the wicket five hours and a quarter.

Attewell now became Selby's partner. A drive for two by the first-named brought 200 up at half-past 3. Bowley superseded Lohmann at 204, and in his third over he dismissed Attewell, the seventh wicket falling at 206. Selby and Shacklock hit freely, and although the bowling was twice changed 36 runs were added while they were together. Shacklock was well caught at the wicket at 242, and 15 runs later Selby was taken at cover-slip. He had hit with freedom for 5, which consisted of seven fours, five twos and 12 singles. Shaw and Sherwin put on 15 runs for the last wicket, Shaw being bowled at ten minutes past five. Lohmann took four wickets . . .

In a minority of 173 Surrey went in a second time at 5.35. Mr Shuter and Abel began the second innings to the bowling of Attewell and Barnes. Mr Shuter secured a couple by a drive, and after Abel had scored three from Barnes he cut the same bowler brilliantly for four. Two singles were the result of 11 overs. Three runs later Mr Shuter was cleverly caught and bowled at the third attempt by Barnes. One for 20. Mr Roller stayed while Abel scored two singles and was then beaten by a ball from Barnes. Two for 22.

Mr Walter Read aided Abel. He hit Barnes to leg for four and, although Shacklock displaced Attewell at 26, no separation had been effected at the call of Time. Mr Read played in quite his old style during the 20 minutes that he was in. From the score appended it will be seen that the home eleven, with eight wickets to fall, require 135 to avert a single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 August, page 10)

By their victory over Surrey yesterday, Nottinghamshire furnished another illustration of the consistently good cricket which they play. It was the opinion of many followers of the game that Surrey would prove more than a match for the champion county; but the latter played well throughout, and a feature of the game was their brilliant fielding.

Mr Walter Read and Lohmann made a determined effort to save the match, and at one time they seemed likely to attain their object. However, the last few wickets gave little or no trouble to the Notts bowlers; Shaw took three of them in eight overs (seven maidens) for one run. The interest in the contest has been very keen, and though on Tuesday evening Surrey scarcely had any chance of winning, yet there were several thousand persons at Kennington Oval to witness the finish.

Mr W W Read and Abel continued the home defence yesterday at 11.35, when a deficit of 135 still remained with eight wickets to fall. Barnes (pavilion end) and Attewell were the bowlers. Both batsmen scored steadily, and 50 was reached at ten minutes to 12. With the figures at 54, however, Abel returned the ball, and Maurice Read aided his namesake.

The new batsman made a fine cut for four, which, with several smaller hits, increased the score to 73. Flowers now relieved Attewell. Three singles in seven overs were followed by a cut to the boundary by Maurice Read; but the latter was then caught and bowled, making the third return catch Barnes had effected in the innings. Four for 80. Diver, who followed, soon cut Barnes for four, causing that bowler at 92 to give way to his captain. The change speedily brought about the dismissal of Diver as, from the first ball of Shaw's second over, he was out to a splendid one-handed catch by Flowers running from mid-off.

With five wickets down for 96 there was every appearance of Surrey suffering an innings defeat. Lohmann and Mr Read, however, made a determined stand. The amateur played very fine cricket, while Lohmann, after starting rather badly, settled down and hit with freedom. Shortly before 1 o'clock the "100" appeared amid loud cheering. Eleven runs were added from Shaw's next six overs, and then Mr Walter Read drove Flowers to the off for four and hit him to square leg with a like result. Shacklock superseded that bowler at 122, but at 138 he gave way to Attewell, while five runs later Barnes resumed in place of Shaw. Both batsmen still played cautiously, and at the interval the total was 161.

On resuming, Barnes and Attewell conducted the attack. Mr Read scored freely, and at five

minutes past 3 the innings defeat was averted. At 187 Shaw again displaced Barnes, and this time with success, as from his second ball Lohmann was well taken at the wicket. He had played in good style for 46, which included four fours, three threes and four twos. Ninety-one runs had been added during the partnership.

Matters now went badly with Surrey; at 193 Jones was caught at long on, and a single later the remaining three wickets fell. Wood was run out and directly afterwards Mr Read was dismissed by an extraordinary catch at long-off. Gunn secured the ball after running 40 or 50 yards and effected one of the finest catches witnessed this season. Mr Walter Read had played a superb innings of 74, and his hits comprised five fours, two threes, seven twos and singles. He was batting three hours and three-quarters. Bowley, the last man, was speedily caught at the wicket, and the innings terminated at a quarter to 4. Barnes took four wickets . . .

Notts only required 22 runs to win, yet this number cost them three wickets. Scotton was dismissed at 13, Barnes at 17 and Gunn by the first ball sent him. All three batsmen were clean bowled. Bowley took three wickets . . . Nottinghamshire won by seven wickets.

2 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128320.html)

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

Mr W Newham played a brilliant innings of 127 for his county against Hampshire at Southampton yesterday. The weather was very fine, and the visitors' side were batting the whole day.

Sussex won the toss and went in. The start was by no means promising, as they lost two good wickets (Tester's and Jesse Hide's) for 11 runs. Messrs Thomas and Newham then became partners and 82 runs were put on before they were separated, Mr Thomas being taken at slip for 41. With Messrs Lucas and Newham together another determined stand was made. Although the bowling underwent frequent changes, no fewer than 166 runs were added. Mr Lucas was then dismissed for a fine innings of 94, which included one five, 12 fours and three threes. Mr Brann was well caught at mid-off, and Mr Newham was eventually taken at long slip for 127. He had played very fine cricket, and his hits comprised 11 fours, 10 threes, 13 twos &c. He was batting four hours. Bean subsequently showed good form.

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

Sussex had all the best of yesterday's cricket in this match at Southampton, and at the drawing of stumps the defeat of the home side seemed inevitable. When the game was resumed the visitors' innings closed before a run had been added. Young took four wickets . . .

Mr C R Seymour showed by far the best cricket in the Hampshire first innings. Jesse Hide took five wickets . . . Hampshire, who were 216 runs behind, followed on. Mr Lacey batted well, and his hits included five fours and two threes.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 August, page 10)

Yesterday, at Southampton, Sussex gained an easy victory over Hampshire by an innings and 53 runs. It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday the home eleven, with five wickets to fall, required 126 to avert a single innings defeat. Yesterday the remaining batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 73 runs. Humphreys claimed six wickets . . .

2 August: DERBYSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3125.html)

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

Gloucestershire began their first match with Derbyshire yesterday on the county ground at Derby. Rain fell during the morning, but the rain cleared up and a good day's cricket was witnessed by about 3,000 people. Mr Radcliffe and Painter batted with most success for the visitors. Davidson claimed four wickets . . .

W Chatterton was the only batsman who offered any determined resistance to the Gloucestershire bowlers, and the home venture closed with a deficiency of 76 runs. Dr W G Grace took six wickets . . . Gloucestershire went in a second time . . .

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

After a stoutly-contested match Gloucestershire defeated the home county at Derby yesterday. It will be remembered that on Monday each side had completed an innings and the visitors, having gone in a second time, had lost three wickets for 30.

Yesterday the bowling of Davidson proved very effective and he claimed six of the remaining wickets. Painter was the only batsman who hit vigorously. Davidson took nine wickets . . .

Derbyshire required 171 for victory; but, despite some good batting by Mr Docker and W Chatterton, these they were unable to obtain, and Gloucestershire won by 47 runs. Woof took six wickets . . .

2 August: LANCASHIRE v CHESHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/.html)

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

Fine weather favoured the opening day's play in this match at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. Lancashire won the toss and, going in first, were batting upwards of four hours on an excellent wicket. Barlow, Robinson, Mr Lancashire and Mr Hornby all played very fine cricket, and the side were not dismissed until the total had reached 322. Bretherton claimed three wickets . . . As will be gleaned from the score subjoined, Cheshire started badly.

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

With the exception of Davenport and Pointon the Cheshire team offered a most feeble resistance to the Lancashire bowlers yesterday at Manchester. At the drawing of stumps on Monday the visitors, having dismissed their opponents for 322, had lost four wickets for 31. Yesterday the remaining six fell for an addition of 22. Briggs claimed five wickets . . .

When Cheshire followed on some fine batting was shown by Davenport and Pointon, who between them scored 100 runs. The others, however, did little, and the side were eventually beaten by an innings and 140 runs. Briggs took six wickets . . .

5 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3128.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 August, page 6)

After their defeats at the hands of Surrey and Kent, the Colonial eleven went to Clifton, where yesterday they began a match against Gloucestershire. Pleasant weather favoured the game, and about 5,000 people visited the Clifton College Ground to witness the opening day's play. So far as the game progressed the visitors had a slight advantage. Messrs Spofforth and Bonnor stand out from the Australian team; but, on the other hand, the Western county is represented by its full strength.

Gloucestershire, successful in the toss, started batting at ten minutes past 12 with Mr Radcliffe and Dr E M Grace. Mr Giffen opened the bowling, and from the first ball of the innings Mr Radcliffe was easily taken at short mid-on. Dr W G Grace aided his brother, and Mr Palmer was the other bowler. Another disaster soon befell the home eleven, as the Gloucestershire captain, having scored nine runs out of 12, was well caught at the wicket. Two of their best batsmen out and only a dozen runs scored was a by no means bright outlook for the Englishmen.

However, matters improved considerably with Mr Brain and Dr E M Grace as partners. Both played splendid cricket and several bowling changes were resorted to. Mr Garrett relieved Mr Palmer at 42, but at 7 he gave way to Mr Bruce, while Mr Jones had just previously gone on for Mr Giffen. Despite these alterations the "100" appeared on the telegraph board at ten minutes to 2. In the time that remained for luncheon seven runs were added and a further variation was made in the attack – Mr Giffen resuming in lieu of Mr Jones.

After an interval Messrs Giffen and Palmer conducted the attack. Only two runs were added and then Mr Brain was caught at cover-point for a very fine innings of 60. His off-hitting was particularly brilliant, and among his contributions were eight fours, a three and four twos. During the partnership 97 runs had been put on by excellent cricket. Mr Townsend followed in, but only 12 were added when he lost the company of Dr Grace, who was dismissed by an easy return catch. His 44 included two fours, a three and four twos.

Mr Townsend, after being missed in the long field, stayed with Mr Moberly until 152 was reached. After his departure Mr Page, Painter and Mr Francis were out in such rapid succession that eight wickets were down for 181. Mr Moberly and Woof put on 35 runs for the ninth wicket, the amateur being then got rid of for 60. He had given a splendid display of batting, and his hits included six fours, four threes and six twos. Mr Bush's stay was brief, and the innings closed at a quarter to 5 for 220.

The Australians had 55 minutes' batting before the drawing of stumps. Messrs Jones and Scott, who opened the defence, were confronted by Woof and Dr W G Grace. Only a single had been recorded when the Colonial captain was clean bowled before he had scored. After this bad start Messrs Giffen and Jones both played well, and though Mr Page displaced Dr Grace at 34 and Dr E M Grace went on for Woof at 38, no further wicket had fallen when play ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 August, page 6)

Gloucester at the drawing of stumps last evening had a distinct advantage over the Australians. This was owing in a great measure to the superb all-round play of Dr W G Grace and the brilliant batting of Mr J H Brain. The captain of the Western county eleven yesterday took seven wickets for 67 and scored 61, not out – a grand performance especially with the ball, for the Clifton College ground was in excellent condition and all in favour of the batsmen. The weather was very fine and there was again a large company of spectators. It will be remembered that on Thursday evening the Australians, who had gone in against a total of 220, were within 156 of their opponents' score and had nine wickets to fall.

Yesterday morning matters went very badly, so far as the visitors were concerned. Messrs Giffen and Jones were the not-outs, with 30 and 32. The former returned the ball to Woof before he had added a run, while Dr W G Grace dismissed Messrs Garrett, Trumble and Palmer in rapid succession. Indeed, four wickets were captured for six runs. Five wickets were down when Messrs Jones and Blackham became partners. These gentlemen made a determined stand, but the latter gave a couple of chances to point, while Mr Jones was also missed at slip. The bowling was altered, yet it was not until 7 runs had been added that Mr Jones was dismissed. His excellent innings included five fours, four threes and seven twos. Mr Jarvis subsequently hit freely, and the steady defence of Mr Evans enabled the Australians to get within nine runs of their opponents' score.

At the beginning of the Gloucestershire venture runs were scored so rapidly that more than 100 were registered in the first hour. From the score attached, it will be seen that the home eleven with five wickets still to fall are 205 runs ahead.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 August, page 7)

After three days' excellent cricket the match between the Australians and Gloucestershire ended on Saturday in a draw. Though at first dull, the weather during the afternoon proved fine, and about 5,000 people visited the ground. The great feature of the contest was the fine display of batting by Dr W G Grace, who for a second time this year obtained an innings of over 100 runs against the colonial team. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening the county, with five wickets still to fall, had an advantage of 205 runs.

Dr W G Grace, the not out with 61 runs, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr H V Page. Messrs Giffen and Palmer were intrusted with the attack. The scoring increased so rapidly that the bowling underwent several alterations. Despite these changes, however, Dr Grace completed his 100 at 1 o'clock, but when he had advanced his figures to 110 he was taken at the wicket. He had played very fine cricket and had only given one chance, when he had made 39. The figures which composed his innings were seven fours, seven threes, eight twos and 45 singles. During the partnership 78 runs had been added. Mr Page subsequently increased his score to 66, while some free hitting by Painter and Mr Francis was also witnessed, and the venture closed for 358 at 3 o'clock. Among Mr Page's contributions were five fours, one three and 11 fours.

The Australians required 368 runs to win, but had no possibility of obtaining them in the two hours and three-quarters that remained for play. Although the wicket was still in excellent condition, the visitors started badly, losing two wickets for 35. Messrs Scott and Giffen then became partners and a determined resistance was offered to the bowling for nearly an hour and a half. Mr Scott hit brilliantly but Mr Giffen played a defensive game. These batsmen between them scored 118 runs and put defeat out of the question altogether. Mr Scott contributed 13 fours, two threes, five twos

and seven singles, while Mr Giffen's chief hits were three fours, four threes and five twos.

The Australians at the close of the day were 194 behind, with only five wickets to fall, and thus the game may be said to have been drawn greatly in favour of the Englishmen.

5 August: SURREY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3131.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 August, page 6)

Surrey were batting the whole of yesterday at Kennington Oval on a hard wicket against Derbyshire. There was every appearance at one time of the score becoming much heavier than it did. Play began shortly after 12 o'clock, when the home eleven, who had won the toss, sent in Mr Shuter and Abel.

At first the batsmen played with caution, but subsequently they hit in vigorous style and, despite frequent changes in the attack, the 100 appeared on the telegraph board at half-past 1. Both players continued their free hitting, and so even was the individual rate of scoring that at the luncheon interval Mr Shuter had made 69 and his companion 64, the full total being 140.

Surrey resumed their innings at 10 minutes to 3. Forty-six runs were added in half an hour, and then Mr Shuter fell to a catch at mid-on. He had been at the wickets two hours and a half, and his hits included eight fours, seven threes and three twos. Lohmann joined Abel; but only four were added when the latter was easily caught at slip. His hitting had been clean and hard, and his 94 consisted of nine fours, nine threes, eight twos and 15 singles. Two for 190.

With Mr Bowden and Lohmann as partners, runs were added rapidly. The professional, when he had scored six, however, should have been stumped. Two hundred were signalled at 20 minutes to four. Lohmann was taken at the wicket at 218, while at 240 a fine catch at extra cover-point got rid of Mr Bowden. The last-named, who was playing instead of Mr Roller, had hit with freedom for 30. Diver, after giving a difficult chance in the slips, stayed with Maurice Read for some time. He made several good strokes, and 40 were added before he was secured at short slip. Five for 280.

With the two Reads together the third hundred was reached at 5 minutes to 5. Maurice Read was taken at slip – the third catch made during the day in that position – at 326, and an addition of 11 saw the dismissal of Wood – clean bowled. Jones stopped with Mr Walter Read while 53 runs were put on. He was then dismissed by a “bailer.” Beaumont followed in, and by two drives for four each he brought the 400 up at a quarter past 6. Beaumont and Mr Read continued to score freely, and in the last 10 minutes 20 runs were added. During the day the bowling underwent frequent changes, but the fielding was very good. Mr Read played excellent cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 August, page 6)

The second day's play in this match at Kennington Oval produced some exceptionally good cricket. Delightfully fine weather favoured the game and there was a good attendance of spectators. Surrey, who had scored 42 for eight wickets, resumed their batting yesterday morning at 11.40. Mr W W Read, 75, and Beaumont, 14, the not-outs, were confronted by Davidson and W Sugg.

Runs were put on steadily; the majority of them were contributed by Mr Walter Read. After the bowling had been changed at both ends, however, the famous Surrey amateur was given out caught at the wicket. He had played a superb innings of 115, which consisted of eight fours, 11 threes, 15 twos and singles. Nine for 466. Bowley and Beaumont added 28 for the last wicket, the former being caught at mid-on at 494. Beaumont took out his bat for an admirable 30. During the morning

4 runs had been scored in an hour. Seven bowlers were tried . . .

Derbyshire went in against the heavy total of 494 at 1 o'clock. F Sugg and Cropper opened the defence to the bowling of Lohmann and Jones. The first-named batsman returned the ball with the score at eight, while a further misfortune befell the visitors at 33, when W Sugg was taken at point. W Chatterton and Cropper more than doubled the score while they were together, and caused Abel and Bowley to be tried. W Chatterton was taken at slip at 76, and 14 runs later a catch at point got rid of Mr Docker. Coupe was bowled at 92, and half the wickets were thus down.

Mr Maynard aided Cropper, who had been hitting in a clean and free style. An off-drive by the professional for four brought the 100 on the telegraph board at five minutes past 4. At 106 the Derbyshire captain was bowled, and an addition of 26 saw the dismissal of Davidson. During the latter's stay the bowling had been twice varied. Cropper was out eighth, caught at cover-point, at 172. He had given a chance to Lohmann at cover-slip when he had scored 53. Up to this point his cricket had been exceptionally good; but towards the close of the innings he made several faulty strokes. Among his hits were nine fours, five threes and ten twos. J Chatterton was run out at 182, and three runs later Mr Walker was bowled, the innings closing at half-past 5. Bowley took six wickets . . .

In a minority of 309, Derbyshire followed on at 10 minutes to 6. Bowley and Lohmann started the attack to F and W Sugg. The latter hit his wicket at 29, and Coupe followed in. Although the bowling was changed, no further wicket had fallen at the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 August, page 7)

When play ceased on Friday at Kennington Oval there was little prospect of Derbyshire averting defeat, for with one wicket down in their second innings they were still 266 runs in arrears. On Saturday several of the visiting batsmen played good cricket, but the home side gained a decisive victory.

The game was resumed at 11.15, the not-outs, F Sugg (21) and Coupe (eight) being confronted by Lohmann and Bowley. Only seven runs were added when Sugg was bowled by Lohmann, and at 56 W Chatterton, who had followed in, was taken at the wicket. With Cropper and Coupe as partners there was some good defence shown. At 65 Bowley handed the ball to Jones. With the addition of three, however, the separation was effected by Lohmann, who got Cropper caught at third man.

Mr Docker aided Coupe, who had been playing very good cricket. The new batsman hit with freedom, and several variations in the attack were tried. With the figures at 91 Bowley, who had resumed at 69, once more gave way to Jones, while Abel superseded Lohmann eight runs later. Still, a leg-hit for three by Coupe brought the 100 up at five minutes to 1. Beaumont shortly afterwards went on to bowl, but at 107 the professional was given out leg before to Abel. He had shown excellent form for 32.

Mr Maynard stayed while 20 runs were added, and was then dismissed by a brilliant left-handed catch low down at point. Six down. Davidson and Mr Docker, who were now together, both scored rapidly. Abel gave way to Lohmann, who, in turn, was relieved by Bowley. Yet 150 was signalled at half-past 1 and then a further alteration was made in the attack, Abel going on for Beaumont. Davidson drove the slow bowler twice for four in one over, and cut him with a like result soon

afterwards. He was then out to a well-judged catch at mid-on. Forty-five had been added during the partnership, of which number he had scored 19. Seven for 172.

Mr Docker did not long survive his late companion, as at 177 he was bowled. He had hit with great freedom for 64, including 10 fours, three threes, three twos and nine singles. Mr Walker was soon caught at extra mid-off. With Disney in, Lohmann displaced Bowley, and from his second delivery Disney was taken at mid-off, Surrey being left victorious by an innings and 122 runs. Lohmann claimed five wickets . . .

5 August: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3129.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 August, page 6)

The Thursday in the Canterbury Week has long been designated the “Ladies’ Day,” and well did it deserve the term yesterday, for seldom, if ever, have so many of the fair sex been seen on the St Lawrence Ground. The morning was bright with a fresh breeze, most refreshing to those who had devoted the early hours to dancing at the ball held the evening before. Up to luncheon time the attendance seemed small, compared with that of Tuesday, but after the interval the people poured in in vast numbers, and the scene was as gay and lively almost as Lord’s Ground during the Eton and Harrow match. Every seat under the elm trees at the fashionable end of the ground was occupied, the drags and carriages were loaded, and a constant stream of pedestrians followed round the ring behind the thickly packed spectators. Altogether it was a day to be remembered.

The match, too, was one second only in interest to that against the Australians, for Kent and Yorkshire are old opponents, and last year want of time alone robbed Kent of victory. The Yorkshiremen, too, are deservedly popular and, though not so strong as they have been, have among them some of the most noted cricketers in England. After the fine performance of the Kent men early in the week, their supporters were full of hopes that they would this time succeed in winning, and so well did they perform with the bat yesterday [that] they may well hope to win and have no cause to fear defeat. Lord Harris was prevented by official duties from taking his place in the eleven, but an excellent substitute was found for him in Mr C Wilson, who with G Hearne shared the honours of the day.

Kent was fortunate in winning the toss and, of course, went in first, the wicket being as near perfection as possible. Mr Patterson and F Hearne were the first pair to face the bowling of Bates and Emmett, play beginning a little before half-past 12. Both men batted well and carefully, each hitting Bates for four, but when the score had reached 34 the amateur was out leg-before-wicket. G Hearne then came in, and with his brother made a good stand, bringing on Peate and Preston, neither of whom, however, could separate the pair. The score at luncheon time was 84 for one wicket.

After the usual interval Bates shared the bowling with Peate, and clean bowled F Hearne for a good innings of 41. Then with the score at 89 Mr C Wilson joined G Hearne, and from this point till stumps were drawn at half-past 6, the pair defied all the bowling strength of the Yorkshiremen. The “100” was reached at ten minutes past 3, and the “200” at 25 minutes past 5. When it wanted ten minutes of the time for drawing stumps both men completed their centuries, and when time was called each had scored 102, while the total for two wickets was 273. Such a batting performance is rarely seen and both were deservedly applauded. Mr Wilson was missed at the wicket when he had only made nine, but Hearne did not give a chance, and so far his fine batting has been the feature of the week’s cricket.

During the afternoon a subscription was made on the ground for the Kent professionals who had contributed so much towards the victory over the Australians. Over £60 was raised, G Hearne and Wootton being presented with a third each, and the remainder third being divided between the younger Hearne brothers. Mr Marsham, the President of the Kent County Cricket Club, made the presentation at the conclusion of the day’s play, Lord Harris, who had come down from town, saying a few words complimenting the young players on their steadiness and perseverance.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 August, page 6)

It was fully apparent yesterday that the week was on the wane. The attendance showed a decided falling off, and there was by [no] means the enthusiastic applause which had greeted the feats of the Kent men earlier in the week. A dull morning was followed by a bright afternoon, and more agreeable weather could not be wished for.

The wicket, too, was again excellent, but there was a remarkable falling off in the batting. After scoring over 300 for two wickets, the Kent eleven were all dismissed for 335, and this collapse of the batting followed until the Yorkshire men had lost eight wickets for 81. Hall and Emmett then made a good stand and raised the score to 172, at which total the innings ended. Yorkshire then followed on and lost one wicket before stumps were drawn.

Bates and Peate continued bowling to G Hearne and Mr C Wilson, the not outs of the previous evening, each having secured 102. They began with ten maiden overs, after which the amateur hit Bates for four, adding a couple of threes. As runs kept coming, Ulyett went on in place of Bates, Mr Wilson cutting his first ball for four, bringing up 300 at 20 minutes past 12. Emmett then bowled at the other end, and off him Mr Wilson was stumped, having played a grand innings of 127, in which there were 13 fours and five threes.

From this to the end of the innings Emmett bowled with extraordinary success, taking six wickets at the cost of six runs. G Hearne was clean bowled when he had raised his score to 117, an innings remarkable for strong defence and excessive patience, his chief hits being ten fours and eight threes. This occurred when the score had reached 322, and at this total both Mr Kemp and Mr Marchant were dismissed. Mr A J Thornton gave a little trouble, but no one else gave much help to the score, and at 20 minutes past 1 the innings ended for a total of 335.

Twenty minutes later Hall and Bates began the Yorkshire innings, Wootton and A Hearne sharing the attack. Hall made a couple of fours off Wootton and cut Hearne for four more, while Bates hit the latter twice for four; then, when the score had reached 24, a good catch at mid-off sent back Bates. Ulyett followed, but after scoring the next ten runs he was bowled, while his successor, Mr Hawke, was captured at the wicket off the first ball he received. With a single added Preston was caught at point. Mr Lumb next joined Hall and both played most cautiously, and it was a long time before the score was taken to 56, at which total the amateur was caught at slip. Peel hit each bowler for four, but narrowly escaped being caught at cover point. However, he was secured when the score had reached 70, and a good catch at long-off proved fatal to his successor, Crossland, immediately afterwards.

Then, with eight wickets down for 81, Emmett faced Hall, and a long and most unexpected stand was made; both men hit well and 100 was soon reached. At 115 the bowling was changed, G Hearne and H Hearne going on. Neither, however, could cause a separation, and the original bowlers resumed. Later on Mr Thornton tried his hand with lobs; it was Wootton, however, who got the wicket, Emmett being clean bowled. With Hall he had added 91 runs, and had saved the Yorkshire score being quite ignominious, scoring 48 by vigorous hitting. The last man, Peate, was smartly stumped off the next ball. The innings closed at five minutes past 6 for 172. Hall carried his bat out for an admirable score of 74. Being 163 to the bad, Yorkshire followed on.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 August, page 7)

Kent followed up their success over the Australians by defeating Yorkshire on Saturday. With the unprecedented attendance of Tuesday and two brilliant victories gained by the home eleven, the week must rank among the most successful since the institution of the festival. On Friday night the score was in a very one-sided state, as Yorkshire, with nine wickets to fall, required 57 to avert an innings defeat.

The game was resumed on Saturday at 20 minutes to 12, the batsmen being Mr Lumb and Bates. The former was bowled at 27 and Hall came in. Bates hit brilliantly, but was beaten by a shooter from Wootton at 55, while six runs later Ulyett was caught. Mr Hawke and Hall stayed together some time, but after an addition of 32 the first-named bowler returned the ball. There was now every appearance of an early termination to the game, as with five wickets to fall Yorkshire were still 70 runs behind; but a determined stand was made by Hall and Preston. The latter, after being missed at long-off when he had made four, hit in fine style, while Hall played with more freedom than usual. Despite frequent changes in the bowling the batsmen were still together at the luncheon interval, when the score was 136 for five wickets.

On resuming, the total had only been increased by seven when Preston was thrown out by Mr Kemp. He had shown excellent cricket. After his dismissal Hall received valuable assistance from Peel, Crossland and Emmett, and eventually Kent were left with 64 to obtain for victory. Hall took out his bat for the second time in the match. His cricket was exceptionally good. He went in with the score at 27 for two wickets and remained for three hours and three-quarters, scoring 75 – a single more than at his first attempt. His only mistake was when he had made 28. Among his hits were 11 fours, three threes and four twos.

On Kent going in a second time, Mr Patterson batted very finely. Two wickets fell for 62, and then without addition two more batsmen were dismissed. The last two runs took nearly half an hour to obtain, and it was not until close upon 6 o'clock that the match ended in a win for Kent by six wickets. It may be mentioned that the performance of the "Old Stagers" at the theatre was very successful.

5 August: LANCASHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3130.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 August, page 6)

Fully 10,000 people visited the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday to witness the opening day's play in the return match between Lancashire and Nottinghamshire. The proceeds of the game are to be devoted to Barlow's benefit. This professional has been a prominent figure in first-class cricket during the past ten years, and it is only recently that he accomplished a remarkable performance against the Australians at Nottingham.

On the present occasion both counties are very strongly represented, and as each have defeated Surrey this season, the match has been anticipated with great interest. Yesterday the weather was showery, but the wicket was in good condition, and Lancashire going in first had all the best of the play.

Barlow and Mr A N Hornby opened the batting, and before they were separated 109 runs were recorded. Mr Hornby was dismissed first for a vigorously hit 88. He was batting rather less than three hours, and his chief items were ten fours, five threes and nine twos. Mr A G Steel obstructed his wicket, and Barlow was out third at 157. He had played very patient cricket for 50, and was at one time batting 70 minutes for two singles. He was in nearly five hours, and made among other hits five fours and a three. There had been two interruptions for rain, and it was after the second of the showers that Barlow hit with freedom. Mr H B Steel was also given out leg before, after which Mr E C Hornby and Briggs played out time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 August, page 6)

The attendance yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, was again very large, and keen interest was evinced in the second day's play of the return match between these counties. Rain fell heavily during the night and caused the wicket slightly to favour the bowlers late in the day.

It was owing to the state of the turf that play was not resumed until 12.25, when Lancashire, who had scored 199 for the loss of four wickets, went on with their innings. Mr E C Hornby and Briggs, the not-outs with 14 and 16, were opposed by Attewell and Flowers. From the first ball bowled three runs were made, and the second hundred appeared on the telegraph board. Both batsmen then punished Attewell, off whom Briggs scored nine runs in one over. Having sent down eight overs for 31 runs, Attewell handed the ball to Alfred Shaw. This change soon had the desired effect, as in the Nottinghamshire captain's first over Mr Hornby was clean bowled for an admirable 34. Since the fourth wicket fell 69 runs had been added.

Mr Lancashire came next, but soon gave a difficult chance at point. Afterwards the score was advanced to 260, at which total Briggs was given out leg before wicket. He had played well for 51, and among his contributions were four fours, four threes and six twos. Mr Lancashire next had Robinson for a companion. Sherwin had been several times hit with the ball, and he now gave up his place behind the wicket to Gunn. The Notts bowling and fielding were good and runs were obtained with difficulty. Numerous maidens were sent down, and within two or three minutes of the luncheon interval Mr Lancashire was bowled at 278.

The game was continued at a quarter to three, the attack being intrusted to Shaw and Flowers. Yates, who had joined Robinson, soon gave a return chance to Flowers. The latter, however, failed to accept it, and the mistake proved very expensive for the visitors. The majority of the runs were made from Flowers, and although the total increased steadily, Shaw at one time sent down 10 overs for a single. With the figures at 294 the Notts team succeeded in getting rid of two of their opponents. Robinson was bowled and Watson was caught by Gunn running from behind the wicket towards the opposite end. Nine down. Pilling stayed with Yates while 29 runs were added, and was then caught by the wicket-keeper. Time, 4.5. Five bowlers were tried. Flowers secured six wickets . . .

Scotton and Shrewsbury opened the Nottinghamshire innings at half-past 4 to the bowling of Barlow and Briggs. Shrewsbury scored freely, but was twice nearly caught by Mr A G Steel at forward short leg. With the figures at 31 Scotton was bowled. Barnes joined Shrewsbury. As the batsmen appeared to be getting set, the bowling underwent a double change at 43. Mr A G Steel relieved Barlow, while Briggs gave way to Watson. Slowly the score reached 56, when Barnes was out leg before. Gunn followed in, and despite further alterations in the attack, 36 were added without mishap before the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 August, page 7)

It is not unlikely that this return match has rendered Barlow a substantial benefit as on each of the three days there was a very large attendance. Barlow as an all-round cricketer has few equals among professionals, and it was gratifying to see that the public supported the game as they did. More rain fell early on Saturday morning, but towards 12 o'clock the weather improved and during the afternoon there were about 12,000 spectators present. The game, however, could not be resumed until 25 minutes past 1.

Shrewsbury (45) and Gunn (17), the not outs, then continued the batting for Nottinghamshire, who were 92 for two wickets. Gunn added seven runs to his score and was then dismissed. Shrewsbury also saw Flowers, Mr Daft and Selby retire; but at 151 he was run out for 67. He had been batting three hours and a half, and his principal hits were five fours, eight threes and six twos.

There now seemed a prospect of Lancashire winning; but Shacklock and Shaw, who put on 30 runs for the ninth wicket, stayed together nearly three-quarters of an hour and, when they were separated, Notts had really saved the game. Sherwin was quickly bowled and the innings was over at a quarter to 5 for 192. Briggs claimed four wickets . . .

In a minority of 131, Notts followed on. Both Shrewsbury and Scotton were dismissed, but afterwards Barnes and Gunn played out time, the match being drawn . . .

Report from Friday 6 August, page 6: It was announced that in a match played at Hampstead at the beginning of the week Mr A E Stoddart, of the Middlesex Eleven, scored 485 runs, which is the highest individual score on record, the previous best being that of Mr Carrick at Chichester last year, while the innings by Mr W N Roe of over 400 ranks next.

9 August: WARWICKSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

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

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 August, page 7)

The new county ground of the Warwickshire Club at Edgbaston, Birmingham, was yesterday visited by about 8,000 people, the occasion being the opening of the recently arranged match between the Colonials and Warwickshire. Messrs Spofforth, Bonnor and Jarvis are standing out of the Australian team. The home county had got together a strong side, including Messrs Rock and Bainbridge of this year's Cambridge eleven. The weather was very fine but the wicket played greatly in favour of the bowlers. This fact is almost proved by a glance at the score, from which it will be seen that 23 wickets fell during the day for 212 runs.

The Australians went in first but, with the exception of Messrs Palmer and Giffen, they could make little headway against their opponents' bowling. Mr Palmer, after giving a chance to Mr Rock in the slips, batted very well for 35. Though the third wicket fell at 68, the side were all out for 107. Shilton and Mr Rock bowled with great success.

Little description is needed of the Warwickshire batting. Mr Bainbridge was the only gentleman who offered any determined resistance to the attacks of Messrs Giffen and Palmer, and when the home innings closed the visitors had an advantage of 37. On the Australians going in again a second time, Mr Palmer again played well, and at the drawing of stumps they were 72 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 August, page 7)

So heavily did it rain yesterday morning at Birmingham that at the time fixed for the continuation of this match the county ground at Edgbaston was under water. It was immediately decided to abandon the game, which had been limited to two days. The Australians left for London, where they will have a day's rest before playing the English team at the Oval to-morrow.

9 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3132.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 August, page 7)

There was a fine display of batting by the Middlesex eleven in this return match, which opened yesterday at Gloucester. The weather was fine and the wicket in excellent condition. Messrs Ford and Daughlish, the captains at Repton and Harrow, assisted the metropolitan county.

Middlesex were batting the whole time that play lasted. Messrs Webbe and Stoddart made a good start for the visitors, who had won the toss and gone in. The batsmen named put on 90 for the first wicket, Mr Webbe being then dismissed. Mr Walker stayed with Mr Stoddart until the figures reached 169; but an addition of 15 also saw the retirement of Spillman. Mr Stoddart was caught at 202 for a very fine 98. He was batting two hours and 50 minutes, and his innings comprised seven fours, seven threes, 12 twos and singles.

Afterwards Messrs Studd, O'Brien and Daughlish severely punished the Gloucestershire bowling. The two last-named gentlemen each hit the ball twice out of the ground for six from Dr W G Grace's bowling. The harrow captain made a most successful first appearance for his county. During the day Mr Radcliffe was injured while fielding and had to retire. Mr Page secured four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 August, page 7)

At the close of Monday's play in this match at Gloucester, it will be remembered that the visitors, who had been in the whole day, had scored 393 in their first innings. Yesterday, owing to rain, the game was not resumed until 3 o'clock.

Gloucestershire then started batting with Dr W G Grace and Mr Radcliffe on a slow wicket. Only six runs had been recorded when a good catch by Mr Walker low down at point dismissed the Gloucestershire captain. Dr E M Grace and Mr Radcliffe improved matters and added 60 runs to the score. The last-named gentleman was batting two hours and ten minutes for his 38. Mr Moberly's stay was brief and fruitless, but Messrs Brain and Townsend showed some excellent batting. They scored 61 for the fifth wicket. Mr Brain's chief hits were four fours and nine twos.

The wicket was now playing treacherously, and as a result of this three batsmen were got rid of quickly. At the drawing of stumps the home eleven, with two wickets to fall, were 250 runs behind. Mr Daughlish kept wicket remarkably well for the metropolitan county.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 August, page 7)

Middlesex gained a decisive victory over the western county at Gloucester yesterday by an innings and 87 runs. Of course, it must not be forgotten that the metropolitan county had all the best of the wicket. When they went in on Monday the turf was in splendid condition, whereas the heavy rain on Tuesday morning gave the bowlers a distinct advantage during the two innings of Gloucestershire.

When play was resumed yesterday the home eleven, with two wickets to fall in their first innings, were 250 runs behind. The remaining batsmen gave more trouble than was anticipated and the figures were increased by 51 runs. Burton secured four wickets . . .

Gloucestershire followed on against a majority of 199. The innings needs little description. Dr W G Grace and Mr Brain were the only batsmen who offered any determined resistance to the bowling of Burton. They added 47 while they were partners. No fewer than five members of the team failed to score, and Dr E M Grace only obtained a single. It was a quarter to 6 when the last wicket fell. Burton bowled very finely, taking eight wickets . . .

9 August: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3134.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 August, page 7)

Although the scoring was slow, the opening day's play in the return match between Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire produced some capital cricket. The game has been anticipated with keen interest, and yesterday upwards of 5,000 people visited the Bramall-lane Grounds, Sheffield. The visitors were strongly represented, but the Yorkshire team differed in two instances from that which opposed Kent at the end of last week, Mr G A B Leatham and Grimshaw displacing Crossland and Mr Lumb. The wicket was fast and true.

Nottinghamshire won the toss and their innings occupied the whole day. Scotton and Shrewsbury opened the defence to the bowling of Emmett and Bates. Runs were scored very slowly. At 33 a change in the bowling was made, Ulyett going on for Bates, while, four runs later, Peate superseded Emmett. This alteration eventually proved successful as, after an hour and 40 minutes' play, Shrewsbury was bowled with the figures at 48. Barnes and Scotton then became partners. The former, after being in an hour and a half for 26, was bowled at 94. During the partnership various changes in the attack were resorted to. Shortly afterwards, Scotton was also bowled for 32. He had played with his customary patience, as may be gleaned from the fact that he was batting three hours and a quarter.

The last six batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 44. With the close of the visitors' innings, play ceased for the day. The bowling and fielding of the Yorkshiremen was exceptionally good.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 August, page 7)

Owing to heavy rain yesterday there was no play in this match at the Bramall-land Ground, Sheffield. Should the weather permit the game will be resumed to-day at 11.30. It will be remembered that on Monday the Nottinghamshire innings lasted all day and closed for 156.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 August, page 7)

It was only the want of time that prevented the Yorkshire eleven being again defeated at Sheffield yesterday. Owing to the rain no progress was made with the match on Tuesday, while the Notts first innings of 156 occupied the whole of Monday.

Yesterday the wicket rendered the bowlers great assistance, as may be gleaned from the fact that Flowers and Attewell bowled throughout the first innings of the home team, whom they dismissed in two hours and 35 minutes for 58. Ulyett and Hall scored 16 for the first wicket in 40 minutes, but afterwards Peel was the only player who batted with any success. Hall was out sixth, after being in an hour and three-quarters for eight runs. Flowers took seven wickets . . .

Yorkshire, who were 98 behind, followed on; two hours and 35 minutes remained for play. Peel and Hall obtained 30 for the first wicket. The last-named, who at one time made no run in 24 overs, was dismissed at 56, having been batting a second time an hour and three-quarters. Subsequently matters again went bad for the home county, as Attewell was put on at 69 and took three wickets in

six overs for one run. When play ceased, Yorkshire with four wickets to fall were 23 runs behind, and Notts consequently had all the best of the draw. Attewell took three wickets . . .

Next week, in the match with Middlesex at Bradford, Peate and Lee stand out from the Yorkshire team and their places will be taken by Rawlin and Ward.

9 August: ESSEX v DERBYSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128318.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 August, page 7)

Derbyshire was batting the whole of yesterday at Leyton in the return match with Essex. The feature of the cricket was the superb innings of 113 by W Chatterton, who was batting three hours and a half and scarcely made a mistake in timing the ball. Though dull the weather was fine, and a fairly large company were present on the county ground. It was within a few minutes of 12.30 before the game was begun.

Derbyshire, who won the toss, then sent in F Sugg and Cropper to the bowling of Messrs Bishop and Buxton. Both the batsmen were dismissed with the figures at 17; F Sugg was bowled and Cropper taken at slip. W Chatterton and Mr Evershed now became partners, but only 20 were added when the amateur was bowled. With W Sugg in, however, a determined stand was made. Several bowling changes were resorted to, but at the adjournment the score had been advanced to 8.

After luncheon, despite numerous changes in the attack, 50 runs were put on in half an hour. Both batsmen continued to play excellent cricket and the score rose rapidly. Sugg gave a possible chance in the slips when he had made 41. At length, at 196, the players were separated, Sugg returning the ball. His 55 included three fours, four threes and six twos. Since the fall of the third wicket no fewer than 159 runs had been added. Mr Maynard aided W Chatterton, who, by a square leg hit for four, brought 200 on the board, and completed his own 100 at 25 minutes to 5. Runs were then scored at the rate of one per minute until, at 222, Chatterton was caught from a skier by Almond running from mid-on towards short-leg. He had been at the wickets three and a half hours, during which 25 runs were added. His fine innings of 113 included nine fours, nine threes and eleven twos. Five for 222.

With J Chatterton and Mr Maynard as partners another stand was made. These batsmen increased the score by 65 before they were separated. J Chatterton, who had played very good cricket, was then very cleverly caught low down at cover point. Six for 287. Mr Eadie joined Mr Maynard, and the third hundred was reached at 10 minutes past 6. Eight runs later Mr Eadie was bowled, and with the fall of his wicket play ceased for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 August, page 7)

The heavy rain yesterday morning prevented the match at Leyton between these counties from being resumed until half-past 3 in the afternoon. When Derbyshire, who had lost seven wickets for 308, went on with their batting, the wicket played very easy. Davidson joined Mr Maynard, the not out with 38. The bowlers were Pickett and Mr Buxton.

Only seven runs were added before the professional was caught at cover point. Eight for 315. With Mr Walker and Mr Maynard as companions the score for a time rose slowly. Afterwards Mr Walker hit vigorously and, despite variations in the attack, 57 had been put on for the partnership, when Mr Walker was taken at third man. Both batsmen had been missed; Mr Walker gave a chance to the wicket-keeper (Myers) standing back; while Mr Maynard when he had made 47 should have been caught at point. Disney and Mr Maynard added 21 for the last wicket, the former being then bowled. Mr Maynard took out his bat for an excellent 76. Among his contributions were six fours,

four threes and ten twos. Seven bowlers had been tried. Mr Buxton claimed four wickets . . .

Essex began batting at 20 minutes past 5 with Messrs Buxton and Owen. W Sugg opened the bowling, and from his first delivery Mr Buxton was dismissed by a catch at the wicket. Mr Francis, who joined Mr Owen, soon began to hit freely. Davidson bowled from the pavilion end. Mr Francis scored two fours in an over from Sugg, causing the last-named to give way to W Chatterton at 35. Nine runs later Mr Walker superseded Davidson, and at length at 54 Mr Francis was taken at slip for a well-played innings of 37. Almond came, and Davidson resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Walker. However, no further wicket fell . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 August, page 7)

Fine weather favoured the concluding day's play in the match between these counties at Leyton. The rain of Tuesday caused the wicket to play treacherously, but in spite of this the home eleven played an uphill game with great determination. When stumps were drawn on Tuesday Derbyshire had scored a first innings of 393, and Essex had obtained 56 for the loss of two wickets. The not outs (Mr Owen 14 and Almond one) were confronted at a quarter to 12 by W Sugg and Davidson.

Only seven runs were added, and then the amateur was bowled in attempting to hit to leg. Mr Stevens stayed while 13 runs were being scored, after which his middle stump was upset by a ball from Davidson. With the figures at 83 a further misfortune befell the home county, Mr Green being clean bowled. Five down. Silcock and Almond, however, improved matters. Although Cropper was tried at 95 the 100 was reached at a quarter to 1. Several further changes in the attack were resorted to, despite which runs were scored quickly. Silcock when he had made 23 was missed by W Chatterton at slip. He profited little by his escape as, having obtained two more, he was taken at slip. Since the fall of the fifth wicket 77 runs had been added. Six for 160. Myers followed in and nine runs later the players adjourned for luncheon.

On the game being resumed at a quarter to 3, Davidson and Mr Walker conducted the bowling. Almond, who was not out 64, continued his free hitting. At 188, however, he lost the company of Myers, whom Mr Walker easily caught and bowled with his left hand. Jones was dismissed by a bailer at 199, while Pickett having seen the 200 signalled was beaten by a ball from Mr Walker. Mr Bishop was dismissed by the first delivery he received, and the innings closed at 3.25. Almond carried out his bat for a well hit 84. He had been at the wickets three hours, and among his contributions were nine fours, five threes and eight twos. W Sugg claimed three wickets . . .

In a minority of 191, the home eleven followed on at a quarter to 4. Mr Owen and Almond opened the batting, and the bowlers were Davidson and Mr Walker. In Davidson's second over Almond was finely caught at the wicket. With one batsman out and only two runs scored the outlook was by no means bright for Essex. When Messrs Owen and Francis became partners the score rose steadily so that at 34 W Sugg superseded Mr Walker. Without alteration in the figures Mr Francis was bowled. Two more batsmen were got rid of at 48, Mr Stevens being caught at point, while Mr Green was bowled first ball.

A stand was now made by Silcock and Mr Owen. J Chatterton and Cropper were put on to bowl, and at 70 another change in the attack was tried, Mr Walker resuming. From the last-named's first ball Mr Owen, who had shown some very good cricket, was caught in the slips. Six for 70. Four runs later Silcock was bowled by Davidson, who had gone on again just previously. Silcock had played patiently for 13. Myers was well caught at short mid-on at 77. Jones and Pickett scored 15

before the latter had his middle stump bowled down, and Mr Bishop was out at 113. Thus Essex were defeated, at 6 o'clock, by an innings and 78 runs. Davidson claimed eight wickets . . .

9 August: SUSSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3133.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 August, page 7)

In cloudy weather these counties began their return match yesterday at Brighton. Mr A G Steel was absent from the Lancashire eleven, while Bean, owing to an accident, was unable to take his place in the Sussex team.

Lancashire won the toss and went in first. Mr A N Hornby and Barlow scored 51 for the first wicket. Subsequently for a time matters went badly for the visitors, and four batsmen had been dismissed when the figures had reached 75. Mr Eccles and Robinson then became partners, and despite several bowling variations they doubled the total before they were separated. Robinson hit with freedom for 54, which included nine fours, a three and three twos. Mr Lancashire and Yates also scored freely for a time, and eventually the innings realized 211. Phillips kept wicket very well, while Humphreys went on with his lobs a second time at 187 and quickly captured the last four batsmen. Humphreys altogether claimed four wickets . . .

Sussex started badly, losing two wickets for ten, but afterwards matters improved. Mr Newham, Tester and Mr Thomas batted with success . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 August, page 7)

The Sussex eleven gained a distinct advantage in this match at Brighton yesterday. When play ceased on Monday evening, the home side, with three wickets down in their first innings, were 113 runs behind. Rain prevented the game being resumed until a quarter to 3.

Tester, 39, and Mr Thomas, 17, the not outs, then continued the Sussex defence. Both batsmen scored rapidly, and 42 were added before a catch at slip sent back Tester. He had played very good cricket, and his only mistake was a chance to Watson at slip with his figures at 19. Among his hits were seven fours, three threes and four twos. Mr Thomas was run out at 169 for a well-played innings of 58. He had given a chance on Monday night at the wicket before he had scored, but afterwards he batted in splendid form. Seven fours, a three and ten twos were included in his contributions. After this gentleman's dismissal the remaining five wickets were captured for an addition of 31, the innings closing at half-past 4 for 200. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

Lancashire, who had an advantage of 11 runs, went in a second time. They lost six wickets for 20 runs, while the seventh fell at 29. Mr Lancashire, who gave a return chance to Jesse Hide, then scored a most useful 21; yet, despite his efforts, the venture terminated for 60. The wicket became very difficult towards the close of the day. Humphreys, who was put on to bowl late in the innings, claimed the last two wickets in one over and two balls (one maiden). Tester took three wickets . . .

Sussex, with an innings to play, now require 72 runs for victory. The weather during the afternoon was very fine.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 August, page 7)

The task which Lancashire had set their opponents on Tuesday evening of obtaining 72 for victory at one time yesterday seemed likely to prove too much for the home eleven. Eventually Sussex won by four wickets. The weather at Brighton was dull and the wicket proved slow, though it was by no means very difficult.

Sussex began their second innings at half-past 11, but the start was not promising. Mr Cotterill was soon bowled and, after a stand by Mr Newham and Tester, batsmen were dismissed with such rapidity that six had been got rid of when the total had reached 48. Then Jesse Hide hit finely, and in a few overs he contributed five fours, winning the match for Sussex at a quarter past 1 by four wickets.

Great enthusiasm was naturally shown by the spectators at their county's victory over the Lancashire eleven. The bowling and fielding of the visitors were very fine. Barlow claimed three wickets . . .

11 August: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v CHESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128578.html)

Day 1 (report from Thursday 12 August, page 7)

Great progress was made with the match between Marylebone and Cheshire, which opened yesterday at Lord's. The County went in first, but offered only a feeble resistance to the bowling of Rylott and Mycroft. The former secured six wickets . . .

Owing chiefly to the good defence shown by Mr Wilde, Mr Pontifex and Hay, the home eleven at the end of an innings each were 91 runs ahead. Wotherspoon took four wickets . . . Cheshire went in a second time . . .

Yesterday, in the match at Lord's between Cheshire and Marylebone, Mr H Bromley-Davenport, while fielding, fell and seriously injured his collar-bone.

Day 2 (report from Friday 13 August, page 6)

After an interesting game the match at Lord's between Marylebone and Cheshire terminated in a victory for the home eleven. When the contest was resumed the visitors, with seven wickets to fall, required 33 to avert a single innings defeat. Owing chiefly to some free hitting by Pointon, Wotherspoon and Millward, Marylebone were left with 108 to obtain for victory. Mycroft took three wickets . . .

On Marylebone going in a second time, Mr Sainsbury and Wheeler scored 76 for the first wicket. Both batsmen were then dismissed, while only a single had been added when Messrs Pontifex and Hattersley-Smith were got rid of. Hay and Mr Wilde were out at 102, after which the necessary runs were obtained and Cheshire were beaten by four wickets . . .

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ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

To-day at Kennington Oval the third and last of the matches arranged under this title will be begun. England will be represented by precisely the same team as played at Lord's – viz., Dr W G Grace, Mr A G Steel, Mr W W Read and Mr E F S Tylecote, with Barlow, Barnes, Briggs, Lohmann, Scotton, Shrewsbury and Ulyett.

12 August: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3135.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 August, page 6)

When the composition of the fifth Australian team became known, it was at once seen that, as far as batting was concerned, the side was inferior to its predecessors of 1882 and 1884. This fact has now been conclusively proved, while the surmise that any weakness in the defence would be counterbalanced by the addition to the bowling strength has proved incorrect.

Yet the misfortunes experienced by the Australians in the disablement of Mr Spofforth must not be forgotten. Up to the time he was injured in the Gentlemen's match at Lord's he had been bowling as well as ever; but since his recovery he seems to have lost much of the command over the ball which he formerly held.

It was naturally thought that some of the interest had departed from the matches in which the Australians opposed the full strength of England, yet, judging from the large attendance at Kennington Oval yesterday, this does not seem to have been the case. No fewer than 11, 302 persons paid for admission to witness the opening day's play in the eighth match on an English ground under the title of England v Australia. Of the other seven England won four, lost one and drew the other two.

On the present occasion the home side is precisely the same as that which inflicted so severe a defeat on the Colonials at Lord's, while Messrs Bonnor and Jarvis stand out from the Australian team. England won the toss and were batting the whole day. Dr W G Grace, who until recently held the record for the highest individual total against Australian bowling in this country, treated the spectators to a fine display of batting. He got within 16 of Maurice Read's score on the Oval a fortnight ago, and beat Shrewsbury's innings at Lord's by six runs. He gave several chances, despite which his innings will rank among the best he has played. Mr Scott should have caught him at slip when the total was only six, and it is needless to say how terribly expensive this error proved to the visitors. At starting the cricket was tedious, but after the luncheon interval Dr Grace hit brilliantly, while Scotton, his companion, was still content to act strictly on the defensive.

In dull and threatening weather Scotton and Dr Grace began the English batting at 10 minutes past 12. Messrs Giffen and Garrett were the bowlers. Both batsmen played with caution, and the only items in 16 overs were a four in the slips and two singles by Dr Grace. These were the only runs scored when the Gloucestershire captain was missed by Mr Scott at short-slip – a by no means difficult chance. Subsequently neither batsman seemed at home. The ball kept low and

occasionally shot. An off drive for three by Scotton was the only contribution in eight overs, and a proof of the careful cricket was furnished by the fact that 35 minutes had elapsed before ten runs were announced. Dr Grace now enlivened matters with a lofty on drive from Mr Garrett. What few runs were scored still came from Dr Grace's bat. By three singles and an off drive for two he raised the score to 19 – the result of an hour's play.

Five minutes later a single by Dr Grace caused 20 to be announced. The last-named batsman then drove Mr Giffen to the on for two, while the professional obtained three in the opposite direction. Mr Grace when he had made 23 gave a hard return chance to Mr Giffen's left hand. Profiting by his escape, the Gloucestershire captain cut Mr Garrett for three and hit the other bowler to square-leg for four, and drove him to the on with a like result. Mr Palmer had relieved Mr Garrett at 37, and a further chance was tried at 41, Mr Bruce superseding Mr Giffen. The play then became much more interesting. Dr Grace secured two by an off drive, while Scotton hit Mr Palmer finely to square-leg for four. Previously to this the Notts batsman had only contributed a couple of threes. He next obtained three by a leg hit, and 50 appeared on the telegraph board at five minutes to 2. Three singles and a two were added in seven overs before the luncheon adjournment.

During the interval the weather improved, and when the game was resumed at 10 minutes to 3 the sun was shining brightly, while the attendance had largely increased. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer had charge of the bowling. The wicket still played a little false, and Mr Spofforth's deliveries several times struck the batsmen on the hands. Runs came steadily, most of them being obtained by Dr Grace, who, after driving Mr Palmer to the off for four, completed his 50 at 3.10. Dr Grace now drove a no-ball from Mr Spofforth to the on-boundary, while a superb cut by Scotton realized four. Shortly afterwards Dr Grace with the wicket-keeper was completely beaten by a ball from Mr Palmer, which broke right across the pitch.

With his figures at 60 Dr Grace was missed low down at long-off by Mr Bruce, who started very late, or might have easily effected the catch. This mistake was from Mr Spofforth, whom the Gloucestershire captain next drove twice to the on for four each, the second ball falling on the top of the stand. This punishment brought on Mr Giffen in lieu of Mr Spofforth at 95. Dr Grace, however, by an off drive to the boundary brought up the 100 at half-past 3.

A further variation was now made in the attack, Mr Evans displaced Mr Palmer. This failed even to stop the run-getting, as Dr Grace still scored very quickly. He cut the new bowler for three, and Mr Giffen he drove straight for four. He then scored two fours in an over from Mr Giffen, but then gave a possible chance to Mr M'Ilwraith at slip, his score at that time standing [at] 93. Dr Grace, by a drive and a leg hit for four each, completed his 100 amid tremendous applause at five minutes to 4.

Mr Trumble was tried in place of Mr Giffen at 129, but in his first over Dr Grace made a square-leg hit and an on-drive for four each. The rate of run-getting now slackened considerably, and the only items in the next seven overs were two twos and a three by the amateur. Mr Palmer displaced Mr Evans, who had sent down 13 overs for six runs. In Mr Palmer's second over Scotton, who had not scored for over an hour, obtained two by an off drive. Mr Garrett was now put on at the pavilion end, but the change proved as fruitless as its predecessors. Dr Grace snicked Mr Garrett for four and Scotton drove Mr Palmer to the off for four and placed him to leg for three. Dr Grace then drove Mr Garrett to the off for four, and a few overs later he secured the same number by a snick. At length at 170 the batsmen were separated, Scotton playing a ball from Mr Garrett on to his wicket. He had been batting three hours and three-quarters and had played a fine defensive innings.

Shrewsbury aided Dr Grace, who, after some slow cricket, drove Mr Palmer to the off for four and hit him to leg with a like result. Dr Grace increased his score to 150 at five minutes past 5. Mr Spofforth then bowled in lieu of Mr Palmer at 192, but Dr Grace continued his free hitting, and after bringing up 200 at a quarter past 5, he increased his score to 168 – four better than Shrewsbury's innings at Lord's. Shortly afterwards he was nearly caught and bowled, but he had only added a single when he was splendidly taken at the wicket. He had been batting four and a half hours, and despite the chances mentioned had hit very finely. Among his contributions were 22 fours, four threes and 17 twos. He had scored 170 out of 216.

Mr Walter Read and Shrewsbury now became partners. The former soon began to score freely, and by obtaining a couple of fours from Mr Spofforth, he caused that bowler to give way to Mr Giffen at 230. Each batsman gained a four, after which several maidens were sent down. Mr Read played Mr Giffen to leg for four, and 250 was signalled at 6 o'clock. Mr Trumble now relieved Mr Giffen, who went on at the other end four runs later. Both batsmen, however, appeared thoroughly set, and runs were coming quickly when at half-past 6 stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 August, page 7)

Should the weather to-day prove favourable there is little probability of the Australians averting another decisive beating at the hands of the English eleven. There was an absence of anything remarkable in the way of batting, but the feature of yesterday's cricket was the bowling of Lohmann and Briggs, who dismissed the Colonials in an hour and 50 minutes for less than 70 runs. It must not be forgotten that the rain and sun had rendered the wicket so terribly false that the batsmen were altogether unable to time the ball.

When the Englishmen went on with their innings, Mr W W Read and Briggs were the only batsmen who offered any determined resistance to the Colonial attacks. Several of those who comparatively failed played very feebly. On the other hand, Mr Walter Read obtained his runs in quite his old style; yet he had the misfortune to get out when he only required six to reach the much-coveted century. In the large English total there were only three byes – a proof of the excellence of Mr Blackham's wicket-keeping. On both sides the fielding was smart and clean, and during the day some remarkably good catches were effected.

About noon the weather was by no means promising, but after a couple of showers it proved very pleasant for the remainder of the time. The attendance showed a slight falling off from that of the opening day, still within a few of 10,000 persons paid for admission to the Oval. The score at the drawing of stumps the previous evening stood – England, 279 for two wickets.

Heavy rain fell in London on Thursday night and yesterday morning, while a shower at 11.30 delayed the start until five minutes past 12. The wicket had been rendered very soft, and of course the bowlers were unable to break the ball very much while it remained wet. Shrewsbury and Mr Walter Read, the not outs with 42 and 30, were confronted by Messrs Garrett (pavilion end) and Trumble. Three singles in as many overs were followed by an off drive by Mr Read to the boundary. A run later Shrewsbury was neatly caught at third man by Mr Jones. He had played very fine cricket for 44, and his hits included five fours, two threes and five twos. He had been batting just two hours. Three for 287.

Barnes aided Mr Read, who cut Mr Garrett for two, while the first-named made a leg hit with a like result. When each batsman had secured another single Barnes was splendidly caught, high up, by

Mr Evans at point. Only six runs had been added since the fall of the third wicket. Mr A G Steel was greeted with loud cheers as he made his way from the pavilion. He scored from the first two balls sent him, making a cut for two and a single, both from Mr Trumble. Three runs were added in four overs, and then a very heavy shower stopped the game for seven or eight minutes.

On resuming Mr Steel quickly cut Mr Trumble for two and brought the third hundred on the telegraph board at ten minutes to 1. Five runs later Mr Steel was easily stumped, and half the wickets were down for 305. Up to this point Mr Trumble had bowled 14 overs for 16 runs and three wickets. Both batsmen played carefully, and eight runs had been obtained in the same number of overs, when there was another interruption by rain for five minutes; the score was then 313m Mr Read being not out, 47. After the game had been continued only a single was added before Barlow fell to a brilliant catch at slip. Six for 314. Ulyett's stay was brief and fruitless, as, after Mr Read had made six by drives for four and two, he was easily caught at third man. Seven for 320.

With Briggs and Mr Read together the score rose steadily; but the amateur when his figures were at 58 might have been caught at extra mid-off by Mr Scott. The Australian captain made a determined effort to effect the catch. Several twos by each batsman and a cut for three by Mr Walter Read raised the score to 340. The first change in the bowling during the day was now tried, Mr Spofforth displacing Mr Trumble. Since the start, shortly after noon, Messrs Garrett and Trumble had conducted the attack, with the result that five wickets had been captured for 61 runs. Four more overs were bowled before luncheon, and these were all maidens, only a bye being recorded. Mr Read was not out 69.

Play was resumed at ten minutes to 3, the bowling being in the hands of Messrs Trumble and Garrett (pavilion end). Briggs at once began to hit freely, and by a leg hit for four he caused 350 to appear at 2.55. He next gained three by a splendid cut, and shortly afterwards obtained four by a similar stroke. In the same over he scored three from a square leg hit, while Mr Read also drove Mr Trumble to the on for four. With the score at 372 a two-fold change in the attack was resorted to, Messrs Palmer and Giffen going on. Briggs, however, continued his free hitting, and in the first half an hour after luncheon 56 runs were scored. This rate of run-getting continued, and Briggs, by a cut for four, brought up 400 and completed his 50 at 3.25. A fine leg hit by Mr Read to the boundary increased the score to 410, at which total Mr Spofforth displaced Mr Giffen. From his second ball the new bowler got Briggs taken at slip. Ninety runs had been registered during the partnership, of which number the Lancashire professional had contributed 53 by three fours, five threes, eight twos and singles.

Eight runs later Mr Read was dismissed, when there was every appearance of a three-figure innings by him. He was well caught at long-on by Mr Jones for a superb 94, which had taken rather more than three hours and a half to accumulate. He had played the best cricket of the innings, and his hits included eight fours, two threes and 15 twos. After Mr Tylecote had been missed by Mr Jones at long-on – a rather difficult chance – he lost the company of Lohmann, whom Mr Spofforth clean bowled, and the innings closed at ten minutes to 4 for 434. Mr Spofforth had taken the last three wickets in fivers and a ball for ten runs.

Messrs Jones and Palmer opened the Australian defence at ten minutes past 4 to the bowling of Lohmann (pavilion end) and Briggs. Each professional sent down a maiden, after which Jones secured two by an on-drive. The next ball was pitched short and Mr Jones, in attempting to hit it round, skied it to Dr Grace at forward short-leg. The downfall of the Australian batsman brought forth a ringing cheer right round the ground, which was renewed when, at 11, Mr Giffen was easily caught at point. Mr Scott then joined Mr Palmer, who snicked Lohmann for four and drove him

with a like result.

Matters, however, soon went badly for the Colonials. At 22 Mr Palmer was easily taken at short-leg, while at 34 Mr Scott fell to a brilliant catch at the wicket. In the same over Mr M'Ilwraith, after obtaining a couple through the slips, was bowled by a splendid ball from Lohmann. A single later Mr Blackham was cleverly caught and bowled by Briggs, who jumped up to secure the ball. Six for 37. Mr Garrett stayed while seven runs were added in nine overs, and was then taken low down at forward short leg. Seven for 44.

An addition of five saw the dismissal of Mr Trumble, who was secured from a skier by Mr Read running from third man to cover-point. With Messrs Bruce and Evans as partners the 50 was reached at half-past 5. The play was watched with keen interest, and scarcely a sound was heard among the immense company. What proved to be the best hit of the innings – a fine off drive for four by Mr Bruce – caused some loud cheering; but at 67 this gentleman was easily caught at mid-off. Just previously Dr Grace had effected a brilliant piece of fielding at forward short-leg. Mr Spofforth only scored a single and then retired clean bowled, the innings closing within a minute of 6 o'clock for the meagre total of 68.

Against a majority of 366 the Colonials followed on at a quarter past 6. Briggs and Lohmann, who had met with such success in the previous innings, opened the attack to Messrs Evans and M'Ilwraith. Four byes, a leg hit for two and two singles resulted from nine overs, and then play ceased for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 August, page 10)

The Australians on Saturday at Kennington Oval suffered the most severe reverse that has ever been experienced by any of the five colonial teams that have visited the mother country. From the state of the game overnight nothing but a victory for the home eleven could have been anticipated, though the unsettled state of the weather left the possibility of the Australians escaping a beating on account of rain. However, it kept fine, with the result that the bowlers proved even more difficult to oppose than on the previous evening, and less than three hours' play proved sufficient to decide the match. On Friday evening the Australians, with ten wickets to fall, required 358 to save the innings defeat.

Messrs Evans (1) and M'Ilwraith (3), the not-outs, resumed the colonial defence at 11.35 to the bowling of Briggs (gasometer end) and Lohmann. Mr Evans obtained two from a leg hit, but this, with two byes, was the only result of seven overs. Mr M'Ilwraith then played the ball to leg, and in attempting a second run for the hit he lost the company of Mr Evans, who was dismissed through a smart piece of fielding by Dr Grace and Lohmann. Mr Jones followed in, but only three runs had been added when a splendid catch at wicket sent back Mr M'Ilwraith.

With Mr Giffen as a partner Mr Jones soon secured a couple by an on-drive, while a leg hit and an off-drive by the first-named gentleman realized four runs each. After being nearly caught at the wicket Mr Jones was easily taken at third man. Three for 26. Mr Scott, who came in, scored four runs in six overs before he skied the ball, and was well taken by Dr Grace running to short-leg. Four wickets were down for 30 when Mr Palmer arrived to the aid of Mr Giffen.

Three singles were followed by Mr Palmer driving a ball from Lohmann on to the roof of the members' stand, and in the next over from that bowler he obtained four by a square leg hit and two

by a drive. After some steady play another fine hit by Mr Palmer off Lohmann was witnessed, the ball a second time dropping on top of the stand to the right of the pavilion. This caused "50" to be signalled at 12.35. Mr Palmer was immediately afterwards badly missed by Scotton at long-on. Profiting by his mistake he drove Briggs twice for two, while his companion by a similar stroke obtained four runs from Lohmann. For the first time in the match the English attack was now varied, Barlow displacing Briggs at 62. Both batsmen contributed a couple, and then Barnes was tried in lieu of Lohmann. Two maidens ensued, but Mr Palmer soon caused some loud cheering by driving a ball on to the members' stand off Barnes, whom Mr Giffen had just previously cut for three.

Further alterations were now made in the attack – Barlow crossed over and his place at the gasometer wicket was taken by Mr Steel. The latter change soon had the desired effect, as when half a dozen runs had been added Mr Palmer was easily stumped. Fifty-four runs had been registered during the partnership, and both the batsmen had played very good cricket. Five for 84.

Mr Trumble joined Mr Giffen. He at once began to score quickly, driving Mr Steel for three and hitting the other bowler to leg with a like result. Three twos and a single by Mr Giffen raised the figures to 97, at which total Lohmann resumed bowling in place of Barlow. Despite the change, Mr Trumble gained three by a leg hit, and the "100" appeared on the telegraph board at half-past 1. Eight runs came from Mr Steel's next over. Mr Giffen hit him to square-leg for four, while his partner drove the English captain to the off for three. When Mr Giffen had scored 40 he was missed by Briggs at cover-point, a somewhat easy chance off Lohmann's bowling. Briggs relieved Mr Steel at 112, and from his second delivery Mr Trumble was let off by Barlow at long-off. Mr Giffen drove Lohmann straight for four, but in the following over from Briggs a finely-judged catch in the long field sent back Mr Trumble. Six for 120.

Mr Blackham filled the vacancy. He pulled a ball from Lohmann to square-leg for four, but at 129 he was cleverly caught low down at forward short-leg. Mr Bruce came next but, having made an off-drive for two, he lost the company of Mr Giffen, who fell to an excellent return catch. This gentleman had played a remarkably good innings of 47, and among his contributions were five fours, one three and five twos. Eight wickets were down for 131, when the luncheon interval was taken.

Mr Garrett accompanied Mr Bruce to the wicket afterwards, the bowlers again being Lohmann and Briggs. Six runs were obtained in as many overs, and then Mr Garrett was easily taken at point from a skier. Messrs Bruce and Spofforth added 12 runs before the former was clean bowled, and the match terminated at 10 minutes past 3, England winning by an innings and 217 runs. Except for the catches that were missed, the fielding of the home side was quite up to the average, Mr Tylecote's wicket-keeping being particularly good. In their two innings the visitors put together exactly half the number of runs scored by England.

12 August: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3136.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 August, page 6)

Middlesex were strongly represented in their return match with Kent, which opened yesterday at Gravesend. On the other hand, the home county missed the services of A Hearne, who, owing to an accident, was unable to assist his side.

Kent went in first, and at a quarter past 12 Mr W H Patterson and Frank Hearne were confronted by Mr Robertson and Burton. The start was by no means promising, as only seven runs had been recorded when the amateur was bowled. Frank and George Hearne, however, made a capital stand and, although the bowling was varied, they put on 80 runs before they were separated. F Hearne, who had hit with freedom, was then taken at the wicket for 47; his chief items were five fours and six threes.

Lord Harris stayed while 46 runs were added, and was then caught at mid-off, while at 137 George Hearne was dismissed. He had played faultless cricket for 53, and his hits included six fours, five threes and three twos. Four more wickets were captured for an addition of 24 runs, making eight down for 161. Despite a stand by Mr A J Thornton and Wootton, the innings eventually closed for 196. Burton took five wickets . . .

Messrs Webbe and Stoddart started the Middlesex batting. In an hour and a half they obtained 106 runs by excellent cricket, despite the fact that Mr Webbe was once let off. From the score appended it will be seen that Middlesex, with all ten wickets to fall, are only 90 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 August, page 7)

Very fine batting was shown by the Middlesex eleven at Gravesend yesterday, when they were at the wickets nearly the whole day and scored altogether 457. Overnight Kent had completed an innings for 196, and the visitors had obtained 106 without the loss of a wicket.

Messrs Webb and Stoddart, the not outs with 60 and 42, resumed the Middlesex defence shortly after 11 o'clock. Both gentlemen hit very finely and, despite frequent changes in the bowling, the figures had reached 205 before Mr Webbe was taken at cover-slip for a splendid innings of 103. He was batting for three hours, and his hits included eight fours, seven threes and 11 twos. Mr Stoddart was run out at 231. He had also played superb cricket, and his 116 consisted of eight fours, nine threes, nine twos and singles.

Messrs Scott and Walker increased the score to 283, but the former should have been caught at mid-off when he had made three. Spillman was taken at short-leg from the first ball he received; but then followed another determined stand by Messrs O'Brien and Walker. Ninety-seven were added during their partnership, the score being 380 when the fifth wicket fell. Mr Walker was caught at long-off. His chief hits were eight fours, six threes and four twos. Four more batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 36 runs. Burton stayed with Mr O'Brien while 41 were scored, and then with the former's departure the venture closed at a quarter to 5 for 457. Mr O'Brien carried out his bat for a brilliant innings of 88. Among his contributions were nine fours, eight threes and three twos. Nine bowlers had been tried, but only five of them proved effective . . .

Kent, who required 261 to avert an innings defeat, went in a second time. At 32 Mr Patterson skied the ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper standing back. Afterwards George and Frank Hearne played out time. Both played good cricket. Several showers fell during the day, but otherwise the weather was fine.

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 August, page 10)

Seldom has a more remarkable game been played than that finished on Saturday at Gravesend between the county elevens of Kent and Middlesex. The weather was fine on each of the three days over which the contest extended, and the wicket throughout played very true. Even when stumps were drawn on Saturday there was no sign of its breaking up – a remarkable fact considering that upwards of a thousand runs had been scored on it.

When play was resumed on Saturday morning the home eleven, with nine wickets to fall, required 197 to avert an innings defeat. At ten minutes past 11 Frank and George Hearne, the not outs, with 36 and 14, were confronted by Messrs Robertson and Burton. Both men scored freely, and at 85 a change in the bowling was tried, Mr Stoddart displacing Mr Robinson. Despite a further variation in the attack – West going on – a cut for two by George Hearne brought up the 100 at a quarter to 12, amid loud applause. Burton was put on at 112, but ten runs later he gave way to Mr Webbe, off whom Frank Hearne gave a possible chance to Mr Robertson at short slip. He had then scored 68.

After Mr Ford had been tried at 126 the rate of run-getting slackened, and in a quarter of an hour only four were recorded. Shortly afterwards George Hearne had a narrow escape of being run out. More changes in the bowling followed, in spite of which Frank Hearne, by a single, completed his hundred at a quarter past 1, the total then standing at 172. Burton having missed a difficult return catch from that batsman, the figures reached 173, and at this point an adjournment was made for luncheon, half an hour earlier than usual.

The customary interval having elapsed, the game was resumed, the bowlers being Burton and Mr Ford. At 195 the former crossed over and his place was taken by Mr Webbe. Still runs came quickly and at ten minutes to 3 the second hundred was reached. The bowling continued to be altered frequently, until at 258 Frank Hearne was dismissed for a brilliant innings of 142. He had been in five hours and his contributions included 16 fours, 11 threes and nine twos. During the partnership 226 runs had been scored. Frank Hearne had not previously obtained an innings of 100 in a first-class match.

Lord Harris, who followed in, hit vigorously, and the innings defeat was soon averted. Three hundred was telegraphed at 4.35, but a few minutes later either batsman might have been run out. Mr Walker was tried for one over, in which there were two wides and four runs. Lord Harris continued to hit brilliantly, until at 366 he was bowled. Of the 108 scored since the second wicket had fallen the Kent captain had obtained 76 by nine fours, eight threes, two twos &c.

Mr Kemp was bowled without scoring, while at 374 George Hearne was got rid of by Mr Webbe. This professional had already an excellent batting average for his county, and his 126 on the present occasion furnished another instance of the consistently good cricket which he has recently shown. He was batting six hours and 20 minutes, and his hits included 12 fours, nine threes and 14 twos. With his dismissal stumps were drawn and the match left unfinished. The brothers Hearne deserve great credit for their splendid performance, and when they were separated the match was practically

saved. Eight bowlers were tried . . .

12 August: HAMPSHIRE v NORFOLK

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

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 August, page 6)

These counties began a match at Norwich yesterday, when a capital day's cricket was witnessed. Hampshire went in first and during the innings some excellent cricket was shown by Messrs Forster and Powell, who between scored 118 runs out of a total of 208. Mr Raikes claimed four wickets . . .

When Norfolk went in the bowling of Young proved very effective, and at the drawing of stumps there was every appearance of the home eleven having to follow on.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 August, page 7)

As had been anticipated at the end of the first day's play, the match between these counties terminated at Norwich yesterday in an easy victory for Hampshire. In the double innings of Norfolk, Young claimed 13 wickets . . .

During the day rain several times interfered with the game. It will be seen from the appended score that the visitors won by eight wickets.

13 August: CHESHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128329.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 14 August, page 7)

Leicestershire, who have the distinction of having defeated the powerful Surrey team this season, yesterday began a match with Cheshire at Stockport. Rain seriously interfered with the game, and when it finally stopped the play at 4 o'clock the score stood as under . . . [Scorecard follows.]

Day 2 (report from Monday 16 August, page 7)

In fine weather the match between these counties was concluded on Saturday at Stockport. For the visitors Pougher and Mr Arnall-Thompson bowled very effectively, while Millward claimed seven of the Leicestershire wickets. From the appended score it will be seen that the game was drawn.

13 August: ESSEX v HERTFORDSHIRE

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

Day 1 (report from Saturday 14 August, page 7)

Yesterday in the match between these counties at Bishop's Stortford rain twice interrupted the play. Hertfordshire went in first, and Mr Pigg hit vigorously for 55, but gave two chances before he was finally dismissed. Among his contributions were one four, seven threes and eight twos. Mr Bishop took three wickets . . . Essex went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Monday 16 August, page 7)

After a capital match the game between these counties terminated at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday in a draw. In the two innings of Essex Mr C Pigg obtained 14 wickets . . . in the second innings of Hertfordshire Pickett claimed six wickets . . .

Saturday 14 August, page 7: Another match has been arranged at Lord's between the Australians and an England eleven. It is to be played on September 13, 14 and 15, and the proceeds will be given as a testimonial to Mr J A Murdoch, the assistant secretary of the Marylebone Club. This gentleman for many years past has worked with great energy in the interest of cricket. Dr W G Grace had undertaken to captain the English eleven.

16 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3138.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 August, page 7)

As far as it has progressed there has been nothing remarkable in the opening match of the Cheltenham Week. Throughout yesterday the cricket was slow, despite the fact that the wicket was kept easy by a couple of showers. On the whole the weather was fine and a large company of spectators watched the cricket. Gloucestershire are well represented; but the Australians are without the services of Messrs Giffen and Jarvis. The latter is still suffering from an injured foot; while the former received news from Australia of his brother's death and stood out of the match. In consequence of this, Mr Bonnor was telegraphed for, but he did not arrive on the ground in time to take his innings.

Successful in the toss, the Australians opened their defence with Messrs Jones and Palmer to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Woof. Both batsmen played steadily, and the largest item for a considerable time was a drive by Mr Palmer for four. Mr Hale superseded Dr Grace at 33, but when four runs had been added rain stopped the game. It was soon decided to take luncheon, and play was not resumed until 10 minutes to 3.

Mr Page and Woof then had charge of the bowling. Only five runs were added before Mr Palmer obstructed his wicket. He had shown good form for 20. One for 42. Now matters went very badly for the colonials. Mr Jones had his leg stump upset at 46, and an addition of a single saw the dismissal of Mr Scott, who was finely caught low down at mid-on. Nine runs later Mr M'Ilwraith was secured at point, and at 61 Mr Blackham was clean bowled. Mr Bruce followed in, but after an interruption for 20 minutes by rain, he was clean bowled – off stump. Six for 65.

Messrs Garrett and Trumble now became partners, and some of the best cricket of the day was shown. As the batsmen appeared thoroughly set, Dr W G Grace went on in lieu of Woof at 92. He soon got Mr Trumble easily taken at square leg for a well-played innings. With Mr Evans in, the 100 was soon announced. Mr Garrett was then dismissed by a bailer, and at 119, a catch at deep square-leg sent back Mr Spofforth. As Mr Bonnor was absent, the innings closed. Both the bowling and fielding of the Gloucestershire side had been very good.

On the home eleven going in, Mr Spofforth bowled with great effect. At seven, he bowled Dr W G Grace's leg stump, and a single later, he dismissed Mr Radcliffe in a similar manner. Mr Townsend, after having a narrow escape of being run out, was also bowled . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 August, page 6)

Yesterday the Cheltenham College ground was visited by a very large company of spectators, who took keen interest in the day's cricket. This proved of an even character, and at the drawing of stumps last evening neither side could be said to have any advantage. On Monday evening the play ceased with the score in the following condition: - The Australians, first innings, 119; Gloucestershire, 23 for three wickets.

Yesterday Messrs Spofforth and Garrett bowled with great effect, and the first innings of the home side needs little description. Painter, Mr Page and Mr Hale were the only batsmen who obtained

double figures. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer started the bowling, but it was after the latter had given way to Mr Garrett at 45 that wicket fell rapidly. From the last-named gentleman's first six deliveries three runs and three wickets resulted. It was ten minutes to 1 when the innings terminated.

In a majority of 45 runs the Australians went in a second time. Messrs Palmer and Jones opened the bowling, to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Mr Page. Mr Jones was caught at deep square-leg with the figures at nine, while the addition of 17 saw the dismissal of Mr Scott – caught very cleverly by the wicket-keeper. Mr Trumble, after having a narrow escape of being run out, obstructed his wicket, and at the luncheon interval three wickets were down for 33.

On the game being resumed at five minutes to 3, the bowlers were Woof and Dr W G Grace. Only a few runs were added and then the latter clean bowled Mr M'Ilwraith. Without alteration in the figures Mr Palmer, who had played very well, was finely caught at extra mid-off, and half the wickets were down for 41. Messrs Bruce and Blackham each gave a chance soon after they came in. Mr Bruce was missed at slip by Woof, and Mr Blackham should have been stumped. Profiting by these mistakes in the field, both gentlemen batted steadily, and although the bowling was changed 69 runs were the result of the partnership. Mr Blackham was taken at point at 110, while Mr Jarvis was speedily secured at mid-off. Mr Evans soon fell to a catch at slip, and the venture closed at half-past 4 for 114.

Gloucestershire went in a second time, requiring 160 for victory. Dr E M Grace and Mr Radcliffe faced the attacks of Messrs Garrett and Spofforth. Only seven runs were recorded when Mr Radcliffe was bowled. Subsequently, however, matters improved. Throughout the day the wicket was slow.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 August, page 5)

Drs W G and E M Grace made a determined attempt to win for their side the opening match of the Cheltenham week; but they received little support from the rest of the team, and victory rested with the Australians by 26 runs. In spite of the dull weather there was a large attendance at the College Ground to witness the finish of a capital match. During the contest the bowling was exceptionally good; but numerous mistakes were made in the field. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday the home eleven with seven wickets to fall required 102 runs to win.

It was a quarter to 12 when Dr E M Grace (31) and Mr Hale (1), the not-outs, continued the home defence to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. The latter sent down 14 overs for a single, while his first 20 overs in the innings resulted in three runs and two wickets. Mr Hale was badly missed by Mr Evans at point and also by Mr Garrett, who then displaced Mr Palmer. Mr Hale profited little by his escapes, as when he had scored eight he was bowled off his pads. Four for 82.

Dr W G Grace aided his brother. Each batsman made a bad stroke; but at a quarter to 1 Dr E M Grace completed his 50, and shortly afterwards the 100 was telegraphed. Without alteration in the figures Dr E M Grace had the misfortune to play on. His excellent innings of 50 comprised three fours, two threes, seven twos and 18 singles.

Matters now went badly with the Gloucestershire team, as at 114 Mr Townsend was easily caught at short mid-on, and with six wickets down 46 were still required to win. Mr Page aided Dr W G Grace, who made a fine drive over the ropes for four, and after Mr Trumble had been put on at 122,

he hit a ball from Mr Spofforth to square-leg for four. Three wickets fell, however, at 129 – Mr Page bowled, Dr Grace caught at deep square-leg and Mr Moberly taken at wicket. Woof contributed four runs and was then bowled, and the Australians won by 26 runs.

16 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3139.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 August, page 7)

The matches between these counties are still very popular, and this season's return fixture attracted a large company of spectators to Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the opening day's play. Both counties are represented by their best elevens. The wicket looked so bad at the start that Mr Shuter, having won the toss, decided to put his opponents in.

Sussex opened the batting at five minutes past 12 with Tester and Mr M'Cormick. Lohmann (pavilion end) and Beaumont conducted the bowling. From the first ball of the latter's over Tester was caught at point before a run had been scored. It now seemed that the Surrey captain's decision was right, for with the figures at five, Mr M'Cormick was taken at slip, and three runs later Mr Newham had the misfortune to play on. Three wickets down for eight runs was by no means a bright opening for the visitors.

However, matters improved when Messrs Thomas and Lucas were partners. At first runs came very slowly; but the defence was so good that the bowlers crossed over. Numerous changes in the attack were made – Bowley displaced Lohmann at 30, and seven runs later Beaumont gave way to Jones. Still as runs were added steadily, Lohmann resumed at 56. This soon had the desired effect, as at 63 Mr Thomas was bowled. Humphreys came in and, though the bowling underwent more alterations, no further wicket had fallen at the luncheon interval.

On play being resumed, Jones and Lohmann were the bowlers. Both batsmen scored freely and the "100" was signalled at 3 o'clock. At 112 Lohmann handed the ball to Beaumont, and a dozen runs later Bowley relieved Jones. In the new bowler's first over Humphreys, who had then scored 36, might have been caught on the leg-side at the wicket. He did not profit by his escape, as he had not increased the score when at 125 he was clean bowled. Sixty-two runs resulted from the partnership. Jesse Hide had his off stump bowled by the first ball sent him, and six wickets were down for 125.

Mr Brann aided Mr Lucas, and at 10 minutes to 4 150 was announced. Several bowling changes were tried before Mr Brann was caught at third man at 184. There was only one good hit in his 23, which was a four to square leg. Bean followed in. The score rose rapidly, so that at 199 Abel gave way to Beaumont. Mr Lucas by a single, however, caused the second hundred to appear at ten minutes to 5. Just previously he had given a chance to Jones at extra mid-off. Although Bowley went on for Jones at 203, Mr Lucas, by a couple to leg, completed his 100 at ten minutes past 5.

Lohmann superseded Bowley at 216, and Jones was tried at the gasometer end. Immediately afterwards Mr Lucas was missed by Mr Key at short leg – an awkward catch, as besides running in front of the ball the fieldsman had the sun in his eyes. Among other bowlers tried was Maurice Read, who had sent down six overs for 20 runs, when the batsmen were at length separated, Mr Lucas being caught at point from Abel's bowling. He had played very fine cricket during the whole of the four hours and a half he was batting. Among his contributions were seven fours, six threes and 19 twos. Since the dismissal of Mr Brann 72 runs had been added.

Phillips stayed while 21 were scored and was then run out. Bean was stumped at the same total, and the innings was over shortly before 6.30. Sussex had accomplished an excellent performance against the Surrey bowling. After the first hour there was a great improvement in the wicket, and

the occasion furnished an instance of the risk which a side runs in putting their opponents in first. Beaumont claimed five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 August, page 6)

Sussex followed up their batting success at the Oval on Monday by some capital bowling yesterday, and at the drawing of stumps last evening a victory for them seemed almost inevitable. Cold and cheerless weather was experienced by the several thousand persons visiting the headquarters of Surrey cricket yesterday. It will be remembered that Monday was occupied with the Sussex first innings, which closed for 277.

At 20 minutes to 12 Mr Shuter and Abel opened the Surrey defence to the bowling of Tester and Jesse Hide. Very slowly the score was advanced to seven, and then Abel was dismissed by a catch to slip. Two runs later Mr Key was taken at point, while at 19 further misfortune befell the home county, as Mr Read returned the ball. Maurice Read and Mr Shuter improved matters slightly, adding 22 runs before the professional retired – caught at the wicket.

Lohmann came to the assistance of his captain and at the same time the bowling was changed, Bean superseding Tester. As runs were obtained steadily the attack was again altered, Humphreys going on with “lobs” in lieu of Bean at 65. In his first over Mr Shuter was given out leg before for an excellent innings of 30. Five down.

Diver who followed at once began to score rapidly. He severely punished Humphreys, and at 10 minutes past 1 the “100” was signalled. The bowling was now changed at both ends, Tester and A Hide being put on. Despite these alterations runs were still added quickly, and at 132 Bean received the ball from Tester. Five runs later, however, Diver was bowled by A Hide for a freely hit 52, which included seven fours, four threes and four twos. Seventy-two runs had been added during the partnership. With Beaumont and Lohmann together the figures soon reached 146, at which total J Hide displaced Bean and quickly got Beaumont caught at slip. Seven wickets for 156 was the record at the luncheon interval.

On play being resumed, Jones was soon bowled, but the partnership of Wood and Lohmann produced 23 runs, the last-named then returning the ball. He had shown good defence, and among his contributions were four fours, three threes and eight twos. Bowley was too unwell to go in, and the innings thus ended for 182. J Hide claimed six wickets . . .

In a minority of 95 Surrey followed on at 25 minutes to 4. Mr Shuter and Abel confronted the bowling of the brothers Hide. Mr Shuter soon obtained four from a fine off-drive, but having scored eight runs out of a total of nine he was clean bowled. Lohmann joined Abel and some capital cricket was shown. A Hide relinquished the ball to Humphreys at 46. The change speedily brought about the dismissal of Abel, who was bowled at 49. Mr Walter Read aided Lohmann. The latter scored very quickly, so that at 64 J Hide gave way to A Hide, who with the last ball of his first over clean bowled the amateur for three. Eight runs later Lohmann was finely caught at wicket for a brilliant innings of 42, which included seven fours, a three and four twos. Four for 72.

Two singles were added, when Diver was easily stumped, and Mr Key and Maurice Read became partners. After the amateur had given a difficult chance to A Hide at mid-on, both batsmen played good cricket. Mr Key made an excellent leg-hit for four, while Read, by a couple in the same direction, averted the possibility of an innings defeat. At 10 minutes to 5 he drove Humphreys for

two, bringing the 100 on the board. With the score at 108 Tester bowled in lieu of Humphreys and, after Mr Key had driven A Hide twice to the boundary, Jesse Hide was put on at the pavilion end. Bean relieved Tester at 146, but at 5.25 the 150 was recorded. Read was then taken at slip for a well-played 43. Since the fall of the fifth wicket 76 runs had been added.

Now the innings was rapidly finished. Wood was finely caught at point by Humphreys, who secured the ball with his left hand at 168, and a run later both Mr Key and Beaumont were got rid of. Bowley was still absent, and Sussex were thus left with 75 to obtain for victory. A Hide claimed four wickets . . .

Sussex had 20 minutes' batting, and in that time they lost Tester, who accidentally kicked the ball on to his wicket. Twenty-six runs were scored, so that they now require 49 to win.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 August, page 5)

Surrey were beaten at Kennington Oval yesterday by Sussex, who, although they required only 75 for victory, when they went in a second time, lost six wickets. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening the visitors, with nine wickets to fall, wanted 49 runs to win. Messrs M'Cormick and Bean, the not outs, with 15 and two, continued the Sussex batting at 11.35. Lohmann and Beaumont were the bowlers.

The first four overs proved maidens; but then Mr M'Cormick cut Lohmann for four, while his companion secured a couple by a leg hit. Five overs were sent down for two runs, after which Mr M'Cormick was splendidly caught by Abel at slip. Two for 34. Mr Newham joined Bean, who cut Beaumont for two. Having gained a single, Mr Newham lost the company of the professional, who was taken at third man. Mr Thomas came in, and 33 were still necessary for victory.

In nine overs ten runs were scored; Mr Thomas played Beaumont to leg for three and the other bowler for two, while Mr Newham made a cut for four and a single. Five maidens ensued, and then Mr Newham was well taken at slip with the figures at 47. Mr Lucas followed in. He scored a single from each end, and by a brilliant cut his partner obtained four. This caused to 50 to appear at 12.25. Mr Lucas was now bowled – off stump – and Humphreys arrived.

Mr Thomas cut Lohmann for four, bringing on Jones in place of that bowler at 57. Humphreys next cut Beaumont for four and hit him to leg with a like result, so that at 70 Abel superseded the last-named bowler and Lohmann resumed in place of Jones. Two singles resulted from the next five overs, but then Mr Thomas ran himself out, the wicket being thrown down by Abel, the bowler. Six for 72. Mr Brann, who came in, soon gained a couple by an on drive, and then a bye increased the score to 75, Surrey being defeated at five minutes to 1 by four wickets. Beaumont claimed three wickets . . .

16 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3140.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 August, page 7)

Middlesex batted very feebly at Bradford yesterday, when they began their return match with Yorkshire. Following, as it did, so closely upon the brilliant achievements of the metropolitan county last week at Gloucester and Gravesend, the meagre score appeared even worse than it otherwise would have done. Certainly the recent rain had rendered the wicket soft, but after the good start made by Messrs Webbe and Stoddart there was little excuse for the poor display of the remainder of the side. The weather was dull and unsettled, despite which about 5,000 people witnessed the day's cricket.

Successful in the toss, the visitors began batting with Messrs Webbe and Stoddart, who were faced by Emmett and Bates. Runs were obtained with difficulty as may be seen from the fact that in the first hour only 25 were recorded. Still the defence was good. With the figures at 31 a change in the bowling was tried, Peel displacing Emmett, while a dozen runs later Preston relieved Bates. The latter changes speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Stoddart, who at 55 was bowled by a yorker.

Messrs Walker and Webb advanced the figures to 72 before the adjournment. After the interval, however, a complete change came over the game. Wickets fell so rapidly to the bowling of Wade and Emmett that in an hour and 25 minutes the innings was finished off for an addition of 51. Wade clean bowled six batsmen . . . Nine wickets were clean bowled in the Middlesex innings.

Yorkshire had an hour and a half's batting, and during that time some excellent cricket was shown by Bates and Hall. There was a great contrast in the style of these batsmen, for while Bates played brilliantly Hall exhibited the utmost patience. It will be seen from the subjoined score that Yorkshire have all the best of the game, as with eight wickets to fall, they were only 49 runs behind.

Mr A S Johnston, of the Hampstead Club, is being given a trial in the Middlesex eleven, while Peate stands out from the home team, which includes Ward, a professional who played with success in the late match, Gentlemen v Players of Yorkshire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 August, page 6)

Despite the unsettled state of the weather several thousand people witnessed the second day's play in this match at Bradford yesterday. Overnight Middlesex, having scored 123, had captured two of their opponents' wickets for 74. Hall (25) and the Hon M B Hawke (2) resumed the Yorkshire batting at a quarter past 11. Burton and Mr Webb conducted the attack.

Twenty runs were soon added and then the amateur was clean bowled. Hall and Preston now became partners and a determined resistance was offered to the visitors' bowling. Amid cheering 100 was signalled at a quarter to 12. After an interruption of 10 minutes on account of rain runs were obtained steadily. Hall, however, gave a difficult chance to West at mid-on when he had made 46. Mr Ford superseded Mr Webbe at 113, yet in spite of this alteration the Middlesex total was passed at 12.30. Hall continued to play steady cricket, while his companion hit vigorously, until at 148 he was cleverly caught low down at extra mid-off. Included in his 56 were seven fours, a three

and five twos.

Ward joined Preston, and again was the Middlesex bowling severely punished. It was frequent altered, but at the luncheon interval the batsmen were still together, the figures then being 193. It should be mentioned that Preston gave difficult chances at mid-on and cover slip with his figures at 46 and 60 respectively.

Afterwards Messrs Stoddart and West had charge of the attack. The second hundred went up at 5 minutes to 3, but nine runs later Preston was dismissed by a brilliant right-handed catch at extra mid-off. He had played good cricket for 76, and his chief hits were five fours, six threes and seven twos. Peel and ward were together when rain stopped play for the day at 20 minutes past 3. Mr Daughlish should have stumped Ward at 213. It has been arranged to draw stumps to-day at 5 o'clock so as to enable the Yorkshire men to catch the train to Cheltenham, where they have to meet Gloucestershire to-morrow.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 August, page 5)

Including yesterday's victory over Middlesex at Bradford, Yorkshire have up to the present only won two matches this season, which is most remarkable considering the well-known strength of the side. Throughout the game between Yorkshire and Middlesex the former have had the advantage, and on Tuesday when rain stopped the game they were 97 runs ahead with half their wickets still to fall.

Play was resumed shortly after 11 o'clock. Two wickets were soon captured, but an unexpected stand was made by Grimshaw and Wade who, despite alterations in the bowling, added 75 runs for the eighth wicket. After Grimshaw had been caught at mid-on at 314, the visitors' bowling was thoroughly mastered by Wade and Emmett, and it was not until 125 that the Yorkshire venture closed for 401. Wade took out his bat for a brilliant innings of 74, which included six fours, four threes and eight twos. Burton claimed three wickets . . .

Requiring 278 runs to avert a single innings defeat, the Metropolitan team went in a second time. The wicket played rather treacherously and the bowling of Emmett and Wade proved very effective. Middlesex did even worse than at their first attempt, and were all dismissed by 4.40 for 82. Mr Webbe batted steadily but the others little – a fact that will be gleaned from the score. Emmett took seven wickets . . . The fielding of the Yorkshiremen was remarkably good and formed a marked contrast to that of their opponents, who missed several chances. From the appended score it will be seen that Yorkshire won by an innings and 196 runs.

16 August: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3137.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 August, page 7)

Yesterday at Derby the match between these counties was begun in fine though cold weather. The wicket was slow, and the most interesting batting of the day was shown by F H Sugg.

Derbyshire went in first. Their innings lasted within a few minutes of three hours; but F H Sugg was the only player on the side who offered any determined resistance to the bowling of Watson and Briggs. Out of 49 scored while he was in F H Sugg contributed 40. The only other double-figure innings was W Sugg's. Watson claimed six wickets . . . Lancashire went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 August, page 6)

The Derbyshire Eleven sustained another reverse yesterday at Derby, where they were decisively beaten by Lancashire. At the drawing of stumps on Monday the visitors with five wickets to fall were only 19 runs behind their opponents' total. Yesterday the remaining Lancashire batsmen added 54 runs. Davidson claimed four wickets . . .

Derbyshire made a most feeble batting display at their second attempt. After losing the first four wickets for eight runs they were eventually all dismissed by Watson and Barlow for 43. The former claimed six wickets . . . Lancashire only required nine runs for victory. These they obtained without mishap, and won the match by ten wickets.

16 August: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v SOMERSETSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129397.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 August, page 7)

Yesterday at Lord's an interesting day's cricket was witnessed, the occasion being the opening of the match between Marylebone and Somersetshire. The Club, who were strongly represented, had distinctly the better of the game. Flowers and Mr Ford batted with most success for their side. Between them they scored 123 runs. Flowers among other items contributed two fours, nine threes and nine twos. Eight bowlers were tried . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 August, page 6)

Some excellent batting was witnessed at Lord's yesterday, when the match between these teams was concluded. It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Monday the visitors, with five wickets down, were still 151 runs in arrears.

Mr Sainsbury yesterday played very finely, and had got within six of the hundred when he was dismissed. His 94 included seven fours, eight threes and five twos. Fothergill and Mr Trask also hit with freedom, the latter playing especially well for 45 not out. Among his hits were three fours, four threes and seven twos. At the end of an innings each Somersetshire had an advantage of seven runs. Six bowlers were tried . . .

On Marylebone going in a second time, Mr Russell, George Hearne, Barnes and Mr Sewell hit vigorously, and the game was eventually left drawn. Mr Russell's chief hits were nine fours, seven threes and nine twos, and Hearne's four fours, three threes and six twos. No fewer than nine bowlers were tried . . .

Wednesday 18 August: THE MELBOURNE CLUB TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

All cricketers will be gratified at the decision of the Melbourne Club to abandon the idea of taking out an English team to the colonies in the autumn. Some unpleasantness seems to have already existed through the leading club in Australia persevering in their endeavour to get together a good English eleven when it was already known that Shaw, Shrewsbury and Lillywhite had selected a strong professional side to visit the Colonies. In addition to abandoning their idea of taking out a team, the Melbourne Club will do all in their power to make the tour of Shaw's team a success.

Thursday 19 August: THE PARSEES

Mr D H Patel, the captain of the team, has issued a farewell address on behalf of the Parsee cricketers, acknowledging the many kindnesses and friendly encouragements they have received at the hands of the people of this country, and the hearty and sympathetic welcome with which they have met. They remind the public that they have taken to cricket but recently, and that any skill in it they can boast they have acquired from seeing Englishmen play cricket in India.

It was not with the object of gaining victories that they made the voyage to England, but with a wish to pay homage to the centre and home of a noble game and a desire to learn some useful lessons in its play. The hope is expressed that the effect of such a visit will be to promote mutual good feelings and to awaken many more English hearts to take some lively interest in the affairs of India than has hitherto been the case. They also hope that they may be able soon to get a professional or two over to educate the natives of Bombay in cricket.

19 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3141.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 August, page 11)

Yorkshire followed up their success over Middlesex by getting all the best of yesterday's cricket at Cheltenham when the second match of the week opened . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

With the defeat of the Gloucestershire eleven yesterday the Cheltenham week was brought to a close. From the condition of the score overnight no other result could have been anticipated. Gloucestershire followed on but Dr W G Grace, Mr Page and Mr Radcliffe were the only players who batted with any success. In the double innings of Gloucestershire Wade claimed 11 wickets for 56 runs. The score below will show that Yorkshire won by five wickets.

19 August: G N WYATT'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3142.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 August, page 11)

Yesterday at Portsmouth the Australians began a match with a team composed chiefly of Sussex cricketers under the captaincy of Mr G N Wyatt. The weather was fine.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

In fine weather and before a large company of spectators, the match between these teams at Portsmouth was continued yesterday. There was some fine batting by Messrs Bruce and Blackham for the colonials; but at the drawing of stumps the score was left in a very even condition.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 August, page 10)

The Australians gained an easy victory over Mr Wyatt's eleven at the United Services Ground, Portsmouth, on Saturday. Again the weather proved fine; but the attendance was not so large as on either of the previous days.

When play was resumed the home team, with ten wickets to fall, were two runs ahead. Messrs Thornton and Rock, who had played so well on Friday evening, were the not-outs with 24 and 31. Messrs Garrett and Palmer conducted the bowling. Only two runs were added when Mr Thornton was taken at the wicket, while at 69 Mr Rock was out in a similar manner. Messrs Newham and Wyatt were now together. The former punished Mr Palmer severely, but at 79 Mr Wyatt obstructed his wicket. In the same over Mr Brann contributed a four and was then bowled.

Mr Wilson followed in and the 100 was reached at 20 minutes to 1. Three runs later Mr Wilson was stumped and half the wickets were down for 103. Humphreys joined Mr Newham, who continued to play very well. Mr Spofforth superseded Mr Garrett at 128; but Mr Palmer at 134 got Mr Newham caught at slip for an excellent 30. Humphreys had previously been missed by Mr Bonnor fielding in that position when he had made only four and the mistake proved very expensive for the Australians. Mr Smith was run out at 148, but Mr Woods stayed with Humphreys until luncheon time, when 174 runs were registered.

After the interval the innings was finished in 20 minutes. Mr Palmer bowled Messrs Woods and Whitfeld, while Pentecost was taken at forward short-leg. Humphreys's not-out innings of 51 included four fours, three threes and four twos. Mr Palmer's bowling had been remarkably effective.

The Australians went in at 3.35, requiring 135 runs for victory. Messrs Palmer and Scott opened the defence to the bowling of Messrs Woods and Smith. Both batsmen played good cricket and at 32 Mr Rock and Humphreys were put on to bowl. Ten runs were added and then Mr Palmer fell to a catch at point, while at 53 Mr Jones was bowled by a ball which broke in from leg. Mr Bonnor made a single and a drive for four before he was dismissed by Mr Rock, three wickets being down for 58. Mr Trumble aided his captain. The former drove Mr Rock thrice for four each, and in an over from Mr Smith, Mr Scott made two fours and a two. Runs continued to be scored freely, and

at a quarter past 5 the Australians won the match by seven wickets. Mr Scott made the last 17 runs, and his 66 included four fours, three threes and ten twos.

19 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3144.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 August, page 11)

The return match between these counties should have been started yesterday at Kennington Oval, but owing to the rain it had to be postponed until this morning. Play will begin at 11 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

There was a most interesting day's cricket in this return match at Kennington Oval yesterday. It will be remembered that rain prevented any play on Thursday. Surrey went in first at 10 minutes past 11, Abel and Mr Shuter opening the batting to Wootton and Martin.

The home captain was dismissed with the figures at 34, and at 47 Lohmann was secured at extra cover-point. While Mr W W Read and Abel were together 50 was reached at five minutes to 12. Nine runs later Abel fell to a catch at slip. Now came a determined stand by the two Reads. Both batsmen hit vigorously, though there were several false hits by the professional, who was also missed two or three times. The 100 was recorded at 10 minutes to 1, and it was not until the figures had reached 155 that Maurice Read fell to a catch at long-off. He had been decidedly lucky, but perfect cricket was out of the question on the treacherous turf. His chief hits were three fours, a three and 14 twos. Four for 155.

Without alteration in the figures two more batsmen were dismissed – Diver was taken at slip and Mr Bowden bowled first ball. Luncheon was taken at a quarter to 2, the score then being 160 for six wickets. After the interval the innings was soon finished off for an addition of 16 runs. After Henderson's dismissal Mr W W Read was stumped for a very good 51, which included three fours, a three and nine twos. Jones and Beaumont both succumbed to the dexterity of the wicket-keeper at 176, and the innings closed at five minutes to 3.

Kent began batting at a quarter past 3. The start was most disastrous, as Lohmann dismissed three batsmen before a run had been obtained. On Mr Rashleigh and Mr Wilson becoming partners 16 runs were very slowly added on the difficult wicket, and then Mr Rashleigh, who had been batting nearly an hour, was bowled.

After these misfortunes the prospects of Kent improved with the defence in the hands of Messrs Wilson and Marchant. Both gentlemen played capital cricket. Several changes in the attack were resorted to, but beyond a bad stroke in the slips by Mr Marchant the play was wonderfully good. Runs were added rapidly, so Beaumont was again tried at 79, and from his first ball a catch at extra cover-point got rid of Mr Marchant. An invaluable stand had been made, and since the fourth wicket fell 63 runs had been put on. Five for 79.

Mr Thornton was out ten runs later, but with Mr Kemp in the 100 was reached at half-past 5. Mr Kemp fell to a catch at mid-on at 118, and a couple of runs later Mr Wilson's fine display of batting was closed by Mr Shuter, who secured the ball at short-leg. Among Mr Wilson's contributions were three fours, five threes and six twos. A Hearne hit freely, but the innings eventually ended for 142.

Surrey went in a second time for a few minutes, and lost Henderson for two runs. In the first venture of the home side Martin claimed seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 August, page 10)

Though the scoring was comparatively small the return match between Surrey and Kent will rank among the most interesting of the season. About 4,000 persons were present at Kennington Oval on Saturday to witness what proved a very exciting finish, Surrey winning within two or three minutes of "time." It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Friday, Surrey, with nine wickets to fall in their second innings, were 36 runs ahead.

Messrs Shuter and Bowden resumed the home batting at 11 o'clock, while Wootton and Martin conducted the attack. Both batsmen were bowled with the total at six, and the two Reads became partners. As runs were scored rapidly Wootton crossed over at 47, and his place was taken by A Hearne. With his fourth ball the latter bowled Mr Walter Read. Four for 47.

Abel followed in. After causing the 50 to appear at five minutes past 12, he was let off by Mr Thornton at short leg. Martin resumed bowling at 62 and in his second over Maurice Read was caught at the wicket. Five for 63. Sixteen runs later Lohmann was bowled; and then a stand was made by Diver and Abel. The batsmen were together at the luncheon interval, the score then being 125.

On play being continued Martin and Mr Thornton were the bowlers, and in 20 minutes the innings was finished, the addition runs made being only five. Diver was bowled, Wood caught at slip and Abel was adjudged "leg before" at 125, while Beaumont and Jones increased the figures to 130 before the former was run out. Martin had again bowled remarkably well; he claimed five wickets . . .

Kent went in a second time, requiring 165 for victory. Frank Hearne and Mr Rashleigh opened the innings. From the second ball the professional was caught. George Hearne, who followed in, was taken at point when the score stood at 34 – the result of 55 minutes' play. Mr Patterson and Mr Rashleigh were now together. Both gentlemen played a strictly defensive game so that at 46 Beaumont resumed and at 64 Lohmann gave way to Jones. This latter change speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Patterson who was well caught at wicket. When Mr Wilson came in Jones soon crossed over and Lohmann was again put on. At 87 Mr Wilson was given out caught at wicket, and Mr Marchant was got rid of "leg before."

With Mr Thornton as a partner Mr Rashleigh continued to play very finely and at 5.35 the 100 was telegraphed. At 105, however, the Oxford batsman was taken by the wicket-keeper. Mr Rashleigh's innings of 53 included four fours, four threes and five twos. At 111 Mr Kemp was bowled. When seven addition runs had been made a catch at the wicket dismissed A Hearne, and Mr Thornton was taken at point. Martin and Wootton played until a few minutes before "time" when, amid great exciting, the former was bowled and Surrey were left the winners by 39 runs. Throughout the game the wicket favoured the bowlers. Lohmann took five wickets . . .

19 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3143.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 August, page 11)

So heavily did the rain fall at Nottingham yesterday that the turf at the Trent Bridge ground became too saturated for cricket, and a start in this return match was postponed until to-day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

Middlesex began the last of their matches yesterday at the Trent Bridge Ground, Nottingham. The game should have been started on the previous day, but the ground was so heavy after the rain that no play was possible. About 4,000 people witnessed yesterday's cricket, the weather being very fine. Scotton, owing to a family bereavement, stood out of the home eleven, and his place was taken by Lockwood.

Middlesex won the toss and began batting on a slow wicket. Mr Stoddart played a fine defensive innings of 32. He was in three hours and 20 minutes, and at one time was at the wicket 55 minutes without scoring. Messrs O'Brien and Walker also showed very good cricket, while towards the close of the innings there was some free hitting by Burton and Mr Daughlish. Flowers secured three wickets . . .

Nottinghamshire had an hour and a quarter's batting in a bad light, and lost several good players.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 August, page 10)

From the state of the game on Friday night any result other than a draw could scarcely have been anticipated in the match between these counties at Nottingham on Saturday. Nottinghamshire, who had lost three wickets in their first innings for 58, resumed their batting.

The turf rendered the bowlers more assistance than on the previous day, and Mr Daft was the only batsman who offered any determined resistance to the bowling of Mr Robertson. The last-named gentleman claimed seven wickets . . .

Middlesex, who had an advantage of 43, went in a second time. They lost five wickets for 23; but matters were improved by some free hitting on the part of West and the steady defence of Spillman. Though the total only reached 73, the innings occupied three hours. Attewell and Flowers bowled with great success. The former took six wickets . . .

Notts had three-quarters of an hour to play. In that time they lost two good batsmen, and eventually the match was drawn. The weather was dull, but several thousand people were present.

20 August: LANCASHIRE v CHESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128323.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

The return match between these counties was begun yesterday at Stockport. Fine weather favoured the game and there was a good attendance of spectators. Mr Bretherton played very well for his side, indeed he was the only batsman who offered any determined resistance to the Lancashire bowlers. The visitors went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Monday 23 August, page 10)

The Lancashire team on Saturday proved far too powerful for their opponents in this match at Stockport. Messrs Lancashire and Eccles and Robinson played in brilliant style and between them scored 248 runs. Mr Lancashire contributed 10 fours and six threes; and Mr Eccles nine fours and eight threes. Of the nine bowlers tried during the visitors' innings Wotherspoon was most successful. He claimed six wickets . . .

Cheshire offered a most feeble resistance to the bowling of Briggs and Barlow, and the former secured five wickets . . . Lancashire won by an innings and 193 runs.

20 August: ESSEX v STAFFORDSHIRE

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

Day 1 (no report found from Saturday 21 August, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Monday 23 August, page 10)

On Saturday at Leyton the match between these counties ended in an easy victory for the home eleven. Almond hit vigorously for 63 in the second innings of Essex, and among his figures were eight fours, five threes and four twos.

Staffordshire went in against a majority of 265. They offered little resistance to the bowling. Mr Ward secured five wickets for 12 runs. The subjoined will show that Essex won by 168 runs.

23 August: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PAST AND PRESENT v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3145.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 August, page 8)

So great has been the cricket talent at Cambridge University of late years that the matches between the Light Blues and the Colonials have always aroused keen interest. The game which opened yesterday proved no exception to the rule, judging from the attendance at the Essex County Ground, Leyton, which must have numbered upwards of 5,000. Cambridge had a strong team. Messrs Garrett and Scott stood out from the Colonial eleven.

Being successful in the toss, the Cambridge men began batting at 12.25 with Messrs A G Steel and Rock. Messrs Giffen (pavilion end) and Trumble conducted the attack. When he had made 19 Mr Steel should have been easily caught at long-on by Mr Jones, who dropped the ball after judging it well. Gradually the score reached 42, at which total Mr Palmer superseded Mr Trumble, while Mr Spofforth at 58 relieved Mr Giffen. Chiefly by the contributions of Mr Steel the score travelled to 73, when he was given out "leg before" for an excellent innings of 46. Among his hits were four fours, three threes and five twos. One for 73.

Mr Lucas joined Mr Rock, who continued his patient defence. After the interval Messrs Giffen and Spofforth had charge of the bowling. In the former's second over Mr Lucas made a grand square-leg hit out of the ground for six, and caused the 100 to be telegraph at 3 o'clock; but soon after he skied the ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. His 30 consisted of two sixes, five twos and eight singles. Mr Studd followed in. With the figures at 138 Mr Jones bowled in lieu of Mr Spofforth, and at 157 Mr Palmer displaced Mr Giffen. Without alteration in the figures Mr Studd was clean bowled by Mr Jones, the partnership having added 33.

Mr Jarvis, who followed in, made several very fine cuts and the score quickly reached 185. Mr Evans was now tried in lieu of Mr Jones, and Mr Giffen went on for Mr Palmer at 193. Mr Jarvis, however, made a leg hit for four and an off drive for two, the second hundred appearing at five minutes to 5. He next obtained six (three by an overthrow) by an off-drive from Mr Evans, who at 209 gave way to Mr Jones. This change proved beneficial, as when eight runs had been added Mr Jarvis was bowled by a yorker. He had played brilliant cricket for 43, his cutting being particularly good. His hits included one six, three fours, four threes and five twos.

Mr Ford stayed while Mr Giffen sent down a maiden, and was then bowled by a yorker from the first ball he received. Mr Roe came in. Mr Bruce was tried at 236, and in his second over he got the new batsman finely taken at long-off by Mr M'Ilwraith. Six for 240. Mr H B Steel made 24 by three fours and four threes, but when Mr Spofforth went on for Mr Jones, he was caught at the wicket in his second over at 268. Seven down.

Mr Buxton aided Mr Rock, who had not scored for more than half an hour. Mr Palmer relieved Mr Bruce at 268, but Mr Buxton punished him severely, and at 287 Mr Giffen was tried. A fine drive to the boundary by Mr Buxton brought up 300 at 20 minutes past 6. Three runs later the bowling was changed at both ends, Messrs Jones and Trumble being put on again. No separation, however, had been effected up to the call of time. Mr Rock had played most patiently, and had been in five hours and a quarter for his 75 – a remarkable performance against the Colonial bowling.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 August, page 11)

When stumps were drawn on Monday the University had scored 311 for the loss of seven wickets.

It was officially announced that play would be resumed at 11.30, but it was 12.15 when the not-out batsmen, Messrs Buxton (33) and Rock (75), continued the Cambridge innings. Messrs Giffen and Spofforth were the bowlers. Mr Buxton made two and six (four by an overthrow) in the former's first over, but from Mr Spofforth's third delivery Mr Rock was easily taken at the wicket. He had not increased his overnight score of 75. His innings had lasted nearly five hours and a half, and his hits included one four, nine threes and 11 twos. Mr Kingston joined Mr Buxton, who continued to hit finely until 349, when Mr Palmer bowled down his off stump. Mr Morton came in only to see the dismissal of Mr Kingston, whom Mr Spofforth clean bowled, the innings closing at 12.55 for 349.

Messrs Jones and Palmer first represented the colonials, while Messrs Morton and Rock conducted the bowling. Mr Jones scored the first ten runs, and then Mr Palmer, having contributed a two, gave a rather difficult chance to Mr H B Steel at point. Mr Ford relieved Mr Morton at 27, yet 40 runs were telegraphed after half an hour's play. Two later Mr A G Steel displaced Mr Rock. Mr Jones cut the Lancastrian for four while his companion drove the other bowler twice in succession for four each. Mr Morton resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Ford at 54, and with his first ball he clean bowled Mr Palmer.

The luncheon interval having intervened, Mr Giffen and Mr Jones went on with the Australian defence. Mr A G Steel and Mr Morton were the bowlers. Two fours by Mr Giffen were the principal contributions in 22 overs. The Cambridge team fielded remarkably well, while little could be done against Mr Steel's bowling. Mr Ford superseded Mr Morton at 86, and at 93 Mr Steel gave the ball up to Mr Rock. Still the batsmen offered an obstinate resistance, and at 3.40 the 100 was telegraphed. Shortly afterwards Mr Jones completed his 50, but after making a bad stroke on the leg side he was clean bowled by Mr Ford. He had played an admirable innings of 52.

Only two runs were added when Mr Jarvis was easily taken at forward short leg and a bailer sent back Mr Trumble. Neither of these batsmen had scored. Runs then came more quickly. Mr Giffen played splendid cricket for 92 not out. Both the bowling and fielding of the home side were remarkably good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 August, page 8)

After three full days' cricket this match had to be left drawn. At the close of Tuesday the visitors, with three wickets to fall, required 25 to avert the "follow on." Messrs Giffen (92) and Evans (9) resumed the Australian defence at 12 o'clock. Messrs Rock and Steel opened the bowling.

Both batsmen played with great care, which, with the close fielding, caused the rate of run-getting to be very slow. Mr Giffen increased his figures to 100 at 12.20, and though numerous changes in the bowling were resorted to, it was not until the score had reached 298 that he was taken at slip in attempting to hit to leg. He had not given a chance, and his fine innings of 119 had occupied four hours and 50 minutes. Among his hits were nine fours, nine threes and 13 twos. While Messrs Evans and Giffen were together 78 runs had been put on.

Mr M'Ilwraith came in, and 300 was telegraphed at ten minutes past 1. Runs were added steadily,

despite numerous variations in the bowling. With the figures at 375 Mr M'Ilwraith was bowled, and six runs later Mr Spofforth, after giving a chance to Mr Lucas at long-off, was well caught at mid-off. It was half-past 3 when the last wicket fell. Mr Evans took out his bat for a good defensive innings of 74.

After an interval of 20 minutes, Cambridge, who were 30 runs behind, sent in Messrs Steel and Rock to the bowling of Messrs Spofforth and Palmer. Only 16 runs were recorded when a good catch at the wicket sent back Mr Steel. Mr F M Lucas aided Mr Rock, and the arrears were rubbed off by 4.20. When he had made 18 Mr Lucas should have been caught at slip by Mr Bonnor. The rate of run-getting now became very slow, and only a single was recorded in the next ten overs. Mr Rock had the misfortune to play on at 58, having been at the wickets an hour and 25 minutes for 23.

When Mr Studd came in Mr Jones bowled in lieu of Mr Palmer, while after Mr Studd had been missed at long-on by Mr Spofforth, Mr Bruce was tried. At 94 Mr Lucas was caught in the slips, and Mr Jarvis came in. At 125 Mr Jarvis was taken at mid-on by Spofforth, and an over later Mr Studd was missed off his bowling at long-on by Mr Trumble. Mr Studd, profiting by his mistake, continued to hit finely, and no further wicket fell. The match ended in a draw.

23 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3146.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 August, page 8)

Fine weather and a large attendance were associated with the opening day's play in this return match at Clifton yesterday. The wicket was in good order, but throughout the home innings the rate of run-getting was slow. Several of the Gloucestershire batsmen showed good form, but there was nothing that calls for special comment in the innings. Lohmann claimed five wickets . . . On Surrey going in, the two Reads hit brilliantly . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 August, page 11)

Mr Walter Read yesterday played a brilliant innings of 120 for Surrey in their return match with Gloucestershire at Clifton. Surrey, who had scored 55 for two wickets, resumed their batting yesterday.

Maurice and Mr Walter Read, the not outs, continued to score freely, and the 100 was telegraphed at 12.29. Mr Read was out sixth at 223 for a fine innings of 120. Immediately after he got his hundred he hit with greater freedom, and was missed by Mr Moberly at mid-on. This, however, was his only mistake. Altogether his innings occupied three hours and 35 minutes, and he scored 14 fours, seven threes and 12 twos. Towards the close of the Surrey innings wickets fell rapidly. Dr W G Grace claimed five wickets . . .

Gloucester went in against a majority of 80. Dr E M Grace was dismissed at 8, while nine runs later Bowley bowled Dr W G Grace. Messrs Brain and Radcliffe improved matters . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 August, page 8)

Yesterday, at Clifton, Surrey brought their first-class season to a close with a brilliant victory over Gloucestershire. It will be remembered that on Tuesday evening the home eleven, with six wickets to fall in their second innings, were eight runs ahead.

Yesterday, despite some capital batting by Mr Moberly, the remaining members of the Gloucestershire team were dismissed for an addition of 85. Lohmann claimed three wickets . . .

Surrey required 94 for victory. They lost two wickets for 14 runs; but then Messrs Shuter and Walter Read became partners and some very fine cricket was shown. After being twice nearly bowled Mr Read hit most vigorously, and the remaining 80 runs were obtained in 70 minutes. Mr Read's 50 included a fine drive for five, three fours, four threes and five twos, while Mr Shuter hit five fours and three twos . . .

23 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3148.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 August, page 8)

The Hon M B Hawke's brilliant innings of 144 was the great feature of yesterday's cricket in this match at Brighton. He went in with the score at 34 for one wicket at five minutes to 1, and was out seventh at 5 o'clock. His hitting all round was very fine. Sussex had nearly an hour's batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 August, page 11)

Yesterday, at Brighton, the cricket was quite as brilliant as that of the previous day. Sussex, who had made 76 for the loss of two wickets, showed some good batting, and at the end of an innings each they were only 61 runs behind. Mr Newham was bowled for an excellent 44, Mr Thomas was well caught at slip at 145; but subsequently Humphreys play well. The innings was over at half-past 3.

Hall and Bates opened the Yorkshire second venture. The 100 was reached after an hour and 20 minutes' play, while Bates obtained his century at ten minutes past 6. He continued his brilliant hitting, and no wicket had fallen up to the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 August, page 8)

Upwards of a thousand runs were scored in the match between these counties which terminated yesterday at Brighton. From the state of the game overnight, no other result than a draw could have been anticipated, and consequently the interest in the third day's cricket was not so great as it would otherwise have been. Throughout the wicket played very well and the weather has been fine.

Yorkshire, who had scored 182 without loss of wicket in their second innings, went on with their batting yesterday. Bates, 136, and Hall, 43, were the not-outs. The former was taken at the wicket before he had increased his figures. His brilliantly hit innings had only lasted two hours and a half, and included 16 fours, five threes and 14 twos.

Hall was out sixth at 271. He was caught at mid-off after having been at the wickets four hours and a half for 92. His hits were 11 fours, two threes, ten twos and 22 singles. The luncheon interval lasted an hour and ten minutes. On the resumption of play the last four Yorkshire wickets fell in three-quarters of an hour. Quaife claimed four wickets . . .

Sussex required 405 runs for victory, but as only two hours and a quarter remained for play when they went in there was no possibility of them getting the number. They lost two wickets for 22 runs, but then Mr Thomas and Quaife made a capital stand and added 94 while they were together. Eventually the game was left drawn with the score as given below . . .

23 August: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3147.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 August, page 8)

Yesterday was a bowler's day at Maidstone, when Lancashire and Kent began their return match. The weather was fine and the wicket, though slow, appeared to be in fairly good order. Lancashire went in first; but when the total had reached 15 no fewer than five batsmen had been dismissed. Up to this point Yates and Briggs hit freely, and the figures were at 77 when the last wicket fell. Wootton claimed eight wickets . . .

Kent started badly, losing three wickets for 14. Barlow took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 August, page 11)

In the picturesque grounds at Mote-park, Maidstone, yesterday, the return match between these counties was brought to a close. It will be remembered that at the end of Monday's play Lancashire, with one wicket down in their second innings, were two runs ahead.

The game was resumed at a quarter past 11. On the slow wicket the bowling of Wootton and Martin proved very effective. Only two runs were added when Barlow, Robinson and Briggs were all dismissed; but then Mr Lancashire and Mr Hornby added 32 while they were partners. Despite another stand by Mr Royle and Watson for the ninth wicket Kent were only left with 71 to obtain for victory. Wootton claimed five wickets . . .

On Kent going in Mr Rashleigh was bowled at 11; but when the brothers Hearne became partners Frank hit very brilliantly, and by an on drive for four won the game for Kent by nine wickets.

23 August: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v LEICESTERSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128330.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 August, page 8)

Heavy scoring seems common this season, and Barnes's batting at Lord's yesterday furnishes another illustration of it. His fine innings of 153 included 23 fours, seven threes and 10 twos. Captain Cooke also batted well, making, among other hits, six fours, three threes and five twos.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 August, page 11)

Owing in a great measure to the excellent batting of Wheeler, Leicester yesterday at Lord's were able to make the match with Marylebone a draw. After following on against a majority of 214 they played very good cricket. Wheeler's not-out innings of 82 included six fours, nine threes and eight twos.

25 August: MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB v WILTSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129400.html)

Day 1 (report from Thursday 26 August, page 8)

At Lord's yesterday the feature of the opening day's cricket in this match was the fine innings of 146 by Captain Cooke. Among his hits were 16 fours, five threes and 20 twos. During the day no fewer than 481 runs were scored. Mr Godwin took seven Marylebone wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

Mr F W Maude accomplished a most remarkable performance at Lord's yesterday, when he followed up his success with the bat on Wednesday by obtaining over 100 runs in his second innings. On the opening day this gentleman played under the name of "Captain Cooke." His chief hits were 19 fours, five threes and 15 twos. Of the eight bowlers tried, Mr L C Thring was by far the most successful. He took eight wickets . . .

Wiltshire went in against a majority of 329, and eventually the game was left drawn.

26 August: SUSSEX v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3151.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

The Colonial team visited Brighton yesterday and began a match with the home county eleven. Sussex, though they have played each of the previous Australian elevens, have never had the good fortune to win a match against them. On the present occasion the Australians are without the services of Messrs Spofforth and Bonnor. The former injured his arm at Leyton while Mr Bonnor is still very lame.

Messrs Giffen and Palmer opened the Australian innings to the bowling of the brothers Hide. With the figures at eight Mr Palmer was stumped, but some big hitting was then shown by Messrs Scott and Giffen. Though the bowling was changed, 56 runs were scored in the first hour. Five runs later, however, the colonial captain was bowled; he had just previously been missed by Mr M'Cormick in the long field. Mr Trumble followed in and, after being let off by Jesse Hide at mid-on, he assisted in raising the figures to 74 at the luncheon interval.

Only two runs were added when Mr Trumble was easily stumped, and an addition of 28 saw Mr Blackham out in a similar manner. Mr Jones, who sprained his ankle at Leyton, had a man to run for him. He stayed until the score reached 128, and was then bowled. Mr Bruce was also dismissed in the same way at 130, and seven runs later Mr Evans was caught at mid-off. Mr Giffen's excellent innings was closed by a catch at the wicket at 164. He had played splendid cricket, and his faultless 73 included six fours, two threes and 11 twos. The last two wickets added 36, the innings closing at half-past 5. The home bowling had been very good, but the same could not be said of the fielding, which was rather loose.

Sussex had a quarter of an hour's batting. Mr Newham and Quaife were confronted by Messrs Garrett and Giffen. The professional was bowled, and then stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 August, page 8)

Messrs F M Lucas and G Brann accomplished a remarkable batting performance against the Australian bowlers at Brighton yesterday. They became partners with the score at 161 for seven wickets, and exactly doubled these figures before the call of "Time," when they were still together. Fine weather was experienced and the attendance was very large. Great enthusiasm was shown at the finish of the day's play. The score on Tuesday night stood thus – Australians 200 and Sussex 24 for one wicket.

Yesterday Mr Newham aided Mr M'Cormick. Messrs Giffen and Garrett were the bowlers. The last-named gave way to Mr Palmer at 53 and the change speedily had the desired effect, as at 69 Mr M'Cormick was bowled. Mr Thomas played very well, but at 98 he was taken at third man, while at 100 Mr Newham was easily stumped. His excellent innings of 45 included two fours, three threes and eight twos. Humphreys aided Mr Lucas, and at the luncheon interval the score had reached 135.

On play being resumed Mr Palmer with his leg break dismissed Jesse Hide, Humphreys and Tester for an addition of 26. With seven wickets down for 161 Mr Brann came in. Both he and Mr Lucas

played good cricket, and though nine bowlers were tried they doubled the score in two hours and a half. Mr Lucas played steadily and scored 81 out of 224 obtained while he was in. On the other hand Mr Brann hit most vigorously and made 104 out of the 161. He gave three chances – viz., a hard return to Mr Giffen when he had made 34, to Mr Scott at long-on with his figures at 89, and a single later to Mr Trumble, who missed a skier on the leg side. Mr Lucas had a narrow escape of being run out with his figures at 34, and should have been caught at mid-off with his total at 75.

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

Three days proved insufficient for the match between the Australians and Sussex, which was left unfinished at Brighton on Saturday. Throughout the wicket played true, and during the game 852 runs were scored, the figures at the close being in an even condition. When play ceased on Friday Sussex, with three wickets to fall in their first innings, had an advantage of 122 runs, and up to that time the partnership of Messrs Lucas and Brann had produced 161.

Mr Palmer started the bowling on Saturday morning, and in his first over Mr Brann was stumped. He had not increased his overnight figures of 104, which consisted of one six, twelve fours, a three, ten twos &c. Mr Lucas saw the other two wickets fall, and remained unconquered for a splendid innings of 93. He had been at the wickets four and a half hours, during which time 254 runs had been obtained. Twelve fours and 13 twos were among his contributions.

The Australians went in a second time, requiring 152 to avert a single innings defeat. Mr Palmer played very well despite the fact that he was missed several times. He gave a hard return chance to Jesse Hide with his figures at 12, and was shortly afterwards let off by Walter Humphreys at point. These were not his only mistakes, for when he had made 33 Mr Thomas should have caught him at long-on. Mr Scott assisted Mr Palmer in adding 79 for the second wicket. The Australian captain played very good cricket for 43, but he was missed by Arthur Hide in front of square-leg with his score at 19. Mr Palmer was taken at the wicket at 162 for 84, in which were ten fours and 12 twos. Thus the colonial eleven were ten runs ahead when the third wicket fell.

Of the other batsmen Mr Trumble showed the best defence, yet several of his companions hit freely. After the mistakes recorded it is almost unnecessary to say that the Sussex fielding was loose, and had the home team accepted the chances offered them the result might have been different. It will be seen from the appended score that at the finish the visitors with three wickets to fall had an advantage of 148 runs.

26 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3150.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

Yesterday at Nottingham Kent were batting the whole day against the champion county team. Some years have elapsed since the southerners were last seen at the Trent-bridge ground, and it is not surprising that a large company witnessed yesterday's cricket.

Successful in the toss, Kent went in first. Lord Harris and Mr Patterson made a capital start, and before the former was given out for obstructing his wicket the total had reached 85. His lordship gave a hard return chance to Lockwood when he had made 12, while with his figures at 38 he was badly missed by Flowers at mid-off. His chief hits were two fours, three threes and ten twos.

George Hearne followed in and, although the bowling underwent further changes, the score at luncheon time was 100 for one wicket. Afterwards the bowling was very true. At 132 George Hearne was taken at point, and at 165 Mr C Wilson was dismissed. Mr Rashleigh was batting three-quarters of an hour for nine runs. Wickets were captured steadily, and the score did not prove so heavy as at one time seemed probable. Mr Patterson had been batting five hours when he completed his 100, an exhibition of almost perfect cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 August, page 8)

Some capital cricket resulted from the second day's play in this match at the Trent Bridge ground, Nottingham. Kent, who were batting the whole of Thursday and scored 220 for the loss of eight wickets, completed their innings yesterday morning for an addition of 26 runs.

Mr W H Patterson was out last for 124. He went in first and had scored one more than half the total number of runs. He only gave one chance during the six hours that he was batting, and that was at short leg when he had scored 121. His chief hits were two fours, seven threes and 27 twos. Attewell claimed four wickets . . .

Nottinghamshire began batting at 12.5. Wootton and Martin were the bowlers. In the latter's second over Scotton was taken at the wicket, while the figures were unaltered when Barnes was caught at point, both wickets falling at two. Gunn and Shrewsbury then made a determined stand. After the latter had given a sharp chance to George Hearne at forward short leg the score was advanced to 39 before the interval. Rain had previously stopped the game for half an hour.

On play being resumed runs were scored steadily until Frank Hearne was tried. He soon got Shrewsbury taken at slip at 129, or 127 runs since the fall of the second wicket. Shrewsbury had played very finely for 66, and among his hits were four fours and seven threes. Gunn was out fourth at 148 for a faultless 70. His principal items were three fours and seven threes. Three wickets then fell for 13 runs, and the "follow-on" was not averted until just before "time."

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

About 5,000 people witnessed the concluding day's cricket in this match at the Trent-bridge ground,

Nottingham, on Saturday. When play was resumed the score stood in the following position – Kent, 246; and Nottinghamshire, 173 for eight wickets. The remaining two batsmen were dismissed for an addition of four runs, leaving Kent an advantage of 69. Martin bowled with great success, while Frank Hearne also claimed three wickets. Martin's seven wickets cost only 41 runs.

On Kent going in a second time, the bowling of Attewell and Shaw proved very effective. The innings began at noon, but in an hour four wickets fell for 16 runs. Lord Harris, however, hit vigorously, and received considerable assistance from Frank Hearne. His lordship was missed twice before the interval, the figures at the adjournment standing at 71 for five wickets.

On resuming the Kent captain was again twice let off but, after Frank Hearne's dismissal at 88, he was caught at long-on for 59. His chief hits were two fours, four threes and 11 twos. The innings was finished at 20 minutes past 3 for an addition of nine. Attewell secured seven wickets . . .

Nottinghamshire wanted 174 for victory, and had two hours and a half to play. Consequently there was little probability of their obtaining the number; while, on the other hand, there was a chance of Kent winning. Nottinghamshire started badly against the bowling of Wootton and Martin. Scotton and Barnes were both bowled, and with only 16 runs recorded two of the best wickets had been lost. Then followed very fine cricket by Shrewsbury and Gunn, who between them added 41 runs. Gunn was then bowled; but Flowers aided Shrewsbury and no further wicket had fallen when stumps were drawn, and the match left unfinished. In both innings Shrewsbury had played in his well-known masterly style, and had scored 120 runs for once out . . .

26 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3149.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

Lancashire had all the best of yesterday's cricket in this match at Clifton. Gloucestershire went in first, but after the brothers Grace had made a good start, wickets fell rapidly to the bowling of Barlow and Briggs, and in two hours and a quarter the innings ended for 116. After the luncheon interval the last six wickets fell for 43 runs. Briggs took five wickets . . .

On Lancashire going in, Mr Hornby and Barlow scored 39 for the first wicket – the same number as Drs W G and E M Grace had opened the Gloucestershire innings with. Briggs hit freely for 23, and with the fall of Barlow's wicket stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 August, page 8)

The cricket in this match at Clifton yesterday proved exceptionally interesting. It will be remembered that on Thursday Lancashire, having dismissed their opponents for 116, had lost three wickets for 81. Thus they had a great advantage; but this they soon lost, so rapidly did wickets fall that when the seventh went they were still ten runs behind.

However, Mr Haigh then showed some very brilliant batting, and received great assistance from Watson, with whom he added 41 for the eighth wicket. Eventually he took out his bat for 51, which included two square-leg hits for six each, four fours, five threes and two twos. Dr W G Grace claimed six wickets . . .

In a minority of 66, Gloucestershire went in a second time. They made a most disastrous start. Dr E M Grace was taken at mid-off from the second ball bowled, while Dr W G Grace was caught at slip in the fourth over with the total at two. With Messrs Brain and Radcliffe together matters improved. These gentlemen batted in splendid style, and during their partnership, which only lasted an hour, 87 runs were added. Mr Radcliffe was twice missed at long leg, but otherwise his cricket was good. His chief hits were six fours and three threes.

Mr Brain was in altogether an hour and 50 minutes for his 69. He played almost perfect cricket, and among his contributions were nine fours, three threes and seven twos. Subsequently Messrs Townsend and Page were seen to advantage . . .

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

Gloucestershire won their match at Clifton with Lancashire on Saturday after a most interesting contest. It was the second reverse sustained by Lancashire last week, as it will be remembered they were beaten by Kent on the Tuesday. At the end of an innings each the Western county were in a minority of 66; but so well did they play in their second venture that Lancashire were put in with 161 to obtain for victory. Then followed some capital bowling by Woof with the result as stated.

Gloucestershire, who had scored 192 in their second innings for the loss of eight wickets, resumed their defence on Saturday morning. The remaining batsmen gave more trouble than had been

anticipated and 34 runs were added before the last wicket fell. Watson took four wickets . . .

Lancashire began their second attempt in a most disastrous manner. In Woof's first four overs Mr Royle, Barlow and Briggs were got rid of for two runs. Seven batsmen were out by the time the total had reached 52. Two more wickets were captured for an addition of 34 runs, but Robinson and Pilling then made a determined stand. The former hit vigorously, and though the bowling underwent several changes, 43 were put on before Mr Page clean bowled Pilling, and Lancashire were beaten by 31 runs. Robinson took out his bat for 53, which included a square-leg hit for six, three threes and eight twos. Woof secured seven wickets . . .

26 August: SURREY v LEICESTERSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128324.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

The return match between these counties had been anticipated with more than ordinary interest. This fact was owing to the remarkable play shown in the first game, when Surrey were defeated.

Yesterday at Kennington Oval, Surrey, on a good wicket, were batting nearly the whole time, and runs were scored at the rate of about 80 an hour. Mr A P Douglas, who showed such promising form against Wiltshire at the beginning of the present week, made a successful first appearance for the home county. However, Mr Walter Read's brilliant innings eclipsed everything else. He went in second wicket down with the figures at 122, and carried his bat through the remainder of the innings. He scarcely made a bad stroke, and during the three hours and a quarter that he was in his all-round cricket was very fine. Among his contributions were 22 fours, seven threes and 11 twos.

Several other members of the home eleven played very good cricket, and the venture did not end until 6 o'clock. Pougher, who bowled with great success in the previous match, claimed seven wickets . . .

Leicestershire had a quarter of an hour's batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 August, page 8)

Though the wicket at Kennington Oval yesterday still played well the Surrey bowlers had matters nearly all their own way, and twice dismissed the visiting team. At the drawing of stumps on Thursday the home eleven had completed an innings for 415, and Leicestershire had scored eight without mishap.

On the visitors resuming batting yesterday, Mr Marriott was the only player who caused Surrey any trouble. His excellent 44 included five fours, one three and six twos. The first innings closed shortly before 3 o'clock for 120. Lohmann claimed six wickets . . .

Leicestershire followed on in a minority of 295. Turner and Warren, however, were the only batsmen who played with determination, and eventually Surrey gained a decisive victory by an innings and 174 runs. Bowley took five wickets . . .

26 August: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3152.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 August, page 8)

There was some remarkable cricket in this return match at Holbeck, near Leeds, yesterday. Fine weather favoured the game, and there was a good attendance of spectators. Yorkshire went in first, but Bates was the only batsman who played the bowling with any determination. He went in first and was out sixth at 150. Of this number he had contributed no fewer than 106 in two hours and a quarter. He hit in a most brilliant style, but gave three chances – viz., at long-on when he had made 62, at mid-off with his figures at 99, and in the slips just before he was out. Despite these mistakes his performance was exceptionally good. Among his hits were 12 fours, five threes and 13 twos.

Derbyshire started badly, but matters improved with the defence in the hands of Mr Docker and W Chatterton. In the Yorkshire innings Mr Walker claimed three wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 August, page 8)

Derbyshire at one time yesterday had all the best of the game, but at the drawing of stumps last evening their opponents held the advantage. When play was resumed at Holbeck Derbyshire were 91 for two wickets, their opponents having completed an innings for 161.

Mr Docker and W Chatterton, the not out batsmen, were separated at 110, the former being taken at the wicket. During the partnership 89 runs had been obtained. W Chatterton continued to play very well but could get no one to stay with him, and eventually the innings terminated for 182. Chatterton's superb 82 included a drive and a square-leg hit – both out of the ground – for six each, five fours, two threes and fifteen twos. Bates claimed five wickets . . .

Yorkshire, who were 21 runs in arrear, went in a second time. So indifferent was the start that Bates, Hall, Mr Hawke and Preston had all been dismissed when the total had reached 34. Ulyett and Wade then added 57. The former was bowled at 99, while Wade was run out previously at 91. When Peel and Grimshaw became partners the Derbyshire bowling was completely mastered, and 94 runs were added before stumps were drawn.

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

Though at one time during the match Yorkshire had all the worst of the game, they on Saturday gained a decisive victory over the Derbyshire eleven at Holbeck, near Leeds. This result was foreshadowed by the state of the score on Friday night, when the home eleven, with four wickets to fall in their second innings, were 172 runs ahead.

Grimshaw, 59, and Peel, 33, the not outs, resumed the Yorkshire batting on Saturday morning. The total had reached 265 before they were separated, Peel playing on. During the partnership 166 runs had been added by some very fine cricket. Peel was at the wickets over three hours, and his 55 included four fours, three threes and four twos. Wade hit vigorously until he was run out, but Emmett and Mr Leatham were soon dismissed, and the innings closed at half-past 1 for 286.

Grimshaw carried out his bat for a very fine innings of 122. He had not given a distinct chance, but should have been run out soon after his arrival. He was batting three and a half hours, and among his contributions were 12 fours, three threes and 15 twos. Davidson claimed three wickets . . .

Derbyshire required 266 to win; but, as only three hours and a half remained for play, there was scarcely any probability of their accomplishing the task. Coupe hit freely, but the best cricket was shown by Cropper and W Chatterton, who added 45 runs for the fourth wicket. Besides the three players named, the side offered little resistance to the bowling, and the innings was over at a quarter past 5 for 144. Thus Yorkshire won by 121 runs. Bates secured five wickets . . .

Monday 30 August: THE COUNTIES IN 1886

With the finish of the matches at Clifton, Leeds and Nottingham on Saturday, the season, as far as the first-class counties are concerned, was brought to a close. Nottinghamshire again become entitled to the championship, a position which they have now held for the last four years.

At one time it seemed likely that Surrey would wrest it from the Midland team, but the latter played consistently good cricket. Surrey maintained a brilliant record up to the return match with Lancashire, after which they were beaten by Notts and Sussex at the Oval. On the whole the wickets have been favourable to the batsmen, but at the beginning of the season the rain rendered them slow. Mr Walter Read has scored over 1,000 runs for his county, but his average is rather less than Shrewsbury's. The Nottinghamshire batsman is credited with the highest county average of the year.

The interest in county cricket by no means flagged during the season, despite the Australian matches. Below will be found the averages, with a few particulars of each county's results: -

Nottinghamshire played 14 matches, winning seven and drawing the others. They defeated Sussex (twice), Surrey, Yorkshire, Kent, Lancashire and Middlesex. The drawn matches were with Yorkshire, Surrey, Lancashire, Kent, Middlesex and Gloucestershire (twice). It will be seen that there are some very fine averages in both batting and bowling: -

[Note: no county averages for 1886 are available on Cricket Archive, so the figures here are those taken from The Times, with qualifications of 200 runs for batsmen and 20 wickets for bowlers. The averages have been adjusted slightly to conform with the modern pattern.]

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Most in		
	Inns	not out	Runs	an Inns	Aver.
Shrewsbury	21	3	829	227*	46.05
Gunn	21	3	631	83	35.05
Scotton	21	2	559	110*	29.42
Barnes	18	1	415	158	24.41
Mr H B Daft	17	3	248	66*	17.71
Selby	16	2	242	58*	17.28
Flowers	22	5	261	39	15.35

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Flowers	784.1	435	773	58	13.32
Attewell	1024.2	595	977	73	13.38
W Wright	349.3	177	417	24	17.37
Shaw	507.2	293	429	24	17.87
Barnes	344	174	473	24	19.70

Surrey played 16 matches, of which 12 were won, three lost and one drawn. It is surprising how quickly the county has come to the front during the past two years, and now they have an eleven which has twice beaten the Australians in one season – a fact that speaks for itself. They defeated Yorkshire (twice), Kent (twice), Derbyshire (twice), Middlesex (twice), Gloucestershire (twice), Lancashire and Sussex. They were beaten by Nottinghamshire, Lancashire and Sussex, while the

first match with Notts was drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
Mr W W Read	24	1	1003	120	43.60
Maurice Read	27	4	815	83	35.43
Abel	29	4	701	110	28.04
Mr W E Roller	19	4	387	102*	25.80
Mr J Shuter	28	3	573	86	22.92
Lohmann	21	1	435	107	21.17
Diver	27	0	542	94	20.07

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Bowley	722.3	367	922	64	14.26
Lohmann	597.2	476	1390	92	15.10
Beaumont	751.1	309	1016	63	16.12
Jones	545.3	291	663	35	18.94

Lancashire's record is by no means so satisfactory for them as at one time seemed probable. This fact was owing chiefly to the unexpected defeats sustained at Brighton and Clifton. They have, however, secured third place, with five victories, five defeats and four drawn games, the total number of engagements having been 14. They defeated Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Derbyshire and Yorkshire; matches with Kent, Sussex, Surrey, Gloucestershire and Notts were lost, while others with Gloucestershire, Derbyshire, Notts and Yorkshire were drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
Mr A N Hornby	20	0	612	161	30.60
Briggs	23	1	512	107	23.27
Robinson	17	2	262	54	17.46
Barlow	23	2	252	50	12.00
Mr O P Lancashire	22	1	214	31*	10.19

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Watson	842.3	525	730	64	11.40
Barlow	724.3	407	853	68	12.54
Briggs	613.3	318	750	43	17.44

Had it not been for the late three successes of the Yorkshire eleven their season would have been most disastrous. Taking into account the ability of the side the fact seems most remarkable. Up to the time that they played the return with Middlesex they had only won one match, and that was against Derbyshire. In all they played 16 matches. Four were won – viz., against Derbyshire (twice), Gloucestershire and Middlesex; five lost – Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Kent, Surrey (twice); and seven drawn – Sussex (twice), Kent, Notts, Lancashire, Middlesex and Gloucestershire.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in		Aver.
	Inns	not out		an	Inns	
Hall	31	4	811	92		30.03
Hon M B Hawke	25	1	615	144		25.15
Bates	31	0	747	138		24.09
Grimshaw	16	2	308	122*		22.00
Ulyett	31	0	641	78		20.67
Preston	31	2	534	76		18.41
Peel	31	2	456	75		15.72
Lee	22	2	229	40		11.45
Emmett	28	2	285	48		10.96

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Wade	221.1	111	259	32	8.09
Emmett	925.3	484	1069	96	11.13
Peate	555.2	305	572	39	14.66
Bates	542.3	282	667	42	15.88

Kent, on the whole, have a very fair result of the season's play. Their brilliant victories over Yorkshire and Lancashire will be fresh in the memory of most cricketers. In addition to these wins they defeated Sussex and Derbyshire (twice); they were beaten by Surrey (twice), Sussex, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Middlesex; their drawn matches were with Notts, Yorkshire and Middlesex.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in		Aver.
	Inns	not out		an	Inns	
G G Hearne	27	3	916	126		38.16
Lord Harris	17	0	603	76		35.47
Mr C Wilson	8	0	237	127		29.62
Mr W H Patterson	11	0	289	124		26.27
Mr F Marchant	10	0	258	96		25.6
F Hearne	27	1	643	142		24.73
Rev R T Thornton	16	3	260	64		20.00

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Martin	268.2	146	287	29	9.89
Wootton	1078.2	478	1571	97	16.19
A Hearne	752.2	377	921	46	20.02

Though strong in batting, Middlesex have still little bowling at their command, and considering this fact their results are by no means unsatisfactory. Ten matches were played. Three of these were won, four lost and three drawn. The victories were over Gloucestershire (twice) and Kent. They were beaten by Surrey (twice), Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire; while the matches drawn were with Yorkshire, Kent and Nottinghamshire.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
Mr S W Scott	13	2	417	94*	37.10
Mr A J Webbe	10	0	352	103	35.2
Mr J G Walker	18	0	506	79	28.11
Mr A E Stoddart	18	0	506	116	28.11
Mr T C O'Brien	10	1	241	88*	26.7
Spillman	16	0	337	88	21.06

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
West	394.2	193	575	32	17.96
Mr J Robertson	507.2	240	741	35	21.6
Burton	835.1	382	1144	51	22.43

Sussex are last but two in the table of results. They played 12 matches, of which four were won, six lost and two drawn. They defeated Kent, Surrey, Gloucestershire and Lancashire, and were beaten by Lancashire, Kent, Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire (twice) and Surrey. Both the matches with Yorkshire were drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
Mr F M Lucas	9	0	276	121	30.66
Mr F Thomas	10	0	305	73	30.50
W Humphreys	22	4	523	65*	29.05
J Hide	22	1	473	173	23.90
Tester	21	0	377	130	17.95
Quaife	19	2	293	46	17.23
Bean	20	1	310	103	16.31

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
W Humphreys	236	30	711	42	16.92
Bean	454	199	703	35	20.08
J Hide	757.1	358	1012	49	20.65
Tester	334.2	163	489	22	22.22
A Hide	744.3	392	943	41	23.00

In the absence of Woof from most of the matches Gloucestershire had to depend chiefly on Dr W G Grace's bowling. They played 13 matches, of which three were won (Lancashire, Sussex and Derbyshire), six lost (Middlesex, two; Sussex, Surrey, two; and Yorkshire), and four drawn (Notts, two; Yorkshire and Lancashire).

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
Mr J H Brain	16	3	401	71	30.84

Dr W G Grace	22	2	560	92*	28.00
Mr O G Radcliffe	23	1	590	104*	26.81
Mr F Townsend	15	1	337	106	24.07
Mr G Francis	12	1	203	89	18.45
Dr E M Grace	19	0	358	61	18.84
Painter	23	0	395	65	17.17
Mr H V Page	16	1	255	35	17.00
Mr H Hale	21	4	200	44*	11.13

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Woof	575.3	275	761	40	19.02
Dr W G Grace	803.2	353	1256	60	20.56
W H Hale	364.3	156	655	25	26.20

Derbyshire are again at the end of the lists of results. Of the nine matches engaged in by them they did not once meet with success. They drew one match with Lancashire and were then beaten by Surrey (twice), Kent (twice), Yorkshire (twice), Gloucestershire and Lancashire.

BATTING AVERAGES

	Times		Runs	Most in an Inns	Aver.
	Inns	not out			
W Chatterton	16	3	284	82*	21.84
Mr L C Docker	10	0	207	64	20.7
F H Sugg	18	0	347	62	19.27
Cropper	18	0	306	93	17.00

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Aver.
Davidson	391.3	172	564	33	17.09
Cropper	432.1	200	601	35	17.17
Mr G G Walker	357.3	146	633	29	21.24

The subjoined table gives the position of each county: -

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Total
Notts	7	0	7	14
Surrey	12	3	1	16
Lancashire	5	5	4	14
Yorkshire	4	5	7	16
Kent	5	5	3	14
Middlesex	3	4	3	10
Sussex	4	6	2	12
Gloucestershire	3	6	4	13
Derbyshire	0	8	1	9

During recent years the fires of county cricket have somewhat paled before the interest with which the fortunes of the Australian teams are followed. Many people who, in accordance with tradition, regarded county competition in cricket as an end in itself, were half inclined to grumble at the disturbance introduced by the visits of the Australians into county fixtures, principally by carrying off the best men to do battle for the mother country in the numerous matches of England v Australia.

But whatever the foundation for these murmurs, Australian rivalry has undoubtedly given a fillip to English cricket as a whole. And, whether owing to the unusual weakness of this year's Australian team or from other causes, the interest displayed in county cricket during the present season has been at least as lively as ever. Probably it was felt that the premiership of the first-class counties was a singularly open possibility. Besides Lancashire and Yorkshire, one or two of the southern counties showed last season that they would shortly be in a position to challenge the supremacy long shown by Notts.

But the county season, so far as the first-class counties are concerned, is ended, and Notts still holds the field against all comers, athletic Surrey have pressed them hard. The aspirant to the first place among the counties must not necessarily show an unbeaten record, but must have lost fewer matches than any other county. Some may question whether this, which is the most convenient, is the fairest method of decided the rival claims. In the present case it has produced a result which is at first sight curious.

Notts are in the fortunate position of not having been once defeated. They have played fourteen matches, of which they have won seven and drawn seven. The number of unfinished matches cannot but detract somewhat from the brilliancy of the result, and invite comparison in this respect with the performances of Surrey. A small percentage of the drawn matches might, if played out, have tarnished the roll. But drawing a match may be sometimes a matter of patience and skill as at other times a matter of absolute insufficiency of time; and Notts are entitled to all the credit which belongs to an eleven which can vary their usually dashing style by adopting "stone-wall" tactics when occasion requires.

For their success NOTTS are chiefly indebted to Shrewsbury, Gunn, Scotton, Barnes and Flowers, not to speak of Attewell, who have played such consistent cricket that their opponents could always make sure that some or one of them would give trouble. To Shrewsbury belongs the honour of having compiled the largest score made this season in a county match; but his 227 runs were obtained against the Gloucestershire bowlers, who on that occasion comprised neither wool nor Dr W G Grace.

The rise of Surrey, which stands in the second place of honour, has been steady of late. Seven or eight years ago Surrey was sunk in the lowest depths, with an eleven composed of worn-out professionals with a scanty admixture of second-rate amateurs. This year, besides defeating the Australians twice, they have won no less than 12 out of the 16 matches they have played, losing three and leaving one (against Notts) drawn rather in favour of Surrey. The return match was won by Notts by seven wickets, so that, although their performances as a whole are certainly not less brilliant than those of their successful rivals, Surrey are not in a position to deny their own specific inferiority to the midland county. But until they were beaten severely and somewhat unexpectedly in their return match with Lancashire, Surrey seemed as if they were about to sweep the board, having won six matches and drawn one.

Events subsequently proved that, although brilliant, their eleven could not always be depended upon – an instance of which occurred in their defeat by Leicestershire, a county of such inconsiderable pretensions that the misfortune did not, of course, affect Surrey's position in the first-class playing record. Surrey were at the time playing without Mr W W Read and Maurice Read, and in the return match made an example of their unusually assailants. Last year Surrey had an almost equally strong batting team, and we must consequently ascribe their rise in the world to the fine bowling of Lohmann and Bowley.

Lancashire, which was the first county to lower the colours of Surrey, thereupon assumed the position of second favourites, for up to the early part of August they had only been beaten twice, once by Notts and once by Surrey. But they then spoilt their chance by being beaten by two weak counties, Sussex and Gloucestershire. First among the Lancashire batsmen – if we except Mr A G Steel, who only played in four innings for his county – stands Mr Hornby, and we welcome this evidence that his play is as vigorous as ever.

If we apply the criterion mentioned above to the cases of Yorkshire and Kent, the northern county must be placed first, four out of sixteen matches they have won four and lost five, while Kent out of fourteen matches have won five and lost six. But Kent are able to say that they defeated Yorkshire decisively in the Canterbury week, while the previous match with the same county was drawn.

Until the middle of August Yorkshire had been unable to win a match against any county but Derbyshire, but within the last fortnight they met with better success. So dissatisfied were the northerners with their eleven's early career that they made the experiment of dispensing with Peate, a bowler whose once deadly deliveries seem to have lost their novelty, which is much the same thing as their deadliness. In Mr Hawke, their captain, Yorkshire have at least secured a good amateur to play regularly for them. Their past season is also remarkable for what may be called the renaissance of Emmett, the veteran professional.

Kent have been gradually growing in strength under the watchful eye of Lord Harris, who Parliamentary engagements did not prevent him from playing 17 innings and attaining the second place in the county batting averages. Kent has famous cricket traditions, and her ready supply of amateurs, as well as professionals like the Hearnese and Wootton, ought to secure the county a further rise in the scale.

Middlesex, as usual, showed a lamentable deficiency in bowling, which their strength in batting, lately reinforced by the acquisition of Mr Stoddart and Spillman, was very far from compensating. It is fair, however, to note that they only played ten matches, so that their position sixth in the list is better than it might seem.

Sussex, with twelve matches played, of which four have been won, six lost and two drawn, come seventh, and Gloucestershire - **quantum mutatus** - eighth. Dr W G Grace, in spite of his success among the Australians, must yield to others for this season, at all events, the championship in batting, although he perhaps remains our best all-round player.

Derbyshire rank last among the first-class county elevens, but they deserve credit for their not unsatisfactory efforts to cope with counties with greater natural advantages.

The time is now past when it would have been remarkable to say that "centuries" during the season have been numerous. Batsmen have apparently so developed the science of defence as to obtain a

permanent advantage over the bowlers. On no less than 27 occasions have upwards of 100 runs been scored in first-class county matches. Four of these scores, including the 227 not out of Shrewsbury, exceeded 150. With such large individual scoring it is not surprising that so many matches were left undecided. However gratifying to the batsman and his friends the “century” may be, it is often unsatisfactory to those who wish to see the contest either won or lost.

Many reforms have been suggested to obviate these disappointing results, which so complicate the returns of county cricket. The plan of starting matches earlier in the day is attended with more objections than appear on the surface, especially where one of the contending elevens has been travelling the greater part of the previous night. The width of the wickets or of the bat may rather be the proper subject for cricket reformers to operate upon. There is a good deal to be said for cricket played with broomsticks; more still for cricket played with something nearer a bat than a broomstick. Cricketers have conservative instincts, but stubborn facts should be enough to lead them to overhaul their old traditions.

30 August: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3153.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 August, page 6)

Two powerful teams had been got together for the opening match of the Scarborough Festival, but the batting of the Gentlemen yesterday proved very disappointing. The wicket had been rendered a little difficult by a heavy dew, yet not enough to account for the feeble display of cricket by the Gentlemen. They went in first and were all dismissed in an hour and 40 minutes for 90.

Mr A E Stoddart showed by far the best batting and proved highest scorer for his side. He went in first wicket down at 21 and was out sixth with the figures at 64. It should be mentioned, however, that Dr Grace made a very fine square-leg hit out of the ground for six. Messrs Steel and Forster bowled unchanged during the innings; the former captured seven wickets at an average cost of under nine runs each.

On the Zingari going in, Messrs Walker and Steel played very finely and obtained 61 runs for the first wicket. The Hon M B Hawke was given out leg before without obtaining a run, and Mr Tylecote was stumped at 107. Four wickets were down when Messrs Wilson and Studd became partners. Both gentlemen hit brilliantly, and though numerous changes were made in the bowling they were still together at the call of time. Mr Wilson gave a chance in the long field early in his innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 September 1886)

The Scarborough Festival of 1886 will long be remembered for the grand innings played by Mr C I Thornton yesterday. He went in fourth wicket down with the figures at 133, and during his stay the score was exactly doubled. Towards the total he contributed 107 runs in one hour and 10 minutes. He obtained them in 27 hits, which included eight sixes (seven of them drives out of the ground), 12 fours and two threes. In an over of Mr Steel's he made 16 runs, and in another 10, while in two overs from Mr Leadbeater he scored 24 runs. His big hitting, of course, eclipsed everything else, still the other cricket proved very interesting.

When the game was resumed the Zingari, with six wickets to fall, were 108 runs ahead. Mr Wilson increased his overnight score by 10 before being bowled. His chief hits were 10 fours, five threes and six twos. Mr G B Studd, the other not out, obstructed his wicket. Included in his 55 runs were four fours, one three and 13 twos. After his dismissal there was some free hitting by Messrs Paravicini, Clarke, Leadbeater and H G Tylecote, and it was not until the figures were within one of 300 that the last wicket fell at 1.40.

Play was not resumed again until 3 o'clock. The gentlemen, who were 209 behind, then went in a second time. Messrs Rock and Stoddart opened the defence to the bowling of Messrs Steel and Forster. Mr Rock had the misfortune to be run out at 19, and seven runs later Mr O'Brien was stumped. Dr Grace, who followed, scored 14 in an over from Mr Steel, and the total had travelled to 73 before the Gloucestershire captain was taken in the long-field. During his stay he had made a drive out of the ground. Mr Radcliffe was bowled at 133, and at 160 Mr Stoddart was run out. He had shown excellent form, and his chief items were seven fours, two threes and three twos. Eventually the innings produced 266.

The particulars of Mr Thornton's fine innings have been already given. The weather was very fine and there was a large attendance of onlookers.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 September, page 11)

The Zingari gained an easy victory over the Gentlemen of England at Scarborough yesterday, when the first match of the Festival closed. No other result than the defeat of the Gentlemen could have been anticipated after the drawing of stumps on Tuesday, the Zingari then requiring only 58 to win with an innings to play.

In rather less than an hour the game was decided. Only a single had been recorded when Mr Clarke was bowled, but Mr Hawke and Mr Forster scored 50 runs for the next wicket. During the partnership five bowlers were tried. Mr Walker aided Mr Forster, and the winning hit was made at half-past 1. From the score subjoined it will be seen that the Gentlemen were beaten by eight wickets.

30 August: SOUTH OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3154.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 August, page 6)

Fine weather and a large attendance were associated with the opening day's play in the match between the Australians and a powerful South of England team at Gravesend yesterday. The home eleven included five players from Surrey, four from Kent and two from Sussex. Messrs Jones and Evans stand out from the Australian side.

Winning the toss, the Colonials went in first, on a splendid wicket, and at the drawing of stumps last evening they had not completed their innings. During the day some first-class batting was witnessed, and in spite of the intense heat, the bowling and fielding at no time flagged. When play ceased the Colonial score stood at 282.

Mr Palmer was at the wicket two hours and 40 minutes for his superb innings of 93. Mr Bonnor has not been batting at all well during the present tour, but yesterday he played in quite his old style for 43. An interesting feature during the afternoon was the very fine catch at slip which got rid of Mr Jarvis.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 September 1886)

Mr Palmer's bowling was the great feature of yesterday's cricket in the match between the Colonials and the South of England at Gravesend. On an excellent wicket he succeeded in bringing about the dismissal of six batsmen at an average cost of about 10 runs each. This would have been a great feat for any bowler on a good pitch, but the strength of the batting side whom he was playing against rendered his performance all the more remarkable.

The Australians were batting the whole of Monday, and at the drawing of stumps had scored 282 for the loss of seven wickets. Yesterday the remaining batsmen were speedily dismissed.

The home eleven began batting at 12.30 with Mr Patterson and Frank Hearne. Messrs Spofforth and Palmer were the bowlers. The Englishmen offered a most feeble resistance to the bowling of Mr Palmer, who dismissed them in quick succession. Frank and George Hearne, Maurice Read, Mr W W Read, Lohmann and Mr Patterson had all been disposed of by the time the figures reached 69. Mr W H Patterson, who was out sixth, played very good cricket.

Hide and Humphreys then improved matters, and 38 runs were added before they were separated. An even more determined and unexpected stand was made by Wootton and Humphreys, who, despite several alterations in the attack, put on 60 runs for the eighth wicket. After Wootton's dismissal neither Bowley nor Wood did much, and the innings terminated shortly after 4 o'clock. Humphreys carried out his bat, having played a most useful innings. Mr Palmer's bowling has already been referred to.

The South of England followed on. They started in much better style than at their first attempt. Mr Patterson and Frank Hearne opened the defence, and 71 runs were scored before the amateur was got rid of. Maurice Read aided Hearne, and no further wicket fell. Frank Hearne, when he was made 40, was badly missed at cover-point by Mr Trumble. With this exception, however, the

batting was very good. Fine weather again favoured the game and about 5,000 people witnessed yesterday's play.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 September, page 11)

The third and concluding day's cricket in the match between the Australians and the South of England at Gravesend was productive of a very fine batting performance on behalf of the home team. It will be remembered that on Tuesday on a good wicket they were dismissed for a comparatively meagre score of 170, but when they followed on they only lost one batsman and scored 106 runs.

Yesterday Frank Hearne and Maurice Read, the not-outs, both played very brilliant cricket and the bowling of the visitors was completely mastered. Two hundred went up at 10 minutes to 1, while in rather more than a quarter of an hour the Kent professional completed his 100. Maurice Read was caught at slip at 262 for 109. In his display of batting there was scarcely a bad hit. Altogether the partnership had lasted two hours and 40 minutes, and during this time no fewer than 141 runs had been added. Maurice Read's chief contributions were one six (a drive), ten fours, nine threes and six twos.

Quickly after his dismissal Mr Spofforth got Frank Hearne caught at short leg. He also had shown excellent form for [111] – his first three-figure innings against Australian bowling – but should have been caught the previous evening when he had made 40. He gave no chance yesterday, though the no-ball from Mr Spofforth bowled him. Among his hits were 17 fours, four threes and five twos.

George Hearne was too unwell to go in, and the innings closed at 20 minutes past 5 for the large total of 450 – the result of six and a quarter hours' cricket. With the dismissal of the last English batsman play ceased and the game was left drawn.

30 August: ESSEX v LANCASHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128319.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 August, page 6)

The Essex team were seen to advantage in the return match with Lancashire, which opened yesterday on the county cricket ground at Leyton. The weather was very fine and the attendance during the afternoon proved large.

Successful in the toss, the home eleven went in first. The start was not promising, as with the score at seven Jones was dismissed by a very fine catch at the wicket. Messrs W Francis and Owen improved matters, and by some careful cricket the score reached 31. Mr Owen was now bowled; but on Almond coming in the total quickly travelled to 50 to ten minutes past 1. Watson and Barlow had started the bowling, but the former at 51 crossed over and Briggs took his place. This alteration soon had the desired effect, as at 55 Almond retired, clean bowled. He had made three hits for four each.

Mr Ward's stay was brief and fruitless, as he was beaten by the third ball he received. A dozen runs later Mr W Francis, who had shown very good form, was bowled. After this Messrs Stevens and F P Francis stayed together until the luncheon interval, when the figures stood at 79 for five wickets.

On the game being resumed, both batsmen played well, and though the bowling was changed the 100 was telegraphed at a quarter past 3. Five runs later Mr Stevens was also bowled and, after the attack had undergone several variations, Mr Francis was dismissed in a like manner. Seven for 125. Mr Green, who had a man to run for him, and Barstow scored freely and put on 47 runs before the professional obstructed his wicket. His 40 included four fours, three threes and four twos. The last two wickets added 37 runs, the innings closing at ten minutes to 5. Mr Green had hit vigorously for 38 not out. Watson secured four wickets . . .

Lancashire began their innings at a quarter past 6 with Mr A N Hornby and Barlow. The visitors' captain was well taken at mid-on at 15. Robinson, however, hit with great freedom, and though the bowling was changed the total quickly reached 50. Robinson was then bowled in attempting to hit to leg. Mr Royle, after giving a chance to Mr Green at point, was caught at the wicket at 78. With Briggs and Barlow together the score again rose rapidly. Briggs drove Mr Ward thrice for four, and the 100 was signalled after an hour and five minutes' play. Briggs continued to hit freely and, despite bowling changes, no further wicket had fallen up to the drawing of stumps.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 September 1886)

Lancashire had considerably the best of the second day's play in this match at Leyton yesterday, and as the score now stands a victory for them seems inevitable. It will be remembered that they had lost three wickets for 115 on Monday evening. They resumed their batting at ten minutes past 12, the not outs, Briggs and Barlow with 29 each, being opposed by Mr Bishop and Pickett.

Seventeen runs were quickly added and then a catch by the wicket-keeper standing back got rid of Briggs. Fifty-four runs had been added during the partnership. Barlow played on at 149 and an addition of six saw the dismissal of Messrs Haigh and Lancashire, both of whom were clean bowled. Yates and Mr E C Hornby then became partners, and a stubborn resistance was offered to

the Essex bowling. Both players showed good cricket, and though the attack underwent several alterations the 200 was telegraphed at 1.20. Runs continued to be scored at a rapid rate, but Mr Hornby was missed when he had made 35 by Mr Owens running towards short leg.

At length with the total at 227 Yates was taken at cover-slip for a vigorously hit 39, which included six fours. Seventy-two runs had been obtained since the fall of the previous wicket. The innings was now rapidly finished off; Mr Hornby played on at 228, and four runs later pilling was bowled at 10 minutes to 2. Pickett claimed four wickets . . .

After luncheon the home eleven, who were we behind, went in a second time. Mr Owen and Jones again opened the defence, while Barlow and Watson were the bowlers. In the first few overs Jones made two cuts and a drive for four each, so that at 17 Briggs displaced Barlow. Without addition the professional was bowled and Mr W Francis came in. Both gentlemen hit with freedom, and 50 was signalled at a quarter to 4. Immediately afterwards Mr Owen should have been caught at long-off by Yates, who misjudged the ball. He profited little by his escape, however, as at 55 he was taken at third man. Two for 55.

Almond was bowled without scoring, and two other batsmen were out at 65, Mr Ward being bowled and Mr W Francis hitting his wicket. Mr Stevens was bowled at 73, and 13 runs later Bastow was out in a similar manner. Mr Green stayed with Mr Francis until the figures had reached 100, when he was also bowled. Mr Francis was beaten by a ball from Watson at 115; he had played a capital innings of 31. Pickett fell to a catch by Mr Haigh fielding deep at mid-off, and the innings was over at 20 minutes to 6 for 115. Watson claimed six wickets . . .

Requiring 93 for victory, Lancashire went in a second time. Mr Hornby at once began to score freely, but at 14 he was dismissed by a good catch at third man, Jones securing the ball at the second attempt. Robinson joined Barlow. The former scored rapidly, and his first five hits each realized four. Though the bowling was changed, no further wicket had fallen when stumps were drawn.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 September, page 11)

In less than half an hour yesterday at Leyton the match between these counties was brought to a close, Lancashire winning by eight wickets. The visitors, when the game was continued, required 46 to win with nine wickets to fall. Robinson and Barlow, the not-outs, were confronted by Mr Bishop and Pickett.

Robinson at once began to hit vigorously, but at 57 he lost the company of Barlow, whom Mr Green easily caught at point. Mr Royle filled the vacancy and at 82 a change in the bowling was tried, Pickett giving way to Mr F P Francis. After Mr Royle had been missed at the wicket the remaining runs were soon obtained, the amateur making the winning hit – an on-drive to the boundary. Robinson's chief hits were nine fours and three twos . . .

2 September: LORD LONDESBOROUGH'S ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3155.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 September, page 6)

Lord Londesborough got together a very powerful team to play against the Australians at Scarborough. Though the weather yesterday proved dull the attendance of spectators was very large. Messrs Blackham and Evans stand out from the Colonial side.

Owing to the late arrival of the Australians, who had come from Gravesend to York the previous evening, play did not begin until nearly 1 o'clock. Dr W G Grace and Scotton then opened the English defence. Both batsmen played very good cricket and, despite frequent alterations in the attack, the figures were advanced to 156 before Dr Grace was taken at the wicket. The Gloucestershire captain had played in quite his old style for 92. He made a bad hit over the bowler's head when he had made 17 and was nearly caught by Mr Jones who made a determined effort to secure the ball. He also gave a possible chance at the wicket. Apart from these mistakes his batting was particularly good. Among his contributions were 12 fours, three threes and seven twos.

Scotton was dismissed at 178; he had played with more freedom than is customary for him, as will be gleaned from the fact that he made ten fours, two threes and seven twos. Afterwards Bates and Barnes hit brilliantly . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 September, page 11)

Yesterday at Scarborough the English Eleven succeeded in beating the record recently established by Surrey for the largest innings against Australian bowling. Lord Londesborough's team scored 558, or 57 more than the number obtained by Surrey at the Oval. On the present occasion every member of the side made double figures, yet no player secured his hundred. It is questionable whether in a match of any importance so large a score as 558 has ever been made without a three-figure contribution. It will be remembered that at the close of Thursday the home team had obtained 268 runs for the loss of three wickets.

Play was resumed at a quarter to 12, and it was not until five minutes to 4 that the innings terminated. It had occupied seven hours and 25 minutes. At luncheon time the figures were 439 for eight wickets, but afterwards 119 runs were added in one hour. Mr Collins hit brilliantly, and the tenth wicket added 89 runs. Flowers, who scored 82, went in with the total at 338 and was out last. He gave a chance at slip when he had made 25, but otherwise his hitting was very fine. Among his items were 12 fours, one three and eight twos. It is scarcely necessary to say that the bowling was completely mastered. Owing to a sprain Mr Spofforth, though in the field, was unable to help his side in the attack, and Mr Bruce was too unwell to play, and had a substitute – Mr Pope.

The Australians had an hour and 40 minutes' batting. Mr Jones played very good cricket, and Mr Bonnor, who is still not out, made a fine drive out of the ground. Yesterday the weather was fine and the cricket was watched with interest by a large company.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 September, page 12)

Seldom during the present tour have the Australians played an up-hill game with such determination as they did on Saturday at Scarborough, when, by some capital batting, they were enabled to make a draw of the match with Lord Londesborough's team. At the close of Friday's play the Australians, having gone in against a total of 558, had lost three good wickets for 77.

Play was resumed on Saturday in fine weather and before a large company of spectators. Messrs Bonnor and Trumble, the former being not-out 11, were confronted at a quarter to 12 by Barlow and Mr Collins. After some patient cricket both batsmen began to score rapidly and the 100 was soon reached. At 102 Flowers superseded Barlow; but his bowling was severely punished by Mr Bonnor, who in his first over drove the ball twice out of the ground for six each, and shortly afterwards he obtained four by an off-drive. At 118, however, Mr Trumble was bowled and Mr Jarvis went in.

With the figures at 150 Mr Bonnor injured his foot so severely that he was compelled to retire. This proved a great misfortune for the colonials as he was thoroughly set and batting in quite his old style. Included in Mr Bonnor's 46 were three drives out of the ground for six each.

Mr Jarvis played on at 166 and, after Mr Garrett had been taken in the long-field for a single, Mr Bruce fell to a catch at third man at 191. Mr M'Ilwraith was soon bowled, but some determined hitting was shown by Mr Spofforth, and it was not until after luncheon that he was bowled, the innings closing for 231. In addition to Mr Bonnor the Australians had two other members of the side injured. Mr Scott went in late owing to his bad hand, and Mr Spofforth was so lame that he had to have a man to run for him.

In a minority of 327, the visitors went in a second time at half-past 3. Messrs Palmer and Jones opened the defence. For two hours and a quarter these gentlemen offered determined resistance to the English attack, which was frequently varied, and the figures had travelled to 161 before Mr Palmer was stumped off Briggs' bowling. Scarcely any performance of equal merit has been accomplished by the colonial batsmen during the present tour, and both Mr Palmer and Mr Jones are to be congratulated for the superb defence shown during their partnership. It surpassed by five runs the achievement of Dr Grace and Scotton on the opening day of the match. Mr Palmer's 75 included one six, two fours and six twos.

Messrs Giffen and Jones then played out time. Mr Jones's magnificent innings of 108 consisted of one six (four by an overthrow), 13 fours, eight threes, nine twos and eight singles. During the match 20 wickets fell for 981 runs – and average of 49.05 per wicket.

2 September: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/128/128321.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 September, page 6)

These return match between these counties was begun yesterday at Southampton. Rain considerably interfered with the day's cricket, indeed there was no play after the adjournment for luncheon. Hampshire were fully represented.

The home eleven went in first and scored 93 runs on one hour and 40 minutes. Rain fell heavily during the interval, and at 20 minutes to 5 it was decided to abandon play for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 September, page 11)

There was a full and even day's cricket at Southampton yesterday, when the match between these counties was continued. Hampshire, who had lost two wickets for 93, resumed their batting. Mr Lacey, however, was the only member of the side who played the Surrey bowling with any great success, and he was badly run out by Mr Meyrick-Jones.

After luncheon Surrey went in. Though the 100 went up with only three wickets down, the score at the drawing of stumps was slightly in favour of the home team.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 September, page 12)

Surrey was greatly indebted to Lohmann for the victory which they gained at Southampton on Saturday. This professional's bowling proved the feature of the match; he altogether securing a dozen wickets at an average cost of rather more than seven runs each. It will be remembered that at the close of Friday's play Surrey, with one wicket to fall, were 21 runs behind. On Saturday the visitors completed their innings for the addition of 17 runs.

When Hampshire went in a second time the wicket played very treacherously. Messrs Forster and Seymour batted very well, but the remaining members of the side did little against the bowling of Lohmann, whose seven wickets cost 31 runs. Though the Hampshire total only reached 71, the innings occupied two hours. Wood kept wicket very successfully, stumping three batsmen and catching two.

Surrey required 76 for victory, and these Abel and Mr Bowden obtained without mishap. Both batsmen played in good style, and Surrey won by 10 wickets.

6 September: ELEVEN PLAYERS OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3156.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 September, page 7)

The whole of yesterday was occupied by the Australian batting in this match, which opened at Bradford. There was nothing which calls for special comment in the day's cricket, still the play on the whole was excellent. Messrs Spofforth and Bonnor stood out from the Colonial side, while, in the absence of Pilling, Disney, of Derbyshire, kept wicket for the Englishmen. The weather was fine and a large company of spectators witnessed the play.

The Australians went in first. Their early batsmen were not seen to any great advantage, as may be gleaned from the fact that six wickets were down for 85, when Messrs Trumble and Scott became partners. Before they were separated these gentlemen added 52 runs. Mr Trumble then played on; his chief hits were seven fours, three threes and three twos.

Another stand was then made by Messrs M'Ilwraith and Scott, who advantage the figures to 212 before the latter was dismissed. The Australian captain had played very good cricket, and among his contributions were nine fours, four threes and five twos. His hitting proved the feature of the day. Mr M'Ilwraith and Mr Garrett also showed good form and added 35 for the last wicket. Mr M'Ilwraith, whose play was exceptionally fine, hit six fours, a three and two twos. With the fall of the last wicket stumps were drawn for the day. Pougher suffered an injury to his knee and had to retire.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 September, page 11)

The cricket in the match between these teams at Bradford yesterday proved of a very even character. When stumps were drawn on Monday the visitors, having been batting the whole day, had scored 247 in the first innings. There was a little rain early yesterday morning, but it had no detrimental effect on the wicket.

Scotton and Frank Hearne opened the English batting in good style and obtained 55 runs, when they were both dismissed. Maurice Read and Barlow now became partners and a determined stand was made. Despite several bowling changes the 100 was reached at a quarter past 1, and it was not until the score had travelled to 136 that Read obstructed his wicket. He had shown very fine form for 33. Barlow was taken at point after the luncheon interval for an excellent 45, in which were three fours, five threes and five twos.

Of the remaining members of the team, Gunn, Briggs and Lee batted with considerable success. Gunn was missed by Mr Jarvis at slip when he had made 23, but otherwise his batting was remarkably good. His chief hits were three fours, five threes and twos. Mr Garrett took the last seven English wickets.

With the advantage of nine the Colonials went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 September, page 12)

At Bradford yesterday the match between the Australians and Eleven Players terminated in a draw. The weather was cold and cheerless, and after the rain had stopped the game, at 4.15, the contest was not resumed. The colonials, who overnight were 29 runs to the good with nine wickets in their second innings to fall, resumed batting yesterday at a quarter past 12.

Messrs Evans and Jones, the not outs, stayed together until the figures reached 53, when Mr Evans was bowled. Mr Giffen followed in and some capital cricket was witnessed. At 98, however, Mr Jones, in attempting to hit to leg, sent the ball into the hands of slip. He had played an excellent innings, and his hits included eight fours, two threes and four twos. Mr Scott came in, but at 118 Mr Giffen was caught at slip, and four wickets were down.

After the interval Messrs Bruce and Scott increased the total to 169. The former, however, was let off at slip and by the wicket-keeper before he was taken at mid-off. Mr Scott was bowled at 195, and Mr Jarvis was dismissed in a similar manner at 213. Mr Blackham obstructed his wicket at 217, and then Messrs M'Ilwraith and Garrett became partners. Nine runs were added, and then rain stopped the game, which was not resumed and the match was left drawn. Pougher bowled remarkably well.

6 September: YORKSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3157.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 September, page 7)

Fine weather favoured the opening day's play in the last match of the Scarborough Festival. Marylebone were strongly represented, while Peate and Hunter assisted Yorkshire.

The visitors went in first; but, despite some free hitting by Mr Thornton and Barnes, six good wickets were down for 97. Subsequently Mr Walker batted very finely, and he received considerable assistance from Messrs Paravicini and Tylecote. Mr Walker went in with the total at 70 for four wickets and was out last. His 55 included eight fours, two threes and two twos. Yorkshire had rather more than an hour's batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 September, page 11)

Yesterday's cricket in the match between Marylebone and Yorkshire proved very interesting. It will be remembered that on Monday the visitors completed an innings for 191 and Yorkshire lost one wicket for 34. Yesterday the weather proved fine, and the wicket, despite some rain which had fallen overnight, played well.

Yorkshire increased their score to 211 before the last wicket fell at 4 o'clock. Of the 203 runs made from the bat Hall, Bates, Grimshaw and Peel contributed between them 179. Grimshaw hit very finely, and among his hits was a drive out of the ground for six. Barnes bowled with most success.

On the visitors going in a second time several of the batsmen showed good form until Bates was tried. This bowler got Barnes, Flowers and Mr Tylecote out in quick succession, and the aspect of the game completely changed. It will be seen from the score given below that at present the MCC with five wickets to fall are only 69 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 September, page 12)

The Scarborough Festival was brought to a close yesterday, when the Marylebone team beat Yorkshire after an excellent game. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday Marylebone, with five wickets to fall, were 69 runs ahead.

Yesterday only a single had been added when Mr O'Brien was caught at point. Mr Page aided Mr Walker and a determined stand was made, 60 runs being added before a catch at mid-on disposed of Mr Page for a vigorous 36. Further resistance was offered the Yorkshire bowling when Messrs Paravicini and Walker became partners. Runs were scored freely and 200 appeared at 1.35.

It was not until after luncheon that Mr Paravicini was taken at slip for a superb innings of 60, in which were nine fours and five twos. Neither Mr H G Tylecote nor Attewell stayed long, and the innings closed for 265. Mr J G Walker's 65 (not out) was a very fine display of batting; his chief hits were eight fours, three threes and four twos.

As only two and a quarter hours remained for play there was scarcely a possibility of Yorkshire

obtaining the 246 runs required by them for victory. It was generally thought that the game would be drawn, and few were prepared for the defeat sustained by the county side. They started badly, losing Bates, Ulyett and Hall for 18 runs. Subsequently Mr Hawke and Peel played with freedom; but, despite the efforts of these batsmen, the game ended at a quarter to 6, Marylebone winning by 133 runs. Dr Grace and Barnes bowled very successfully.

9 September: SOUTH OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3158.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 September, page 8)

Cold and cheerless weather was experienced yesterday at Brighton, when the return match between the Australians and the South of England was begun. The cricket proved exceptionally good. Successful in the toss, the Colonials began batting at 20 minutes to 1 with Messrs Jones and Palmer. Lohmann and Wootton were the bowlers.

Only a leg-bye was recorded and then Mr Jones was missed by the wicket-keeper and caught at slip from the same ball. Mr Giffen followed in, but with the total at 18 he lost the company of Mr Palmer, who was dismissed by a clever one-handed catch at slip. Messrs Giffen and Scott then batted in good style so that at 35 the bowling was altered, Wootton giving way to Jesse Hide. The variation had the desired effect, as at 43 Mr Scott played on. A further misfortune soon befell the Australians, as only seven runs were added when Mr Bruce was caught at the wicket. Four for 50 was a very bad start for the Colonial side. Matters improved, however, when Messrs Trumble and Giffen became partners; rain had previously delayed the contest for five minutes. Humphreys was put on, but at luncheon time the score was 56.

Afterwards Lohmann and Humphreys conducted the attack, but at 87 the latter handed the ball to Dr Grace. Steadily the score was increased to 100 by 3.35. At 107 a double change in the bowling took place – J Hide relieved Dr Grace and Wootton superseded Lohmann. Nine runs were added, and then Mr Trumble was caught at long-on for a well-played innings of 34. An invaluable stand had been made, with the result that 66 runs had been added.

Mr M'Ilwraith joined Mr Giffen, who completed his 50; but, after Lohmann had gone on again at 1.30 for Hide, the last-named batsmen was given out leg before. He had played superb cricket, and among his contributions were two fours, seven threes and seven twos. Six for 135. Mr Jarvis came in, and at 153 Humphreys resumed bowling. He was freely punished, still at 166 he succeeded in dismissing Mr M'Ilwraith.

Mr [Blackham] aided Mr Jarvis, who hit vigorously. Lohmann was tried again, though he soon gave way to George Hearne. Despite these changes the second hundred appeared at 5.50. Then in an over from Hearne two wickets were captured, Mr [Blackham] was caught at point and Mr Garrett at slip. Play then ceased for the day, the visitors still having one wicket to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 September, page 8)

The weather at Brighton yesterday proved most unfavourable for cricket, and besides being dull and cold the rain stopped the game some time. It will be remembered that the Colonials were batting the whole of Thursday and scored 207 runs for nine wickets.

Yesterday at 10 minutes past 12 Mr Jarvis, the not out with 45, was joined by Mr Evans. George Hearne and Wootton conducted the bowling. Only a dozen runs had been added in ten minutes when a catch at cover point dismissed Mr Evans and the innings terminated. Mr Jarvis took out his bat for a vigorously hit 51.

Half an hour afterwards Dr Grace and Abel began the English defence. Mr Garrett opened the bowling, but when he had sent down a maiden over rain caused the players to retire. The wet continued until nearly half-past 3, and then an attempt was made to resume play. However a further shower prevented the match being proceeded with until 4 o'clock. Of course the wicket now played very easy and the bowlers, Messrs Garrett and Evans, were at some disadvantage.

Both batsmen showed good form. Abel made a cut and a leg hit from Mr Garrett for four each, while the Gloucestershire captain drove Mr Evans for two and four, and cut the other bowler late for three. This rapid rate of scoring was followed by very slow cricket for a time. Sixteen overs were sent down for five singles, and the bowlers were now apparently difficult to play. Abel was taken at slip at 48, and from the next ball Mr Walter Read was out in a similar manner.

With Mr Newham in the bowling underwent a change, Mr Palmer displacing Mr Evans. When only a single had been added Mr Newham should have been stumped from the other end. Dr Grace showed fine defence for an hour and a half, but with the score at 56 he was caught at the wicket. Maurice Read came in and at once began to hit freely. Eighteen runs were scored and then he was splendidly caught at mid-off high up with one hand. Jesse Hide joined Mr Newham and, though Mr Giffen was put on to bowl, no other wicket fell when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 September, page 10)

The concluding day's cricket in this match at Brighton was productive of a very fine display of batting on the part of the Englishmen. Mr Walter Read's superb innings of 102 (not out) was the great feature on Saturday. The weather was fine and a large number of people visited the Sussex county ground. It will be remembered that on Friday evening the South had scored 90 for four wickets against their opponents' total of 219.

On Saturday morning wickets fell rapidly to the bowling of Messrs Giffen and Garrett and, despite some free hitting by Lohmann and Jesse Hide, the side were all out for 136. The last six wickets were captured for 46 runs.

In a minority of 83, the Englishmen followed on. Dr Grace and Abel opened the second venture in good style and at the luncheon interval they had not been separated, the score then being 50. Thirteen more were obtained before the partnership ended. Then followed the grand innings by Mr Read. His hitting all round was very fine and he scarcely made a bad stroke. In the two hours and 40 minutes he was in, he scored 102 runs out of 182. Among his hits were 15 fours, seven threes and six twos. He received some assistance from Mr Newham, who stayed while 35 runs were added; but subsequently matters went so badly for the home side that only 140 runs were telegraphed when the sixth batsman was out.

Humphreys then became Mr Read's partner. These batsmen thoroughly mastered the colonial bowling, and in an hour and 10 minutes put on 105 runs – the result of brilliant all-round cricket. Thus when play ended and the match was left drawn, the English team were 162 runs ahead and still had four wickets to fall.

13 September: ELEVEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3159.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 September, page 10)

There can scarcely have been a more enjoyable day's cricket during the season than that of yesterday at Lord's. The occasion was the opening of the match between the Colonial team and a strong England eleven, the proceeds of which are to be given as a testimonial to Mr J A Murdoch, the assistant secretary of the Marylebone Club. Better weather could not have been desired, while the cricket all round proved remarkably good. Great interest is being shown in the game, no fewer than 5,451 people paying for admission yesterday.

The Australians, who left out Messrs Spofforth and Bonnor, lost the toss, and appeared in the field shortly after 12 o'clock. Dr Grace and Mr C I Thornton opened the English defence to the bowling of Messrs Giffen and Palmer. Dr Grace hit Mr Giffen's first ball to square leg for four, and in the next over Mr Thornton made a cut to the boundary. Both batsmen continued to score freely. Dr Grace made three drives for two each, while his companion secured two fours by a drive and a square-leg hit. With the figures at 31 Mr Thornton was bowled, and Scotton aided his captain.

For a time the cricket was very slow, and the only items of importance in the next few overs were a couple of fours by Dr Grace. Scotton then by a drive for two brought up 50 at 10 minutes to 1. Dr Grace hit Mr Palmer to leg for four, causing that bowler to give way to Mr Bruce. An off-drive by Scotton for four caused the bowling to be again altered, Mr Garrett superseded Mr Giffen. Dr Grace then contributed two cuts for four each, but at 81 he lost the company of Scotton, who was bowled off his leg. Two for 81.

Mr Walter Read's stay was brief and unproductive. He never seemed at home, and after being appealed against for leg-before was well caught at the wicket. Barnes was Dr Grace's next partner. The former drove Mr Garrett for three, and two off drives by Dr Grace completed the latter's 50 at 1.35. Mr Palmer resumed bowling at 99 in lieu of Mr Bruce, despite which a single by Barnes brought up the 100 at 1.40. Five overs having been sent down for 11 runs, Barnes was well caught at the wicket. Four for 111. Abel followed in, and the total was advanced to 119 before luncheon.

After the customary interval the not-outs were confronted by Messrs Garrett and Palmer. Both batsmen played in fine form, and a cut by Abel to the boundary was loudly applauded. Dr Grace hit Mr Palmer to leg for four and then drove him straight with a like result. At 141, however, he was secured by Mr Bruce from a skier at cover-point. The wicket at which he was out had not been playing at all well. He had batted in quite his old style for 74, and his chief hits were 10 fours, two threes and six twos. He had made rather more than half the total in just over two hours.

Maurice Read came next. He quickly drove Mr Palmer to the off for four, and 150 was signalled at 10 minutes past 3. Four runs later a change in the attack was tried, Mr Evans superseded Mr Palmer. Read drove the next bowler finely for four, and this was followed by numerous smaller hits. The fielding and bowling, however, were very good, Mr Jones especially distinguishing himself in the former department. Read drove Mr Evans finely to the off for four, and at 186 the last-named gave way to Mr Jones. At the same total Mr Giffen displaced Mr Garrett. In Mr Jones's second over Maurice Read should have been stumped by Mr Blackham. Profiting by his escape, Read hit vigorously, and among his contributions was a fine late cut to the boundary. A bye increased the score to 200 at five minutes to 4. Sixteen runs later Abel was cleverly caught at

forward short-leg by Mr Scott, who fell in making the catch. From the first ball of Mr Giffen's next over Maurice Read was clean bowled for an excellent 41, with included four fours and two threes. Seven for 217.

George Hearne and Mr Radcliffe now became partners, but the batting was not so good as it had been. At 227 Mr Jones gave up the ball to Mr Palmer. There was nothing of a noteworthy character for some time, but at length Mr Radcliffe hit Mr Palmer to leg for four. He twice repeated this stroke shortly afterwards, with a like result on each occasion. The same batsman hit Mr Palmer to leg for four and caused Mr Garrett to displace that bowler at 253. Two singles were the result of the next eight overs, after which Mr Radcliffe made a capital on drive for four. Hearne also made a fine leg hit for four; but with his figures at 12 he gave a difficult chance at the wicket, the ball going wide. The play was still very slow, and chiefly by singles the figures reached 272, when Mr Trumble was tried in lieu of Mr Giffen, and a single later Mr Jones relieved Mr Garrett. Mr Radcliffe hit Mr Jones's first ball to square leg for four. Runs now came so rapidly that at 294 Mr Bruce received the ball from Mr Jones, and from his second ball Mr Radcliffe was out to a good catch at long-off. He had played a very good innings of 57, and his hits included six fours, two threes and five twos. During the partnership 77 runs had been obtained.

Wood aided George Hearne. When he had made three the former gave a possible chance to Mr Jones at cover-point, and then a sharp run caused the third hundred to appear shortly before 6 o'clock. The batsmen were still together at the call of time . . .

Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 September, page 10)

The second day's play in the match between the Australians and Eleven of England proved as interesting as that on Monday. Neither was there an abatement in the interest which had been shown, for just upon 7,000 people paid for admission to Lord's yesterday. The weather was very fine; it more resembled a hot summer's day than that usually experienced here in the middle of September. Throughout the play all round was exceptionally good, the true state of the wicket of course giving the batsmen a great advantage.

On Monday the Englishmen, who had been batting all day, had scored 302 for the loss of eight wickets. Yesterday at 11.35 George Hearne and Wood, the not outs with 16 and 7, resumed the defence to the bowling of Messrs Palmer and Giffen. Seventeen runs were added, and then George Hearne was clean bowled. From the next ball in Giffen's over Wood was taken at short mid-on, the innings closing at 12 o'clock.

Messrs Jones and Palmer began the Australian batting at 12.20. Barnes (pavilion end) and George Hearne were the bowlers. From the second ball of the innings Mr Jones gave a very hard return chance to Barnes. Four maidens followed; but after several singles had been recorded Mr Palmer made a very fine leg hit to the boundary. An off drive by the same batsmen also realized four, and 23 appeared as the result of half an hour's play. Mr Palmer then drove Barnes again for four, causing that bowler to give way to Wootton at 27. Mr Jones next gained four by an off hit between cover-point and extra mid-off.

Both batsmen continued to show very fine form, so that at 37 Maurice Read was put on in lieu of Hearne. Mr Jones hit the new bowler to leg and drove the other to the on for four each, 50 going up

at 1.20. A couple of runs later Dr Grace received the ball from Wootton. Still runs were scored steadily. Mr Palmer obtained four from a drive, while Mr Jones hit Read finely to leg for four. These, with some smaller contributions, increased the total to 75, and then Mr Palmer was splendidly caught by Scotton at long-on. It was an exceedingly fine catch, the ball being taken sideways almost on the boundary. Mr Palmer's 44 included four fours and seven twos.

Mr Giffen, who followed in, soon drove Dr Grace to the off boundary, but at 83 he was well taken by George Hearne at long-off. With the dismissal of this batsman the adjournment was made.

After luncheon Messrs Scott and Jones were together, and Dr Grace and Wootton were the bowlers. There was nothing of a noteworthy character to record in the way of batting for some time. The fielding, however, was very smart and clean, Mr Walter Read being especially brilliant at deep square-leg to Dr Grace's bowling. Eleven runs were slowly added in 25 minutes, and then Mr Scott was caught at mid-off. Three for 94.

Mr Trumble joined Mr Jones. The former drove Wootton to the on for four, but immediately afterwards his companion was badly missed by Scotton off Dr Grace's bowling in the long field. Profiting by his escape, Mr Trumble drove Dr Grace for four. Mr Jones now hit each bowler to square-leg for four, and at 129 Barnes was tried in lieu of Wootton. Mr Jones obtained another four, and then in Barnes's second over Mr Trumble was clean bowled. Four for 135.

Mr Jarvis followed in. He had only scored four when he was missed by Mr Thornton at slip, a mistake which proved most expensive to England. Mr Jones had just previously made a fine leg hit to the boundary. At length, at 148, the last-named gentleman had his middle stump bowled down by Barnes. He had played very fine cricket for 67, the result of just under three hours' batting. His chief hits were ten fours, one three and three twos.

Mr Bruce came in. Mr Jarvis hit Dr Grace to square-leg for four, and at 159 George Hearne relieved the Gloucestershire captain. Abel was tried for Barnes at 170, and with his third ball he clean bowled Mr Bruce, who attempted to hit it to square-leg. Messrs Jarvis and M'Ilwraith then showed some free hitting, both making several drives for four each. Though Wootton displaced Abel at 193, the second hundred was telegraphed a few minutes before 5 o'clock.

Three runs later Dr Grace resumed bowling at the pavilion end. A drive by Mr Jarvis proved the only item of interest in a dozen overs. He then hit Dr Grace to the on boundary, while Mr M'Ilwraith also made a couple of good drives for four each. Mr Radcliffe displaced Dr Grace at 237, and a couple of runs later Maurice Read was again tried at the other end, but at 5.30 a single by Mr M'Ilwraith averted the follow on. The last-named gentleman was dismissed at 242, and with the next ball Read clean bowled Mr Blackham. Mr Garrett joined Mr Jarvis, and at a quarter to 6 250 was telegraphed. Both batsmen hit freely, and no further wicket had fallen when stumps were drawn.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 September, page 8)

Three days proved insufficient to bring the match between the Australians and an Eleven of England at Lord's to a definite issue. The weather was in marked contrast to that experienced on either of the previous days, as, though it was still fine, a cold wind blew across the ground. Yesterday the company numbered about 4,000 and the cricket was again interesting, though when it became certain that the contest would be unfinished it was naturally not watched so closely.

The Australians, who had scored 268 for eight wickets, resumed their innings at 11.35, the not outs, Mr Jarvis (64) and Mr Garrett (13), being confronted by Barnes and Wootton. In the former's second over Mr Garrett played on before he had increased his overnight score. Nine for 273.

Mr Evans aided Mr Jarvis, who continued to hit so freely that at 286 it was decided to change the bowling, Abel relieving Wootton. Ten runs later, however, Mr Jarvis was clean bowled by Barnes. He had played a vigorous innings of 84, and his only mistake was a chance to slip with his figures at four. Among his contributions were seven fours, four threes and 11 twos. It was 12.20 when the innings closed.

At 25 minutes to 1 Barnes and Scotton opened the Englishmen's second venture, the home side having an advantage of 23. Messrs Giffen and Palmer were the bowlers. Three singles were followed by a cut by Scotton for three, and Barnes drove Mr Palmer for a couple. Barnes next hit Mr Palmer to leg for four, but from the next ball he was easily taken at mid-on. One for 13.

Dr Grace followed in. Scotton made leg hits for two and three and a drive for four, while Dr Grace secured two by a drive. The last-named gentleman, after being completely beaten by a ball from Mr Palmer, played on at 27. Mr Walter Read came in. Each batsman scored a four, and then a single by the amateur caused 50 to be telegraphed at 1.40. With the total at 55 a twofold change was made in the attack – Messrs Bruce and Garrett going on. Scotton then cut Mr Garrett for four, but at 60 he was caught at forward point. He had shown some very good cricket for 29, which had been obtained by some free hitting.

The luncheon interval having intervened, play was resumed at a quarter to 3, Abel accompanying Mr Read to the wicket. Messrs Garrett and Bruce were instructed with the attack. Three byes were followed by a three to each batsman, and soon afterwards Mr Read made drives for four and three from Mr Garrett. Mr Palmer was tried at 96 for Mr Garrett, and in his first over he clean bowled Mr Read for a good 37.

Maurice Read came in, and Mr Giffen bowled in lieu of Mr Bruce. Read, however, drove the new bowler to the on for four and hit him to square leg with a like result, the 100 going up at 3.15. Mr Giffen handed the ball to Mr Trumble at 117. Four byes and a late cut by Abel for four went towards raising the figures to 128 when Read ran out to drive Mr Palmer and was clean bowled. Five for 128.

Mr Radcliffe followed in, but the cricket was very slow for a time, and chiefly by singles the total reached 142. Abel, who had made 23, was now missed by Mr Blackham at the wicket, but in Mr Palmer's next over both Messrs Radcliffe and C I Thornton were bowled. Seven wickets were now down for 144. George Hearne joined Abel. The cricket was more interesting than it had been, both batsmen making some very good drives. Subsequently Hearne hit the ball dangerously close to short leg, and at 161 he fell to a catch at mid-off. When Wootton came in Abel continued to score steadily, and the figures at 5 o'clock were 174 for eight wickets. A couple of runs later Mr Jarvis superseded Mr Trumble. Abel speedily hit the new bowler to leg for four, and shortly afterwards he completed his 50 amid loud applause. Wootton was finely caught at point by Mr Palmer at 183.

Wood, the last man, aided Abel. The former hit so freely that Mr Garrett was again tried for Mr Palmer at 196, and the change quickly had the desired effect, as Wood was caught at cover-point and the innings closed at 20 minutes past 5 for 196. Abel carried out his bat for a very good 52. He was batting two hours and a half, and his hits included two fours, four threes and nine twos.

Against a majority of 219 the Australians went in a second time at 5.35. Messrs Jones and Palmer opened the defence. Dr Grace led off the attack, and before a run had been scored a brilliant catch at long-off by Mr Thornton sent back Mr Jones. Mr Read was the other bowler. Three maidens were sent down and then Mr Palmer hit the lob bowler to leg for three. A single later Mr Palmer was clean bowled by Mr Walter Read. Messrs Scott and Giffen then played out time, the game being left drawn.

Yesterday afternoon during the match at Lord's Mr J A Murdoch was presented with a diamond ring as a token of the esteem in which he is held by numerous friends. Mr W G Grace made the presentation before a large company of those interested in cricket, among whom were Mr B J Wardill of the Australian team and Superintendent Harris.

16 September: ELEVEN OF THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3160.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 September, page 8)

Fine weather was experienced yesterday at Hastings, when the match between the Australians and an eleven of the South began. The home side included some well-known cricketers; but Messrs Bonnor, Spofforth and Palmer stood out from the colonial team, in which Major Wardill appeared for the first time.

Yesterday play lasted less than four hours; it began half an hour later than the usual time, an hour was taken for luncheon and 25 minutes between the innings, while stumps were drawn at 5.45. This waste of time is much to be regretted, as it seemed to have a detrimental effect on the seriousness of the game. Several thousand people visited the Recreation Ground to witness the day's cricket.

England went in first. Despite some excellent batting by Abel, wickets fell steadily. The Surrey professional went in first and scored 75 out of 117 in an hour and 35 minutes. He scarcely made a bad stroke, and his figures included 11 fours, a three and eight twos. Mr Stileman-Gibbard then hit vigorously, and some steady play by Bean and Wootton caused the total to reach 200. Mr Stileman-Gibbard's 46 included seven fours. Messrs Trumble and Garrett bowled very effectively for the Australians.

In the three-quarters of an hour which were left for play the visitors scored 32 for the loss of two good wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 September, page 10)

Fine weather and a large company were associated with the second day's cricket in the match between the Colonial eleven and a Southern team at the Recreation Ground, Hastings, yesterday. It will be remembered that on Thursday the home side had completed an innings for 200, and their opponents had lost two good wicket for 32.

Play was resumed yesterday at 10 minutes to 12. So effective was the home bowling that four more batsmen were soon dismissed, and six were out at 57. Thus 64 runs were then necessary to avert the follow-on. Messrs M'Ilwraith and Blackham then became partners, and so determined was their defence that 50 runs were added before Mr M'Ilwraith cut the ball into the hands of point. Mr Blackham was bowled at 127 for a capital 35, but subsequently there was some good cricket by Messrs Garrett, Evans and Wardill. It was half-past 3 when the last batsman was got rid of, the total having reached 194, or only six runs behind that of the Englishmen.

The home eleven went in a second time at 10 minutes to 4. Abel and Phillips started well, but with the score at 28 they were separated. The bowling of Messrs Garrett and Trumble then proved very effective, and Messrs Pigg and M'Cormick were the only batsmen who played with any great success. Six wickets were down for 88, but Mr Pigg continued to hit brilliantly, and at the drawing of stumps the game was left in a fairly interesting condition, the Englishmen, with three wickets to fall, having an advantage of 132 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 September, page 10)

The match between the Australians and the South of England team ended at Hastings on Saturday in a draw. This is the eighth game in succession that has been left unfinished by the Colonial side. On the present occasion the contest might have been easily decided had not the opening day's play been so short on account of the late start and long intervals. It will be remembered that on Friday the home side were left with an advantage of 132 and three wickets to fall in their second innings.

Mr Pigg (40) and Bean (9), the not outs, continued the batting on Saturday shortly before 12 o'clock. Bean was got rid of at 142, and at 164 Mr Pigg was bowled for a superb 59, which included eight fours, a three and six twos. Wootton and Spillman made an unexpected stand for the last wicket and, despite various bowling changes, 66 runs were added before Spillman fell to a catch in the slips. He had played a brilliant innings of 47, and among his hits were four fours, three threes and seven twos. It was half-past 1 when the last wicket fell, the total having reached 230.

The Australians required 237 for victory, but there was little probability of the visitors winning, as only three hours remained for play, and thus they would have had to have scored at the rate of 80 runs an hour. On the other hand there was a possibility of the Englishmen winning. This surmise at one time seemed likely to prove correct, for the Colonials lost five batsmen (Messrs Jones, Bruce, Scott, Trumble and Giffen) for 54 runs.

Then followed some determined hitting by Messrs Jarvis and M'Ilwraith, who precisely doubled the score while they were together. Mr Jarvis was then bowled, but no other wicket fell. Mr Blackham and Mr M'Ilwraith put on runs so rapidly that when play ceased they had increased the figures by 94. Mr M'Ilwraith had scored 62 by good cricket. His chief contributions were seven fours, four threes and three twos. Mr Blackham hit with great freedom. It will be seen that the visitors with four wickets to fall required 35 to win.

Monday 20 September, page 10: THE ENGLAND TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA

The powerful professional team got together by Shaw, Shrewsbury and Lillywhite sailed from Plymouth on Saturday for Australia, where they play a series of matches, returning next year in May. The vessel in which they embarked was the Orient Line steamship Cuzco.

The team consists of 13 professionals – viz., Shaw, Shrewsbury, Scotton, Flowers, Barnes, Gunn and Sherwin, from Nottinghamshire; Lohmann and Maurice Read, from Surrey; Barlow and Briggs, from Lancashire; and Bates, from Yorkshire. Lillywhite has given up playing cricket, and goes out on the present occasion as manager of the team. As regards both batting and bowling the side is probably the strongest that has ever represented England in the colonies.

20 September: SKEGNESS AND VISITORS v AUSTRALIANS (Not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105692.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 September, page 80)

Yesterday the colonial eleven began a match against a powerful sixteen at Skegness. It is their first game during the tour against odds, and consequently more than ordinary interest is taken in the play. The weather was fine and there was a good attendance of spectators. Play began at 12.30 and stumps were drawn at 5, so that altogether cricket only lasted about three and a half hours.

Messrs Spofforth and Bonnor are absent from the colonial side, but the home team is very strong. The once-celebrated cricketer Mr Richard Daft is included in the Skegness sixteen, as are also his two sons. Among other players are Emmett, Wade, Attewell, Selby and Rawlin, so that the Australians will by no means have matters all their own way.

Going in first, the visitors were all dismissed in two hours for just over 100 runs. At one time it seemed likely that the total would be even less than it was, for at the end of an hour's play they had lost six wickets for 33 runs. Mr Jarvis, however, hit freely, while some capital batting was also shown by Messrs Blackham and Bruce. Emmett and Mee bowled unchanged during the innings. The latter, a Nottinghamshire colt, has a fast right-hand delivery.

Skegness started badly, losing four wickets for 16. Mr H B Daft and Emmett, however, improved matters . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 September, page 5)

The second day's play in the match between the colonial side and the sixteen at Skegness was productive of some interesting cricket. Though cold, the weather was fine, and a large company visited the scene of the game. At the drawing of stumps on Monday the Australians had completed an innings for 163, and their opponents had lost five wickets for 57 runs.

Yesterday the innings of the sixteen was not completed until the figures had reached 181. Messrs R P, H B and Richard Daft all played very well, and subsequently Mr Robinson and Wade batted with success. It was 20 minutes past 3 when the last wicket fell.

The Australians went in a second time against a majority of 78 runs. Messrs Jones and Palmer opened the defence at 10 minutes to 4. Both gentlemen played patient cricket, and in an hour and 10 minutes scored 51 runs . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 September, page 8)

The Australians were beaten yesterday at Skegness within ten minutes of the time appointed for the drawing of stumps, and an unfinished contest was only narrowly escaped. It is the first Colonial match brought to a definite issue since the game at Portsmouth, there having been eight drawn matches in succession. At the close of Tuesday's play the colonial eleven were left in a minority of 27 with all ten wickets to fall in their second innings.

Yesterday the not-out batsmen were separated when only four runs had been added, Mr Jones being bowled. Mr Giffen was dismissed a single later, and at 61 Mr Palmer was bowled. He had been batting an hour and three-quarters for his 27. Mr Scott was bowled at 76, and an addition of six saw Mr Jarvis taken at point. After Mr Trumble had been cleverly stumped at 88 Mr Bruce showed some very good cricket. He, however, could get no one to stay with him. Mr M'Ilwraith was out at 103, at 107 Mr Blackham was bowled, and at 112 Mr Evans was out in the same way. Mr Garrett then stayed with Mr Bruce, and the figures at the luncheon interval were 130 with one wicket to fall.

Afterwards 18 runs were scored in a quarter of an hour, and then Mr Bruce was bowled. He had shown excellent defence for 54, in which were seven fours, two threes and five twos. He gave a couple of chances – viz., to Mr R P Daft at point when he had made 38 and, with his score at 51, to Wade at square-leg. Emmett and Mee had both bowled remarkably well.

The sixteen had 71 runs to obtain for victory. These they secured for the loss of six wickets. Wade went in first and was out third at 60, having hit vigorously for 38. Among his contributions were three fours, two threes and four twos. From the score subjoined it will be seen the Australians were beaten by nine wickets.

24 September: AN ELEVEN OF ENGLAND v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3163.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 25 September, page 10)

Yesterday on the new cricket ground at Edgbaston, near Birmingham, the colonial eleven began a match against a powerful English side, including Dr W G Grace and Mr Walter Read. The weather was very dull and cold, but there was a large attendance of spectators.

The Australians went in first and scored 186 – a very fair performance. Messrs Jones and Palmer made a capital start, putting together 65 runs for the opening wicket. Mr Palmer was then bowled. Three changes had been made in the attack during the time that he and Mr Jones were partners. Subsequently the batsmen were dismissed rapidly. Mr Jones was out leg-before at 70 for a superb 52, in which were five fours, three threes and seven twos. His only mistake was when he had scored 11, Mr Read then missing him at long-on. Mr Giffen was caught at slip and Mr Bruce was bowled with the figures at 76. Messrs Jarvis and Scott then advanced the total to 92 before the interval.

Afterwards the score reached 116, when Mr Jarvis was stumped for a most useful 30. Messrs Scott and Trumble added 27 between them, but then both of them were dismissed, the seventh wicket falling at 143. Mr Scott was given out leg-before and Mr Trumble was caught at short-slip. Grundy stumped Mr Blackham at 159, and Mr M'Ilwraith was out leg-before at 173. Mr Garrett hit freely, but Mr Evans was soon bowled and the innings closed.

In a bad light the Englishmen lost three wickets for 18 runs – the result of half an hour's play.

Day 2 (report from Monday 27 September, page 7)

Mr Walter Read's brilliant batting display was the feature of the concluding day's cricket at this match at Birmingham. There was a large attendance of spectators at the new ground at Edgbaston on Saturday to witness the game. In the afternoon the rain came on and caused the match to be left unfinished. It will be remembered that on Friday the Australians completed an innings for 186, while their opponents lost three good wickets – all bowled – for 18 runs.

Play was resumed on Saturday at half-past 11. Only 17 runs had been added when Mr Radcliffe was run out, while at 53 a further misfortune befell the home side, Dr Grace playing on. Matters improved, however, with the defence in the hands of Messrs Walter Read and Docker. Despite alterations in the bowling, it was not until the figures had reached 113 that Mr Docker was run out through a smart piece of fielding by Mr Bruce. During the partnership nearly 60 runs were obtained.

Afterwards Collishaw was bowled without scoring, but Mr Read continued to hit finely and received great assistance from the last three batsmen on the side – Mr Whitby, Pallett and Shilton – and 95 runs were obtained after the fall of the seventh wicket. Mr Read was out tenth, bowled by Mr Giffen, when he only required three runs to complete his hundred. He had been batting two hours and a quarter, and his only mistake was a chance to short-slip when he had scored 56. He contributed 12 fours, six threes and six twos.

In a minority of 22, the Australians went in a second time. Messrs Giffen and Palmer showed some capital cricket, but at 4.35 rain caused the game to be abandoned. The visitors were then 34 runs to the good, with eight wickets to fall, so that neither side could claim any great advantage.

27 September: AN ENGLAND ELEVEN v AUSTRALIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3164.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 September, page 4)

Very wet and stormy weather was experienced early yesterday at Harrogate, and in consequence the match did not begin until five minutes to 4. Stumps were drawn at 5.10 so that altogether there was an hour and a quarter's cricket. Mr Walter Read was to have captained the home side, but at the last moment his place was taken by Mr Leadbeater. Messrs Spofforth, Bonnor, Garrett and M'Ilwraith were absent from the Colonial team which included Mr H H Hyslop and Mr J Hardie, a young amateur from Sydney. Mr Hyslop played several times as substitute for the first team of Australians.

The Englishmen won the toss and went in first. In the brief time that play lasted they lost five wickets for 55 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 September, page 7)

Yesterday the match between these teams ended at Harrogate in a draw. The weather was fine and the concluding day's play furnished some excellent cricket. It will be remembered that on Monday during the little time that was available for play the Englishmen went in and lost five wickets for 55.

Yesterday 322 runs were scored for the loss of 18 wickets. On play being resumed there was some capital defence by Hall, while free hitting by Pilling and Watson towards the close of the innings caused the total to reach 139.

The greatest feature of the Australian innings, which lasted from 1 o'clock until 3.55, was the brilliant hitting of Bruce. He scored his 40 in half an hour by one six, two fours, six threes, three twos and two singles. Preston bowled very finely.

The Englishmen went in a second time in a minority of 18 runs. In an hour and a quarter they scored 117 runs. Mr Giffen bowled at one end throughout, but there were several changes at the other wicket. Diver and Abel put on 73 runs while they were together. Diver hit very brilliantly, and his 53 included one six, one four, nine threes and two twos. Eventually the game was left drawn rather in favour of the Englishmen, who, with seven wickets to fall, were 135 runs to the good.

Tuesday 28 September, page 4

There is a great prospect of the Melbourne Cricket Club taking an English team out to Australia at the close of the season of 1887. At present the idea is to take seven or eight amateurs and the rest professionals. Already we believe several prominent amateurs had signified their willingness to undertake the trip.

Thursday 30 September, page 4: THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

From a cricket point of view, the tour of the fifth Australian team, which has just closed with the match at Harrogate, is not comparable with its predecessors. Of 39 matches engaged in, only nine have been won; no fewer than 22 were drawn, while the remaining eight were lost.

These results compare very unfavourably with any of the previous teams' doings. In 1878 the first colonial side played 37 matches; 18 of these they won, they lost seven and 12 were drawn. The results of the 1880 eleven were – matches played, 27; won, 21; lost, four; and drawn, 12. In 1882 the third Australian team played 38 matches, winning 23; losing four and drawing 11. The last eleven in 1884 played 32 matches, 18 of which they won. Half the remaining games were lost and the other half drawn. Throughout, the play of the present team fell far below that shown during previous visits.

The following are the batting and bowling averages: -

[Note: these can be found on Cricket Archive,

THE MEETING OF COUNTY SECRETARIES AT LORD'S

Wednesday 8 December, page 8

An important meeting took place in the pavilion at Lord's yesterday when Lord Harris brought forward a motion for reducing the residential qualification. Mr Henry Perkins, secretary of the Marylebone Club, presided, and among those present were –

Lord Harris, Mr G Marsham, Mr M P Betts (Kent), Mr I D Walker, Mr A J Webbe (Middlesex), Hon W A Jarvis, Mr S Richardson (Derbyshire), Mr F Burbidge, Mr C W Alcock, Mr Walter Read (Surrey), Dr W G Grace (Gloucestershire), Mr W H C Oates, Mr E Browne (Notts), Mr M J Ellison, Mr J B Wostinholm (Yorkshire), Mr S H Swire, Mr A Appleby (Lancashire), Mr H Cook, Mr G Goldsmith (Sussex), Mr C E Green, Mr J Ratcliffe (Essex), Mr E Sainsbury, Mr Murray-Anderdon (Somerset), Lieutenant-Colonel Fellowes (Hampshire), Mr T Burdett (Leicestershire), Mr T H Vialls (Northamptonshire), Mr A H Heath (Staffordshire), Mr J Horner (Cheshire), Mr E W Jarvis (Norfolk) and Mr W Ansell (Warwickshire).

Lord Harris addressed the meeting in support of his resolution, which read thus: - "That the committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club be requested to consider whether it is necessary any longer to impose a residence of two years before a county qualification can be established, and whether the probationary period might now safely be reduced to 12 months."

He said it had been urged that if the alteration were made it would prove detrimental to the interests of county cricket, especially as regards professionals, who might be bought by any county which gave the highest price. Before the present rule was framed, in 1873, there was no such thing as buying professionals. That rule was passed, he believed, to prevent Southerton playing for two counties in one season. This professional was not the only player who had done so, the names of Howitt and Payne being also mentioned.

He wished to impress upon the meeting that it was simply a question of 12 months in place of 24. He submitted several instances, notably in the cases of Mr E F S Tylecote and H W Bainbridge, and thought it a great hardship that because a player left a county two years must elapse before he could play for any other unless by the birth qualification. It was an even greater hardship on professionals, and two years was an entirely arbitrary term. His motion did no interfere with the birth qualification, and he thought that, supposing it were lost, the cricket public would in time come round to his way of thinking.

Mr J Horner, of Cheshire, seconded the resolution. Mr I D Walker (Middlesex) and Mr M J Ellison (Yorkshire) spoke against the proposed alteration which, on being put to the meeting, was lost by 14 votes to three; the Kent representatives did not vote.

Lord Harris said he wished to support the appointment of a provisional committee, consisting of representatives of the nine first-class counties, to consider the existing state of the counties and report on the same to the representatives of all the counties. Any decision they might arrive at would be subject to the ruling of the Marylebone Club.

Mr Ellison, of Yorkshire, moved an amendment to the effect that the provisional committee consist of representatives of the five southern counties – Surrey, Sussex, Kent, Gloucestershire and Middlesex – who were to report their recommendations on the second day of the Gentlemen v Players match. This was carried. A heavy list of fixtures was arranged between the various

counties.