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8 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1361.html)

Day 1

Yesterday, at Cambridge, on Fenner's-ground, the season of the County commenced, the weather being delightfully fine and the ground in good condition. The County took their innings first, the betting in their favour being 5 to 4. The batting was very strong and some excellent scores were made. At half-past 6 the County terminated their innings for 361. The bowling was not first-rate, and the same may be said of the out-fielding (perhaps owing to want of practice).

The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, on Tuesday, this match was resumed, the University having to go in against a score of 361. The first innings produced only 98; in the second some good scores were made, and the total amounted to 143. This, however, left them in a minority of 120 runs, leaving the County Eleven victorious in a single innings by that number . .

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18 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1362.html)

Days 1 and 2

This match was commenced on the University ground, Cambridge, on Thursday, and continued on Friday, when it was brought to a conclusion, the M.C.C. winning by seven {wickets}. The chief feature in the match was the splendid innings made by the Hon C G Lyttelton, he obtaining 129 on the part of the M.C.C.

22 May: SURREY CLUB v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1363.html)

Day 1

After a lapse of six years these celebrated clubs met yesterday to play a match on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. The weather being beautifully fine, a large number of spectators were present. At a quarter past 12 Surrey, having won the toss, went in first. T Humphrey made a large score, putting to his name 92, comprising a five, several fours, threes and twos. He was rewarded with the "talent money" by the honorary secretary of the Surrey Club.

Mr Dowson played a fine free innings of 56 and was presented with a new bat. Mr I D Walker added 18 and Mr Buchanan 14. Mr Burbidge, who went in seventh, carried out his bat with 52, gained in admirable style; a presentation bat was awarded him. The bowlers were Grundy, Wootton, Hearne, Mr R D Walker and Mr Buller. The fielding was very good, with a few exceptions only. The wickets fell thus: . . .

The innings terminated about 6 o'clock, soon after which the M.C.C. commenced their innings. At 7 o'clock the stumps were drawn . . .

Day 2

Yesterday morning at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, this match was resumed. Play commenced at 12 o'clock, the M.C.C. continuing their innings from the previous evening. They made a total of 138, which leaving them 154 in the minority, they went in again against the runs. The match being limited to two days caused it to lose much interest, especially as Surrey scored a large number in their innings, and the weather, too, turning out unfavourable, made it almost a certainty that the game could not be played out. This proved to be the case, for at half-past 6 o'clock rain put a stop to the play . . .

22 May: YORKSHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1364.html)

Day 1

A match between the best players of these counties was begun at Bradford on Monday, and excited great interest. The batting of the Cambridge men was admirable, and, in running up the score of 199 in their first innings, 73 was obtained by Smith, who remained two hours at the wickets.

Days 2 and 3

The game was resumed on the ground at Bradford on Tuesday. The Yorkshire players scored 114 in their first innings, against Cambridgeshire 199 in their first innings, and consequently went again to the wickets for their second innings, which they brought to a close early yesterday with a score of 174, leaving Cambridgeshire 80 to get to win. At half-past 3 yesterday they had only about 6 to get to win. The following was the score, made up to a quarter of an hour before that time, which was brought away to catch the departing train: . . .

(By Telegraph)

Cambridgeshire scored 90 in their second innings, having three wickets to fall.

29 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SURREY CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1366.html)

Day 1

The return match between these two celebrated clubs was commenced at Lord's Ground yesterday, at half-past 12 o'clock. Surrey won the toss for choice of innings, and went in first, Wootton and Grundy being the bowlers. Mr Calvert scored 10; but the chief of the batting was done by Messrs V E and I D Walker - the latter marked 34, comprising three fours, three threes and four twos. Mr V E Walker remained to carry his bat out with 41 (most ably obtained), in which were three fours, four threes and three twos. Mr Buller and Mr R D Walker were the change in the bowling. The out-fielding of M.C.C. was first-rate.

The innings closed just at dinner time (3 o'clock), when an excellent company was present. After the repast the M.C.C. went to the wickets, Mr Fowler and Grundy, Sewell and Mr V E Walker starting bowling. Mr Fowler marked 23, Mr Buller 44 (good batting), and when "time" was called Mr R D Walker was left not out with 98.

At half-past 11 o'clock this morning the game will be resumed.

Day 2

At Lord's ground, yesterday, this match was resumed, the Marylebone Cricket Club continuing their innings from the previous evening. Mr R D Walker, being left not out with 98, made his total up to 103, gained by steady play. Among his hits were three fives, four fours, ten threes and six twos. The wickets fell thus: . . ., heading Surrey by 117 runs.

On the side of Surrey T Humphrey played as fine an innings as ever was seen, and this, too, against good bowling. His score was 77, in which were a six, two fives, four fours, seven threes and two twos. Mr Burbidge made a good stand for 29, comprising a five (leg hit), a four, two threes and a two; no other double figures were scored. The bowlers were Grundy, Wootton, Mr R D Walker and Mr Fellows. The two former went on twice, changing ends. The first wicket fell for 11 . . .

The Marylebone Cricket Club had 23 to get to win, and to obtain this number they sent to the wickets Mr Buller and Mr Herbert, Mr Buchanan and Sewell being the bowlers. Mr Buller gained 16, when Mr V E Walker caught him very cleverly with one hand. Mr Tennant came next, and the 23 were rubbed off, leaving nine wickets to fall. Throughout the match excellent cricket was displayed . . .

1 June: MIDDLESEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1367.html)

Day 1

Yesterday, on the Middlesex County Ground, Islington, this match was commenced. Play began at half-past 12 o'clock, Middlesex taking the batting first, the bowlers being Captain Walton and Southerton. Mr Cooper headed the score with 41, and Messrs Nicholson, Wilkinson and Gregory contributed good scores. One wicket fell for 56 runs . . . Mr Willes and Mr Ede were the change in bowling.

For Hampshire, Mr Gale scored 44 and Captain Walton 16, the rest were single figures. Mr Wilkinson and T Hearne bowled well throughout. The wickets fell thus: . . . ten for 89. this number leaving them in a minority, they followed their innings, going in again against the runs. At half-past 6 rain came on and stopped the play for the day . . .

No further reports found

1 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1368.html)

Overall report

At the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottinghamshire, on Thursday, this match was commenced, and was brought to a conclusion on Saturday. The game was several times interrupted by rain. Nottinghamshire took first innings and scored 208, of which R Daft gained 67, G Parr 54 and T Bignall 30.

For Sussex, Mr Smith played well and contributed 40, and this, too, against good bowling and bad condition of the ground through wet. Although within one of "the 50," his batting was so much appreciated by Nottinghamshire that the honorary secretary, Mr Johnson, on behalf of the club, presented him with a new bat.

The innings terminating for 84, they went in again against the runs, but were all disposed of for 38, only Fillery reaching double figures. Nottinghamshire won in one innings with 86 runs over.

5 June: ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN v UNITED ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1369.html)

Day 1

Yesterday, at Lord's Cricket Ground, this annual match between the two celebrated Elevens was commenced. The weather was delightfully fine, and above 6,000 spectators were present. "Play" was called soon after 12 o'clock, All England Eleven taking possession of the wickets, Atkinson and Grundy being the bowlers.

Both batting and bowling was first-class, eliciting frequent applause. Daft in a skilful manner scored 25, Parr added 16, Tarrant 40, E Stephenson 59 and Jackson 17. The total amounted to 207, the wickets falling in the following manner: . . . The change in the bowling was Reynolds, Iddison (slows) and Greenwood, after Atkinson and Grundy, who were the longest on, and they bowled well, frequent maiden overs occurring; the latter bowled eighteen in succession and obtained two wickets.

Soon after six o'clock the United Eleven commenced their innings, Tarrant and Wootton starting bowling . . .

The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

Fine weather yesterday attracted above 4,000 spectators at Lord's ground to witness the resumption of this match. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales about 6 o'clock drove on to the ground, attended by Captain Keppel. His Royal Highness was enthusiastically cheered, and remained to witness the play till within a few minutes of 7 o'clock.

The United Eleven, with four wickets down for 22 runs on the previous evening, continued their innings, and, through the fine batting of Iddison, Atkinson and Grundy, pulled up the game wonderfully. The latter headed the score with 57 and carried his bat out . . . The fielding was very good. With 31 in a majority All England entered on their second innings . . .

The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 3

At Lord's Ground yesterday (the third day of the match) the play was continued by the All England Eleven, with five wickets down for 100 runs, which was made up to 186 at the finish (their second innings), Parr heading the score with 48. The United Eleven had 217 to go in against, but their total only reached 151, which left All England victorious by 66 runs.

Throughout the match the best of cricket was exhibited on both sides. The All England Eleven have a majority of one match in their favour (the present one), 14 matches having been played previously, each Eleven winning six and two being left drawn.

8 June: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1370.html)

Day 1

Yesterday upwards of 2,000 spectators assembled on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, to witness the commencement of the above match. For choice of innings Surrey won the toss, and sent to the wickets Jupp and Humphrey, the bowlers being James Lillywhite and Figg.

Both batsmen played well. Jupp marked 17 and Humphrey 78, for which he was awarded the "talent sovereign." Mortlock contributed 31, H Stephenson 60 (and was rewarded in the same manner as Humphrey), Griffith scored 26 and Sewell 15; but the last two at the wicket, Caesar and Shepherd, caused more excitement, the latter being supposed by some as not being able to make a stand, he only having just come out from the list of "colts." He, however, played the "slows" most judiciously, and remained not out for 12, in which were two fours and a two.

Caesar was also not out with 36, gained in his good old form; among his hits were five fours, five threes and three twos. He was the third to receive the "talent money." The change in the bowling was: - Ellis (slows), Stubberfield, Fillery and Mr Smith. The fielding was generally good . . .

At half-past 11 o'clock this morning the match will be renewed.

Day 2

This match was resumed yesterday morning at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval. Surrey had one wicket to fall on the previous evening, when the score stood at 326; the total was made up to 342 on its being continued. Sussex showed some very good fielding.

Nearly 3,000 spectators were on the ground when Sussex commenced their innings (2.30). John Lillywhite batted well for 46, as did Fillery for 32, but Payne took the "leger" with 76 (not out), and was rewarded with the "talent money." Stubberfield should be named for getting his 19 well. The changes in the bowling were frequent. Sussex, being 111 in arrear (their score being 231), followed their innings . . .

The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3 - no report found

12 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1372.html)

Day 1

This exciting match attracted nearly 3,000 spectators yesterday at Lord's-ground. In the course of the play, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales honoured the ground with his presence, but his stay was but short. The South won the toss for choice of innings, and took the batting first, and a good total they made, 282 being the score. For the North, Hayward was incapable of playing, owing to injured ribs, and Shaw was substituted for him . . .

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

Yesterday, at Lord's ground, the third day of the match, play was resumed soon after 11 o'clock. The South went on with their second innings and finished it for 143, leaving the North 184 to get to win. It was a well-contested game, but the North failed to rub off the runs, their total only reaching 131, which left the South victorious by 52 runs.

15 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1373.html)

Day 1

Yesterday, at the Surrey ground, Kennington Oval, the above match was commenced. Surrey had their innings first, and made a total of 269. Humphrey scored 54 and Julius Caesar 74. Both were rewarded with the Surrey Club "talent money." On the part of the University the fielding was both lively and good.

About 5.20 the University commenced their innings, sending to the wickets Messrs S Walker and S H Winter, the bowlers being Griffith and Humphrey. Mr Winter added 13 and Mr Tuck took his place. Some fine batting then ensued, and several changes in the bowling took place, Sewell, Lockyer, Mortlock and Stephenson severally taking a turn. Mr Tuck became lame, and Mr Winter was allowed to run for him. Mr Walker contributed 56 in a most able manner, and on the part of the Surrey Club the hon. secretary, Mr Burrup, presented him with a new bat. "Time" was then called, Mr Tuck being not out with 46 . . .

The match will be resumed at half-past 11 this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, this match was resumed, the University, with two wickets down for 118 runs, continuing their innings, which they finished for 232 - 37 in a minority of their opponents.

Surrey soon after entered on their second innings, in which Caesar and Mortlock showed conspicuously, the former contributing 45 and the latter 47. The total amounted to 202. The chief feature was the bowling of Mr Walker, who obtained three wickets in one over, a single only being scored. The general fielding was admirable. The University had 240 to get to win . . .

Day 3

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was brought to a conclusion on Saturday (the third day). Surrey won by 101 runs . . .

19 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1375.html)

Day 1

This return match was commenced yesterday morning at Lord's Ground. The M.C.C. took first innings, and finished it for 124, Mr V E Walker taking his bat out with 33. Messrs Pelham, Green, Curteis and Dyke all bowled . . .

Day 2

Yesterday morning, at Lord's ground, this match was resumed, play commencing at half-past 11 o'clock, the Marylebone Cricket Club going on with their second innings, having two wickets down for 78 runs.

Grundy made his score up to 62, very well gained. Mr V E Walker again batted well and marked 30. The Hon C G Lyttelton in his 35 marked a hit for six, the ball going over a garden wall, also hits for four, two threes and a two. The Rev E T Drake's was a fine innings, he contributing 79, comprising four fours, six threes and twelve twos. The Hon F G Pelham and Messrs Green, A Walker, Dyke and Curteis bowled. The wickets fell thus: . . . ten for 279.

This number left the University 342 to go in against, but although some good play was exhibited, the innings terminated for 98, the Marylebone Cricket Club thus winning by 244 runs. The fielding was generally good, and Mr Drake made two admirable catches; in making the last he unfortunately injured his finger severely, causing him to retire . . .

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1377.html)

Day 1

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, yesterday morning, this interesting match was commenced. The gentlemen had the batting first, and several fine scores were made, Mr I D Walker being conspicuous with 91, for which he was presented with a new bat. The bowlers were - Willsher, Bennett, James Lillywhite, Griffith and Lockyer. H Stephenson at the wicket was most efficient. The wickets fell thus: . . .

The gentlemen made short work with the players, disposing of them for the small score of 79, only John Lillywhite making anything like a stand. Mr I D Walker and Mr W G Grace bowled well and successfully, but the wicket keeping of Mr Cooper deserves special mention as a clever performance . . .

Day 2

In this match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, the Players finished their innings for 79. Being 154 in a minority, they went in again, but their total reached 96 only, 39 of which were gained by Jupp very cleverly. The gentlemen won in one innings by 58 runs . . .

22 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1378.html)

Day 1

This match, which was commenced yesterday at Lord's ground, proved very one-sided, as the following score will illustrate: . . .

Day 2

This match, at Lord's-ground, which showed a very one-sided appearance on the close of Thursday's play, finished so yesterday. Notwithstanding the fine batting of Mr Tritton, who scored 114, and was well supported by Messrs Boyle, Wright and Evans, the total of the score reached 201, which was a very good innings, but it failed in covering the numbers scored by their opponents, who proved victorious in one innings with seven runs over.

26 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1380.html)

This match, at Lord's Ground, was commenced yesterday morning a little before 12 o'clock.

Oxford won the toss for choice of innings and elected to go in first, sending, as her representatives to the wickets, Mr Tritton and Mr Case, against the bowling of the Hon Mr Pelham and Mr Green. Mr Tritton and Mr Case were both bowled by Mr Pelham, the former scoring 10 and the latter 17. When Mr Mitchell and Mr Evans faced each other runs were scored rapidly, and caused a change in the bowling, Mr Curteis going on at Mr Green's end, and shortly after Mr A Walker at that of Mr Pelham.

The change having no effect, Mr Pelham resumed, and the score standing at 113 Mr Dyke relieved Mr Curteis of the ball. A parting was at last made, Mr Evans giving a chance to Mr Curteis, which was accepted; but on leaving he had placed to his account 43, comprising a six (square-leg), a four (drive), two threes and six twos. Five wickets were now down for 123 runs . . . Mr Boyle added a single only. Mr Voules was the next, but after a splendid innings of 57 Mr Mitchell was a "c and b" Pelham. Among his figures were three fours, four threes and six twos. He, like Mr Evans, was much cheered on retiring to the pavilion. Seven wickets and 165 runs.

Mr Maitland became the companion of Mr Voules, and both added to the score. Mr Walker again took up the bowling from Mr Pelham, Mr Green having previously relieved Mr Dyke, who, however, went on again when the score stood at 170. Mr Voules contributed 24, in which were a six (a drive), two fours and three twos; eight wickets and 186 runs. Mr Maitland retired with 17, in which were two fours; nine wickets and 190 runs. Mr Fellowes did not score, and Mr Teape was left not out with a single, the total of the innings amounting to 191. Mr Tuck stood "point," Mr Ash was the long-stop and Mr Balfour the wicket-keeper - all efficient, as was also the general fielding.

Cambridge commenced their innings unfortunately, the first two wickets falling without a run. The bowlers were Mr Fellowes and Mr R D Walker. Mr A Walker commenced batting cautiously. Mr Tuck became his companion, but retired for 7; three wickets and 19 runs. Mr Balfour showed next, and began making runs very quickly. Mr Maitland went on bowling at Mr Fellowes's end by way of change, and soon after caused the retirement of Mr Balfour for 32, comprising three fours, two threes and three twos; four wickets and 55 runs.

Mr Ash went to the vacant wicket and added 18, in which were two fours and two threes; five wickets and 80 runs. Little support was given afterwards, the sixth wicket falling for 92 runs . . . and tenth for 119, Mr A Walker, after going in third, remaining to carry hit bat out with 38, in which were two fours, two threes and four twos. The general fielding was good and lively. Mr R D Walker bowled till the score showed 73, and Mr Voules then went on.

The stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock, Cambridge being in a minority of 72.

At 11 o'clock this morning play will be resumed.

Day 2

Yesterday, at Lord's ground, there was again a very large and fashionable attendance to witness the resumption of this match. At a quarter before 12, Oxford entered on their second innings, having 72 runs in their favour. The batting was strong and prevailed over the bowling. Mr Mitchell again headed the score, marking 35. The total amounted to 160. Messrs Green, Walker, Pelham, Dyke and Curteis bowled. The outfielding was very good, Mr Booth making two good catches.

Cambridge had 232 to go in against, but although some fine batting was exhibited, the total of the score amounted to 118 only, leaving Oxford the winners by 114 runs. The bowlers were Messrs R D Walker, Teape, Maitland, Fellowes and Evans . . . Time, a quarter to 6 o'clock.

26 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1379.html)

Day 1

The match between these counties was commenced yesterday on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. Surrey went in first, and Pooley headed the score with 31. The innings was not large, 137 being the total. Wootton, Grundy and Shaw bowled well, and the out-fielding was good. Nottinghamshire soon after took possession of the wickets . . .

Days 2 and 3

These rival cricket counties commenced a match on Monday, on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham. Surrey had the batting first and made an innings of 137, of which Pooley scored 31, the highest number. At the close of the day's play Nottinghamshire scored 76, with two wickets to go down. On Tuesday the game was resumed, and Nottinghamshire closed their innings for 94, Oscroft carrying out his bat with a well-got 53.

Surrey commenced their second innings with 43 "on," but through the fine bowling of Jackson, aided by some excellent out-fielding, they were all put out for 81. Nottinghamshire soon after entered on their second innings, and made runs quickly. When "time" was called only 15 runs were required to win, and eight wickets to get them.

Yesterday morning play was again resumed, and Bignall and R Daft soon rubbed off the requisite number, taking their bats out. Annexed is the full score, showing eight wickets to go down . . .

29 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1382.html)

Day 1

At about 12 o'clock this morning, at the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, this match was commenced. Oxford winning the toss for choice of innings went in first, and sent to the wickets Messrs Tritton and Case, against the bowling of Sewell and Humphrey. Rain stopped the play for a short time about 1 o'clock, but it was soon after resumed, and Griffith had taken up the bowling at Humphrey's end. The batting was good throughout, and caused many changes in the bowling, Lockyer, Mortlock, Griffith (fast and slow) and Sewell being put on two or three times.

Before the last wicket fell, rain stopped the play for about half an hour. Mr Boyle was presented with a new bat for his fine innings of 55. The fielding of Surrey was not up to the mark . . . at hap 7 play ceased for the day . . .

Play will be resumed this morning at eleven o'clock.

Day 2

Yesterday morning, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, this match was resumed, play commencing about half-past 11 o'clock, when Surrey entered on their first innings. Mr Dowson and Griffith were left "not out" when rain (about two o'clock) stopped the play for the day. The fielding of Oxford was admirable, seven out of the Surrey Eleven being all caught.

Day 3

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, on Saturday, this match was continued, and resulted in a victory for the University . . .

29 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1381.html)

Yesterday morning, at Lord's Ground, this match was commenced. At about 1 o'clock play for a short time was interrupted by rain, when, the weather clearing up, it was resumed, Surrey having their innings first, they winning the toss. James Lillywhite made a fine score of 40, but was headed by his cousin John with 45. Grundy and Wootton started bowling, but the latter was relieved by Mr E M Grace. Total of the innings, 160.

After a brief interval, the M.C.C. entered on their innings, and when "time" was called the following was the state of the game . . .

The game will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At Lord's ground yesterday morning the M.C.C., with four wickets down for 71 runs, continued their innings, and finished it about 1 o'clock with a total of 114. Sussex soon after commenced their second innings with 46 "on," and were putting on runs fast, when heavy rain came on about a quarter past 2 o'clock, and no play took place afterwards.

Day 3

This match, at Lord's Ground, was resumed on Saturday and brought to a conclusion, Sussex winning by 44 runs. In the second innings of the Marylebone Cricket Club, Mr Infelix made the conspicuous score of 41. There were two absentees.

3 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1383.html)

Day 1

This match yesterday, on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, attracted about 5,000 spectators. Play was commenced soon after 12 o'clock. The toss for choice of innings having been won by the Players, they went in first, and some fine cricket was exhibited all round. Humphrey took the "leger" with 64, and received the "talent money." Jupp played a fine innings of 48, and Griffith and Mortlock gave good contributions, the former marking 35 and the latter 38 (not out). The wickets fell thus: . . .

The Gentlemen soon after entered on their innings, and when the stumps were drawn at half-past 7 o'clock, the score was as follows: . . .

Play will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday there was again a large assemblage on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, to witness the continuation of this match. The Gentlemen, on the previous evening, lost four wickets for 51 runs, Mr Mitchell being left not out with 18 and Mr Butler with 10. The latter made up his figures to 17, and the former to 53, for which he was presented with a new bat at the Pavilion. The innings closed for 163, being 68 in a minority of the Players. The bowling of Willsher and Bennett was admirable; the changes were Shaw and Griffith (slow and fast).

The Players in their second innings again showed strong batting, Hampshire contributing 58 and T Hearne 77. Both received the "talent money." Mr W G Grace and Mr R D Walker started the bowling, and the changes were Mr Wilkinson (twice), Mr I D Walker, Mr Mitchell, Mr Butler and Mr E M Grace. Mr W G Grace and Mr R D Walker both went on a second time. The fielding generally was good.

The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

Yesterday, the third day of this match, on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, showed that it still created much interest, the spectators being very numerous. The Players continued their second innings, having eight wickets down for 235 runs, and they concluded it with a total of 284. The fielding was very good.

The Gentlemen had 352 to go in against, and during the innings some fine batting was exhibited. Mr R D Walker contributed the large score of 92, in which was a five, four fours, six threes and twelve twos. On reaching the Pavilion he was much cheered, and a new bat was presented to him. In Mr Mitchell's 33 were two fours, a three and six twos. Other good contributions were made, and, though the total ran up to 234, the Players gained a victory by 118 runs. The wickets fell thus: . . . The following

bowled: - Willsher, Bennett, Greenwood, Hearne, Lockyer (who gave up wicket-keeping for a time) and Shaw.

6 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1384.html)

Day 1

The match between these counties was commenced yesterday on the Kent County Ground, Gravesend. Kent won the toss for choice of innings, and took the batting first. Mr Troughton's aid was lost owing to indisposition, and Mr Norton took his place. Mr Kelson headed the score with 60, gained in a most spirited manner. Bennett, too, made a conspicuous score of 44, and Mr Norton gave good support with 20. Griffith and Sewell started bowling, and Mortlock, Lockyer and Shepherd also had a turn. The first wicket fell for 4 . . . and tenth (at 5 o'clock) for 171.

After the usual interval Surrey sent to the wickets Jupp and Humphrey, Willsher and Bennett being the bowlers; the latter, however, was relieved by Mr Lipscombe . . .

The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At the Kent County Ground yesterday this match was resumed, when Surrey continued their innings, having scored 75 with the loss of two wickets; their total, however, only reached 156, being 15 in a minority of their opponents. Griffith made a conspicuous score of 44. In the second innings of Kent Mr Kelson again batted well, scoring 89, in which were eight fours. He was much applauded, and a new bat was presented to him. G Bennett, too, made another good innings, his contribution being 34. A purse of about 11/- was his reward . . .

The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, on Saturday, this match was resumed, Kent having scored 174, and had one wicket to go down, at the fall of which only three more runs were added, the innings closing for 177.

Surrey had 193 to get to win. Humphrey and Jupp went to the wickets against the bowling of Marten and Mr Lipscombe. Jupp was bowled by Marten for 28; one wicket and 59 runs. Pooley then contributed 18; two wickets and 87 runs. H Stephenson then went in, and he and Humphrey, by some very fine batting, rubbed off the runs, taking their bats out. Humphrey scored 83, in which were seven fours. Stephenson's 55 were well gained. Surrey won by eight wickets.

6 July: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1385.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

At 2 o'clock yesterday, when the play closed for dinner, the Yorkshire players had finished their first innings, with a score of 130, against the 233 of Nottinghamshire of the previous day.

After dinner, about 3 o'clock, a heavy thunderstorm broke over the district, threatening to disturb the continuance of the play, if it did not put an end to it, for the rest of the day.

Day 3

The game on the Bradford ground was resumed during the afternoon of Friday, and was brought to a close shortly before 6 o'clock. The Nottinghamshire players won the game in one innings, with 30 runs to spare.

10 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1386.html)

Day 1

At Lord's Ground yesterday morning this great match was commenced. The Players won the toss and took first innings. Humphrey and Smith batted well for their respective scores, 38 and 33. H Stephenson and G Parr rendered good support, but the others were only minor figures. The bowlers were Messrs W G Grace, Maitland, R D and I D Walker, Evans and Mr E M Grace. The wickets fell thus . . . The Gentlemen fielded remarkably well.

Messrs E M and W G Grace commenced the batting on the part of the Gentlemen against the bowling of Bennett and Wootton. Mr W G Grace was run out with 3; Mr R D Walker followed and contributed 18. Hon Mr Lyttelton was the next, and Mr E M Grace was soon after given out "leg before wicket," at which decision dissatisfaction was loudly expressed by some of the spectators. Among Mr Grace's hits were a six (through the tavern window), a four and a two. The Hon Mr Lyttelton played a fine innings of 24, in which were a six (on drive), a four, two threes and two twos. Mr Cooper and Mr Mitchell (with large scores) appeared to be well in when play ceased for the day.

The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

The match was resumed yesterday at Lord's Ground, the Gentlemen continuing their innings with four wickets down for 158 runs; they finished it for 198, Mr Cooper taking the "leger" with 70, which was backed by Mr Mitchell with 44, not out. Total of the innings, 198.

The Players commenced their second with 66 against them, but with the exception of Parr, who played a splendid innings of 60, no great scores were made and the innings terminated for 140. The Gentlemen had 75 runs to get to gain a victory, which they obtained (chiefly through the batting of the Messrs Grace), with eight wickets to go down.

13 July: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1387.html)

Day 1

This return match was commenced yesterday on the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, and, as usual when these county play, excited great interest. The weather was rather unfavourable and interrupted the game for about an hour after dinner.

Nottinghamshire, having won the toss for choice of innings, took the batting first, and the chief feature was the admirable play of Oscroft, a very promising young cricketer; he was one of the first to go in, and his was the seventh wicket to fall. In his score of 69 were a five (drive), two fours, six threes and eight twos. He was rewarded with the "talent money." The innings terminated for 157. The bowlers were Sewell, Harwood (very good), Griffith (slow and fast) and Lockyer. A fine catch made by Humphrey was much applauded.

Surrey, after the usual interval, entered on their innings . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

The Surrey-ground, Kennington Oval, was numerously attended yesterday, to witness the resumption of this match. Surrey, with one wicket down for 63 runs, went on with their innings, Jupp making his runs up to 45. H H Stephenson added 30, and the total reached 170. Nottinghamshire soon after entered on their second innings, and when the stumps were drawn, Brampton had marked 79 (not out) . . .

The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

This match, at the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed on Saturday. Nottinghamshire finished their second innings for 207, of which Brampton scored 86, and got rewarded. Surrey had 195 to get to win, and when the last man went in 14 runs were wanted; this number was reduced to five, and the excitement among the spectators was great; this was increased when Sewell hit the ball away and made five runs for it, amid cheers from all parts of the ground. Thus Surrey was victorious with one wicket to fall.

17 July: GENTLEMEN OF MIDDLESEX v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1388.html)

Day 1

This match was commenced yesterday morning on the Maidens County-ground, Caledonian-road, Islington. The weather was rather unfavourable, and play was interrupted for about an hour.

Middlesex, winning the toss, took the batting first, and Mr Buller made a fine score of 71. Mr Benthall (not out) made a good stand for 33. Total of the innings, 200. The bowlers were Mr E M Grace, Mr Oldfield, Mr W G Grace, Mr Morgan, Mr Voules and Captain Maxwell. Mr Malet was a most praiseworthy wicket-keeper.

About 6 o'clock England entered on their innings . . . Play will be resumed this morning.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

Yesterday morning this match was resumed from the previous evening, when the Gentlemen of England left off with three wickets down for 60 runs. The "not outs," Mr E M Grace and Mr Bateman, again occupied the wickets, the bowlers being Mr R D Walker and Mr Wilkinson. Mr Bateman added 6; four wickets and 75 runs; Mr W G Grace next became the companion of his brother, and both hit away merrily, causing a change of bowling. Mr W G Grace parted first with 34, in which were two fours, four threes, and five twos; five wickets and 136 runs. The next to go in was Mr Wynch, and as runs were scored rapidly, the game became very exciting, especially when the telegraph showed 200 (259 to win), and both batsmen appeared well in.

Mr E M Grace, however, was tempted by a "slow," and being off his ground he was cleverly stumped by Mr Daniel; six wickets and 236 runs - 100 "on" from the previous wicket. Mr E M Grace, in his large score of 111, marked five fours, 11 threes and 12 twos. He was much applauded. Mr Voules then joined Mr Wynch, and these gentlemen rubbed off the runs very quickly, both taking their bats out, the former with 19, in which were a five (square leg), a four, two threes and a two; the latter with 53, comprising a six (square leg), two fours, three threes and 10 twos. The Gentlemen of England thus proved victorious with four wickets to go down.

17 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1389.html)

Days 1 and 2

This county match was commenced on the Brighton ground on Monday, but not till late in the day, owing to rain. Surrey won the toss for choice of innings, but put their opponents in first. C Payne played remarkably well, and he was left not out with 61, when the play was stopped for the day, the total being 141 for the loss of five wickets.

On Tuesday the game was resumed, and Payne made up his number 71. Charlwood ("a colt") added 30 very creditably. Total of the innings, 203. Surrey soon after embarked on their innings, James Lillywhite bowling well throughout. When the stumps were drawn Surrey had one wicket to fall . . .

The match was to be continued yesterday.

Day 3

This match, on the Brighton Ground, was resumed on Wednesday (the third day), when Surrey with one wicket to fall finished their innings for 153. Sussex in their second innings scored 187, of which John Lillywhite obtained 61. The match was left drawn . . .

20 July: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1392.html)

Day 1

This county match was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, and attracted a large number of spectators. Surrey won the toss and took their innings first.

The batting was very strong against various changes in the bowling - Jupp scored 104, Humphrey 38, Mortlock 49, Caesar 32, Lockyer 20, and Pooley and Sewell were left "not out" at the drawing of the stumps, the former with 78 and the latter with 16. Jupp and Pooley were rewarded, the former with a double "compliment." Mortlock, who was one short of the number, received £3 or £4, subscribed at the pavilion.

The following bowled: - Mr Lipscombe, Mr Kelson, Bennett, Willsher, Fryer, Marten, Carroll and Mr Troughton who was very effective with the "slows." The general fielding was good, that of Carroll especially, who saved many runs and was frequently applauded. The wickets fell thus: . . . and eight for 313, with two wickets to fall . . .

Play will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, play in this match was resumed, Surrey, with two wickets to fall and the score standing at 361, continuing their innings, which they finished with a total of 368, Pooley taking his bat out with 92.

In the innings of Kent, Willsher batted in good style, scoring 58, for which he received the "talent money." Mr Kelson placed to his account 73, and on reaching the Pavilion was presented with a new bat. Marten (a young player) gained 23 in a very creditable style, and will doubtless prove an acquisition to the county. The wickets fell thus: . . . and ten for 190.

This leaving them 178 in a minority, they went in again, when Mr Troughton took the "leger" with 21, J Carroll added 15, Mr Kelson 13 and M'Canlis 10. The rest were minor figures, and the innings closed for 80 . . . Griffith and H Stephenson bowled well throughout. Surrey won in one innings, with 98 runs over.

20 July: LANCASHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1391.html)

Final report

The match lasted three days, on the Old Trafford ground, Manchester, and excited considerable interest. It was commenced on Thursday and terminated on Saturday, Lancashire proving victorious.

27 July: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1395.html)

Day 1

On the Surrey ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday morning this match was commenced, and attracted a very large company, the game exciting considerable interest. Middlesex went in first, and the play was very steady throughout, the highest number scored being 26, by Mr I D Walker, in which was a fine square leg hit for six (over the fence into the road). T Hearne played well for 25, as did Mr Gregory for 17. The first wicket fell for 18 . . . and tenth for 131. Mr Taylor, H Stephenson, Sewell and Griffith bowled.

Surrey commenced their innings very tamely, the first three wickets falling for 27 runs. Caesar caused an alteration, and batted in good form, scoring 36. Pooley, too, got 23 in an able manner. Griffith put on 19 very quickly. The innings terminated for 116 . . . Mr V E Walker, Howitt (a very good bowler), T Hearne and Mr R D Walker bowled. The fielding of Middlesex was good.

Middlesex entered on their second innings . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

At the Surrey County Ground, Kennington-oval, yesterday, this match was resumed, Middlesex, with one wicket down for 33 runs, continuing their innings. They concluded it with the large score of 275, of which Mr Buller contributed 105 in magnificent style, he giving but two chances. Among his hits were six fours (chiefly drives), seven threes and 11 twos. On taking out his bat he was much cheered, and two new bats were presented to him at the Pavilion . . . The bowlers were Mr Taylor, Griffith, Stephenson, Lockyer, [Mortlock] and Humphrey.

Surrey commenced their second innings with 290 against them . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At noon, on Saturday, this match was resumed on the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. Surrey, in their second innings, had lost five wickets for 76 runs on the previous evening; this they made up to 132 as their total. Humphrey for his good batting, marking 56, received the "talent money." The fielding of Middlesex was admirable, and they won by 158 runs.

27 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1394.html)

Day 1

These rival cricket counties commenced a match on the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, yesterday morning. Nottinghamshire went in first and made a score of 117. Yorkshire commenced their innings, and when our account left the following was the state of the score: . . . The match will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

At the Trent-bridge-ground, Nottingham, yesterday, this match was resumed, Yorkshire, with 53 runs and the loss of two wickets, continuing their innings, which they finished for a total of 191 – 74 ahead of Nottinghamshire. When our account left last evening, Nottinghamshire had scored 49 for the loss of two wickets . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, on Saturday, this match was resumed by Nottinghamshire going on with their second innings, which they finished for 182, Jackson scoring 55 and G Parr 48. The second innings of Yorkshire was closed for 53 only, which left Nottinghamshire victorious by 55 runs.

27 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1393.html)

Days 1 and 2

The match between these counties was commenced on Thursday at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, and was continued yesterday. Kent made but a small score, 75 only, while Sussex made the large innings of 279 . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

At about 12 o'clock on Saturday morning play in this match was resumed on the Bat-and-Ball ground, Gravesend. With three wickets down for 105 runs, Kent went on with their second innings, which they concluded for a total of 222. This number left Sussex 19 to get to win, which Paine and J Dean, jun., obtained, taking their bats out. Sussex thus won by ten wickets.

3 August: SURREY v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1396.html)

Day 1 - no play (rain)

Day 2

Owing to the rain on Thursday, this match at the Surrey Ground, Kennington Oval, was not commenced till yesterday morning. Surrey won the toss for choice of innings, but elected to put their opponents in first. Play began about 12.30, the South sending to the wickets Payne and Willsher, Humphrey and Griffith being the bowlers. The ground was very heavy.

Willsher scored 12, and the first wicket fell for that number. The chief scorers were - Bennett 59, C Payne 56 (both received the "talent money"), and John Lillywhite not out 36. The changes in the bowling were Lockyer, Sewell, Mortlock and Mr S Taylor. The second wicket fell for 20 . . . and tenth for 196.

For Surrey, Jupp and Humphrey went in to the bowling of James Lillywhite and Mr V E Walker. The bowling of James Lillywhite was first-rate, but few runs being got off him. The batting of Jupp and Mortlock was also good. Willsher took up the bowling from Mr V E Walker, and after him Bennett went on. When play ceased for the day the batsmen were not parted . . . The game will be continued this morning.

Day 3

The weather was very favourable on Saturday, and the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was well attended. Surrey resumed their innings from the previous evening, when they had lost three wickets for 59 runs. Mortlock and Jupp being in possession of the wickets went on with the batting against the bowling of Mr V E Walker and James Lillywhite. Jupp made up his number to 27, and Mortlock to 56, for which he received the "talent money." The innings closed for 135, being 61 in a minority of their opponents.

In the second innings of the South of England, some good batting was displayed by Payne, Mr Gregory, T Hearne, James Lillywhite and G Hearne, who was not out with 36. Total of the innings, 165. The bowlers were Humphrey, Stephenson, Mortlock, Griffith and Sewell. The fielding was good.

Surrey in their second innings obtained 37 runs with the loss of two wickets. The match was left drawn . . .

7 August: THE GRAND WEEK AT CANTERBURY

At the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, yesterday, the great cricket week was commenced. The morning was rather showery and play did not commence till 12.45, the weather at that time proving fair. The ground was dotted with marquees and tents, which were decorated with flags, those of I Zingari showing conspicuous. The first match in the programme was the

SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1398.html)

Day 1

The North won the toss for choice of innings, but put their opponents in first, the ground being dead from previous rain. Jupp and Hampshire commenced the batting against the bowling of Grundy and Tarrant. Jupp commenced with a hit to square leg for four. Humphrey got his runs rather slowly. Jupp marked 15, being the first to part; his hits comprised two fours and a two; one wicket and 21 runs. Mr E M Grace followed, but did not score, he being cleverly caught by Thewlis at long-leg; two wickets and 23 runs.

H Stephenson was the next, and put 11 to his account very quickly, but was then finely caught out by Rowbotham; three wickets and 36 runs. James Lillywhite occupied the vacant wicket, but Humphrey left him, six being his score; four wickets and 36 runs. Bennett next showed, and soon began run-getting. Soon after, however, Lillywhite was sent back by Grundy for 9, in which were a four and a two; five wickets and 53 runs. Mortlock then joined Bennett, but at this time (half-past 2) a heavy shower of rain came on, and the players retired to dine.

At 4.20, the weather holding up, play was resumed, and the band of the East Kent Militia being present, played some very good music, but the attendance of spectators was rather meagre. Bennett and Mortlock showed some fine batting, and a change in the bowling was made, Wootton relieving Tarrant of the ball, and Jackson taking it from Grundy. Still runs were made, and Tinley was tried at Jackson's end. This change proved effective very soon, for Mortlock was caught off Tinley by Smith, but he had put on the score 32 in good style, in which were three fours, two threes and six twos; six wickets and 119 runs.

Griffith followed, and again a change of bowling, Tarrant again taking up the bowling at Wootton's end. Bennett played a fine innings of 48, in which were three fours, three threes and four twos; seven wickets and 133 runs. Sewell and Lockyer did not contribute; eighth and ninth wickets, 134. Willsher was the last man, but six was his contribution only, Griffith being not out with 14 - total of the innings, 148. The time being about half-past 6, no further play took place.

The match will be resumed this morning . . .

Day 2

The weather yesterday proved very fine, and even before dinner time there was a large attendance of spectators on the St Lawrence Ground. Play commenced at 11.10 by the North entering on their innings, they sending to

the wicket Smith and Rowbotham against the bowling of James Lillywhite and Bennett. Lockyer kept wicket, Mr E M Grace stood at point, and Mortlock was the long stop.

The wickets fell rather fast; Smith was run out for 2 and Thewlis took his place. Rowbotham was caught out by Bennett for 2. Hayward next appeared, but Thewlis left him without scoring. Carpenter then put in an appearance, but his stay was very short, Mr E M Grace cleverly catching him out at "point." The next in order was Tarrant, but a fine ball from James Lillywhite sent back Hayward for 10, in which were three twos, Tarrant having only scored three.

Jackson and Grundy got together, and some few runs were made. Jackson had a wonderful let-off, Lockyer missing an apparently very easy catch. Jackson, however, only added seven. Wootton joined Grundy, and the latter gave a chance, which Lockyer this time made safe. Nine was Grundy's contribution, which comprised a good hit for four. Biddulph became the companion of Wootton, and something like a stand was made, both batsmen putting runs on fast.

The first change in the bowling was now made, Willsher taking the ball from Bennett. This not proving effective, Mortlock was put on with the "slows" at Willsher's end. Soon after a parting took place, Biddulph getting his leg before wicket from Mortlock. His score of 21 was well got, containing a four and seven twos. Wootton, who had been batting well, was faced by Tinley, the last man, and as the score kept rising, another change in the bowling took place, Griffith relieving James Lillywhite of the ball, and Bennett resumed bowling at Mortlock's end.

Wootton, after a fine score of 36, was caught out by Mr E M Grace. Among his hits were two fours, three threes and four twos. Tinley was left not out with 13. Total of the innings, 105, 48 in a minority of the South. The wickets fell thus: . . . Time, 2.5.

After an interval of about ten minutes the South entered on their second innings by sending in Mr E M Grace and Jupp to the bowling of Tarrant and Grundy. Mr Grace commenced with a square leg hit for four, followed by two singles from Jupp. Mr Grace added a single, and was then caught by Jackson off Grundy; one wicket and seven runs. At this time (2.30) the ball rang for dinner.

After the repast, the ground presented a very animated appearance, the spectators numbering between 2,000 and 3,000, comprising the elite of Canterbury and neighbourhood. The dresses of the ladies were most elegant, and their variegated colours formed a pleasing contrast to the darker hues of those of the gentlemen. The presence, too, of the Cavalry Depot band added much to enliven the scene by their excellent music.

Play was resumed at 3.20, Humphrey facing Jupp, but he left without scoring; two wickets and eight runs. H Stephenson followed, but Jupp soon left him, 10 being his score; three wickets and 17 runs. James Lillywhite followed, and the score was quickly made to rise. When the score stood at 40, Tinley went on to bowl at Grundy's end, and at 48 Hayward went on at Tarrant's end. James Lillywhite scored 22 most ably, comprising two fours (a drive and a cut), a three and three twos; four wickets and 64 runs. The fifth wicket fell at 68.

Mortlock scored 6 by a four and a two; six wickets and 74 runs. Griffith then contributed 12, in which were a four, a three and a two; seven wickets

and 91 runs. Sewell did not alter the score. Wootton took up the bowling at Tinley's end, and Tarrant succeeded him. Willsher marked a four and a two and was then bowled by Hayward; nine wickets and 97 runs. Stephenson, whose fine display of batting elicited much applause, was next joined by Lockyer, and both caused the score to rise. Lockyer marked 21, in which were a four, two threes and three twos; ten wickets and 141 runs. Stephenson was left not out with 53, comprising three fours, four threes and four twos. The innings closed the day's play . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 3

Yesterday morning the weather was again favourable, being very pleasant, not quite so hot as on the previous day, and again the St Lawrence-ground was well attended. The North had 184 to go in against, and they entered on this task at 11 o'clock.

Thewlis and Rowbotham went to the wickets first, Bennett and James Lillywhite starting bowling. Both batsmen made runs, and the bowlers changed ends. Rowbotham got a good 14, in which were a four, a three and a two; one wicket and 18 runs. Smith left the score unaltered. Hayward went in next, but lost the company of Thewlis, whose score was 18, comprising two fours and two twos; three wickets and 41 runs. Carpenter made eight singles; four wickets and 57 runs.

Tarrant joined Hayward, and, as the batting prevailed, several changes in the bowling were made. Hayward was the first to part, but with a well-played innings of 40, in which were two threes and nine twos; five wickets and 101 runs. Tarrant, who was well in, was next faced by Grundy, but he did not stay long, 7 being his contribution; six wickets and 117 runs. The next to go in was Wootton, but he was sent back by Bennett for 6; seven wickets and 124 runs.

Tarrant, still batting well, next had for his partner Jackson, who marked three only, and the eighth wicket fell for 135 runs. Biddulph followed, but did not even alter the score. Tinley was the last man, and he scored four, leaving Tarrant to take his bat out after a dashing innings of 53. Among his hits were four fours, a three and eight twos, the sum total being 157. South won this well-contested match by 27 runs. Time, 2.15.

Bennett bowled well throughout, the other changes being Mr E M Grace, H Stephenson and Willsher. Two splendid catches made by Griffith at long-field elicited much applause. At the conclusion of the match the parties retired to dine.

During the dinner time the band of the East Kent Militia came on to the ground and played during the afternoon. At about 3 o'clock the next match in the programme was commenced, the Marylebone Club v Gentlemen of Kent. (See below.)

7 August: MIDDLESEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1397.html)

Day 1

The return match was commenced at the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, yesterday, and after some short delay occasioned by rain, Middlesex sent in their men, having won the toss. The bowlers were Reynolds and Smith, but neither Mr Wilkinson nor Hearne, who commenced the batting, were got rid of till a change of bowling had taken place and the score reached 51.

Through out the home county displayed some excellent batting, but Messrs R D and V E Walker were pre-eminent for the rapidity with which their runs were obtained. During the long innings made by Middlesex, there were several changes of bowling, and that of Reynolds, Smith, Iddison, Storer and Mr Rowley were tried. Reynolds, however, proved most successful.

It was more than a quarter after 5 o'clock when Lancashire began their innings, but Smith and Coward were not easily disposed of. Mr V E Walker and Howitt failed to separate them, and Mr R D Walker had succeeded them before Coward was got rid of and 42 runs obtained. At the conclusion of the play Lancashire had lost four wickets for 73 runs.

The match will be continued this day at 12 o'clock . . .

Day 2

This return match, played at the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, was brought to a conclusion yesterday in favour of the metropolitan county by ten wickets. On the previous day Mr Rowley was not out 3 and Mr Bousfield not out 12, and Lancashire had lost four wickets for 73, which was increased to 112 when the innings terminated.

Lancashire this being left in a minority of 114 had to follow on. Some good scores were made, but, nevertheless, they were all disposed of a second time for 130 by half-past 4 o'clock, and Middlesex had only 17 to get to win, which they obtained without the loss of a wicket.

9 August: GENTLEMEN OF KENT v GENTLEMEN OF MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1399.html)

The Marylebone took the batting first, sending to the wickets Mr Nicholson and Mr Grace. Mr Grace did not score, and the first wicket fell for one (a bye). Mr Nicholson was run out for one, and the second wicket fell for two runs.

Mr Balfour being in was joined by Mr Buller, but Mr Balfour, with a four and a single, left him; three wickets and seven runs. Mr Frederick came next, but a change in the bowling had been made, Mr Cockerell taking Mr Lipscombe's place, but after a few overs he resumed. Mr Frederick made nine, comprising a four and a two; four wickets and 34 runs. Mr R D Walker became the companion of Mr Buller, who was batting in fine form. Mr R D Walker by judicious play scored 34, in which were five fours and two twos; five wickets and 72 runs. Mr Fellowes left without scoring, and the sixth wicket fell for 73 runs.

Mr Fitzgerald followed, and some runs were made. Mr Buller at length gave way to Mr Lipscombe, after making 20, in which were a four, two threes and two twos; seven wickets and 76 runs. The next was Mr Arkwright, but Mr Fitzgerald, having contributed 12 by a four, a two and singles retired "c and b" Lipscombe; eight wickets and 102 runs. Colonel Marshall next appeared, but Mr Arkwright succumbed to Mr Lipscombe for 6; 9 wickets and 105 runs. Colonel Marshall marked a three and a single, and the tenth wicket fell for 114.

Mr Stephens and Mr Oldfield were left together, and the latter, being bowled by Mr Lipscombe for 2, left Mr Stephens not out with 9, in which were a three and two twos. Total of the innings, 120. Mr Lipscombe gained eight wickets. Soon after the Gentlemen of Kent commenced their innings . . . The game will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

Another beautiful day and another brilliant company, on the St Lawrence ground, Thursday, like Tuesday, being considered a "grand" day. Play was resumed at 12 o'clock, Kent going in with their innings, having three wickets down for 50 runs.

The "not outs" of the previous evening, Mr Jackson and Mr Lubbock, again occupied the wickets, the bowlers being Mr Grace and Mr Oldfield; Mr Lubbock added one more to his score, making his number 14, in which were two fours and a three; four wickets and 53 runs. Mr Troughton followed, and soon began run-getting, but Mr Jackson did not alter his score of 6; five wickets and 53 runs. Mr Troughton marked 15, he being bowled the first ball by Mr Arkwright, who had taken up the bowling at Mr Oldfield's end, among his hits were a four and four twos; six wickets and 75 runs.

The next to appear was Mr Hilton, but, Mr Norman, his companion, directly after left for one; seven wickets and 76 runs. The next to show was Mr Wathen, and after adding 9 Mr Hilton was caught out by Mr Nicholson, his hits comprising a four and a two; eight wickets and 81 runs. Mr Cockerell then faced Mr Wathen, who placed to his account 13, in which were a four and a two; Mr Rodger having previously scored 2; nine wickets and 98 runs,

10 wickets and 102 runs. Mr Lipscombe, the last to go in, marked a single, and the innings terminated for 103 runs.

After a lapse of ten minutes the M.C.C. commenced their second innings by sending to the wickets Mr Nicholson and Mr E M Grace to the bowling of Mr Lipscombe and Mr Lewis. Mr Nicholson left without scoring, and the first wicket fell for one run. Mr Balfour marked a two and a single; two wickets and 10 runs. Mr Buller made a good hit for 3, when Mr Waller got in his way; three wickets and 15 runs. Mr Grace was then joined by Mr R D Walker, who marked a four and two singles, when Mr Lipscombe accepted a chance from him; four wickets and 32 runs. The next on the list was Mr Frederick, who showed some free hitting, scoring 10 by a four, a three, a two and a single; five wickets and 47 runs. It was now dinner time. The Cavalry Depot band again came on the ground and played some very excellent music.

The dinner being over, Mr Grace was faced by Mr Fitzgerald. Mr Grace was bowled by Mr Jervis for 26, comprising four fours and a two; six wickets and 51 runs. No further stand was made, the seventh wicket falling for 52 . . . and eleventh for 66. Mr Lipscombe and Mr Jervis bowled well and effectively throughout. Mr Troughton was the wicket-keeper and the out-fielding was generally good.

Kent had 84 to get to win, and Mr Waller and Mr Troughton commenced the task against the bowling of Mr E M Grace and Mr Arkwright, Mr Fellowes keeping wicket. Mr Waller marked a four and a two, and was then caught at the wicket by Mr Fellowes; one wicket and 15 runs. Mr Lubbock went to the vacant wicket, but lost the company of Mr Troughton, who again batted well, 17 being his score, made by two fours, a two and singles; two wickets and 24 runs. Mr Norman did not alter the score. Mr Hilton was the next. At this time Mr Arkwright injured his hand and gave up the bowling to Mr R D Walker. Mr Hilton retired without scoring; four wickets and 27 runs. The next to show was Mr Jervis, who scored two fours; five wickets and 43 runs. Mr Taylor followed Mr Lubbock, who seemed well in.

A shower of rain stopped the play awhile, but on its ceasing the game went on. Mr Taylor retired for 8, in which was a 4; six wickets and 61 runs. Mr Wathen succeeded, and as runs were obtained, the bowlers changed ends. Mr Wathen scored 7; seven wickets and 79 runs. Mr Jackson showed next and made the winning hit of 4, Mr Lubbock playing a very fine innings of 32 (both not out). Kent won by four wickets.

10 August: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1400.html)

The match between these counties was commenced yesterday at the Oval. On previous occasions Hampshire has had additional men; but, on the present occasion, only 11 played on each side. The morning was extremely fine and the wickets in most excellent order.

Surrey went in, but their first batsmen were quickly separated, Jupp being taken at slip from Mr Frere's first over before a run was made. The next batsman was Stephenson, and he and Humphrey showed some fine cricket and soon became completely masters of the bowling of Southerton, who commenced at the reverse end to Mr Frere, turned the ball over to Holmes before the 40 were put up, and Mr Ede's slows were put on at the other end when 65 had been scored. So rapid was the scoring that at dinner 158 were obtained, of which Humphrey's share was 82 and Stephenson's 72. The bowlers who had been opposed to them were Mr Frere, Mr Ede, Mr Plowden, besides Southerton and Holmes.

Some heavy rain fell at intervals after dinner, which caused some delay. Humphrey was the second batsman got rid of, but 192 were scored. Pooley was obliged to retire at 198, but Stephenson remained long enough to make a triple figures as well as Humphrey. Rain falling heavily, the stumps were drawn at a quarter to 7 o'clock . . . Play will be resumed this day.

Day 2

Play in this match at the Oval was commenced yesterday soon after 12 o'clock, but although the weather was fair the heavy rain that fell during the night had rendered the wickets slow. Surrey, who had lost only five of their players and had scored 293, proceeded with their innings, but the next four players who vacated had only raised the score to 329. The last man Sewell, who then became the partner of Julius Caesar, one of the "not outs" of the previous evening, assisted to bring the total to 424 before they were separated. In consequence of interruptions from bad weather - it was then 10 minutes past 5 o'clock - Caesar received the reward for his innings of 82, and Sewell, who was not out, was applauded for his play.

Some good cricket was shown by the Hampshire men, who had made 27 when they lost the first wicket, Ubsdell then being caught at mid-off. Mr Lucas was bowled at 49, and Holmes, who had played carefully, was caught by Caesar close up to his bat, just as the stumps were about to be drawn. Mr Thompson (not out) exhibited some fine play for his 39 . . . Play will be resumed to-day.

Day 3

At the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, on Saturday, this match was resumed, Hampshire continuing their innings, which they finished for 139. Being largely in a minority, they had to follow their innings, which proved to be a very short one, 64 being the total, 30 of which was scored by Colonel Bathurst. This left Surrey victorious by [an innings and] 221 runs.

14 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1401.html)

Day 1

This match was commenced yesterday morning at the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, and the spectators mustered very numerously, although the weather did not look very propitious. Yorkshire won the toss for choice of innings and took the batting first, the bowlers being J Street and Mortlock ("slows").

The wickets fell rather fast, Holgate being the first to reach double figures - 11, comprising a three and two twos, the score then showing but 37 runs for the sixth wicket. Brownhill played well, and when he and Hodgson (the last man) were together a change in the bowling was made, Humphrey taking the ball from Street. Brownhill got his runs well, scoring 25, in which were a four, two threes and two twos. Hodgson was not out with nine. Total of the innings, 79. Yorkshire played one short. Mortlock took five wickets and J Street three.

On the side of Surrey, T Sewell gained 20 very spiritedly, comprising four threes and a two. In Humphrey's innings of 12 were three threes, a two and a single. H H Stephenson marked 14, in which were two twos, and Mortlock 11, in which was a three. No other double figures were scored. The wickets fell in the following manner: . . . ten for 98, thus heading their opponents by 19 runs. It was a very slow game, Cuttle and Hodgson bowling well, assisted by some very good fielding. The same may be said of Surrey with regard to the bowling and out-fielding, hence the smallness of scores.

Yorkshire commenced their second innings by sending to the wickets Brownhill and Darnton against the bowling of Mortlock and Street; Brownhill again batted well, showing a good defence. He scored 19, comprising three threes and a two. His was the fourth wicket to fall . . . The game will be resumed this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday, on account of rain, no play took place in this match. The game will be resumed this morning (weather permitting), at 11 o'clock.

Day 3

This match, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval, was resumed yesterday morning from Monday, no play taking place on Tuesday, owing to rain. Yorkshire, with four wickets down for 38 runs, went on with their innings, and concluded it with a total of 95. Mortlock and Street started bowling, and the changes were Sewell and Humphrey . . .

This left Surrey 77 to get to win, this number they obtained with the loss of five wickets. Humphrey played a skilful innings of 29, in which were two fours, three threes and a two. Jupp added 21 comprising two fours, a three and two twos. Griffith scored 17 very quickly, in which was a fine leg-hit for five, also a three and a two. Cuttle, Hodgson, Darnton and Smith bowled. Holgate's wicket-keeping was exceedingly good.

14 August: SUSSEX v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1402.html)

Day 1

At the Brighton ground, on Monday, the return match between the above was commenced. For choice of innings, Sussex won the toss and went in first. Some excellent scores were made, Wells taking the "leger" with 71. My Hyndman in his score of 41 (not out) made a fine square leg hit for six (over the boundary wall). There was one wicket to fall when play ceased for the day . . . The game was to be resumed yesterday.

Day 2 - no play (rain).

Day 3

On Wednesday, at the Brighton Ground, this return match was resumed from Monday; Tuesday being wet, no play took place. Sussex finished their innings with a total of 239, Mr Hyndman carrying out his bat with 48. On the part of Marylebone, T Hearne played a fine innings of 50, A Shaw contributing 32 and Mr G E Walker 13. Total of the innings, 130.

They then went in a second time against the runs. T Hearne again was conspicuous with a score of 56. Mr R D Walker added 30 in a very able manner. The innings closed for 143. The match was left drawn . . .

17 August: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1405.html)

This return match was commenced yesterday morning at the Middlesex County-ground, Caledonian-road, Islington. The weather was a little showery, but, nevertheless, about 1,500 spectators were present. The ground was in excellent condition, though rather heavy from previous rain. Surrey went in first, winning the toss for choice of innings. Humphrey and Jupp went to the wickets against the bowling of Howitt and Mr R D Walker.

No stand was made till H Stephenson appeared with Pooley; the latter scored 11 by a four, a three, a two and two singles, and the former 24, by a three and five twos – steadily gained. Mortlock played a good innings of 35, comprising five threes and four twos. Caesar showed some hitting in his good old form, and marked 28, in which were a four (drive), two threes and six twos. Lockyer scored double figures, 11, in which was a three, the rest being singles. The change in the bowling was Mr I D Walker and T Hearne. Hewitt, who started bowling, proved himself both good and effective. The first wicket fell for 1 . . . ten for 141.

Middlesex soon after entered on their innings and commenced well, Mr Case and T Hearne being the batsmen and Sewell and J Street the bowlers. Mr Case, in good style, marked 23, in which were a four, three threes and two twos. Griffith, Mr Miller and Humphrey took a turn with the ball . . . The game will be continued this morning.

Day 2

Yesterday morning, at the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington, this attractive match was resumed, there being between 1,500 and 2,000 spectators present. With the exception of one sharp shower the day was favourable, and the game was only interrupted for a short time, about 2 o'clock.

Middlesex went on with their innings, having four wickets down for 67 runs, Mr Daniel and Mr I D Walker being in possession of the wickets. Mr Miller and Humphrey started the bowling. Mr Daniel was bowled by Miller, having made up his score to 22, in which were a five, two threes and a two; five wickets and 91 runs. Mr Buller was the next, and his fine style of batting was much admired; he placed to his account 24, chiefly singles; six wickets and 143 runs. The next was Mr Gregory, but Mr I D Walker, after playing an admirable innings of 43, was dismissed by J Street; among his hits were a five, five threes and two fours; seven wickets and 146 runs.

Mr V E Walker went to the vacant wicket and added 11, in which were a four, three and a two; eight wickets and 179 runs. Mr Bissett then marked two singles; nine wickets and 183 runs. Howitt was the last, but did not score, Mr Gregory being run out for 25, comprising two threes and five twos; ten wickets and 185 runs. Mr Miller bowled energetically throughout, the changes being Griffith (slow), Stephenson and J Street.

Surrey commenced their second innings with 44 against them. Jupp and Humphrey began the batting against the bowling of Mr R D Walker and Howitt. Humphrey got five singles only, being severely hurt; one wicket and 13 runs. Stephenson appeared next, and the batting became so strong as to cause a change of bowling at both ends, Mr I D Walker and T Hearne taking

the ball. Stephenson was stumped by Mr Bissett after a well-gained score of 22, in which were a three and five twos; two wickets and 45 runs. Pooley then joined Jupp, and as runs were made rather fast, Howitt resumed bowling, and Mr Daniel and Mr R D Walker took a turn. Both batsmen, however, defended their wickets till "time" was called . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

On Saturday morning this match was resumed at the Middlesex County Ground, Caledonian-road, Islington. The weather proved fine and the spectators were very numerous. Jupp and Pooley were in possession of the wickets, and commenced the batting against the bowling of Mr R D Walker and T Hearne. Pooley made his number up to 35, among his figures being two fours, a three and five twos. Mortlock added 7.

Caesar next joined Jupp, and the batting of both elicited frequent applause, and several changes in the bowling took place. Caesar was the first to leave, but with a well-played innings of 55, comprising three fours, four threes and eight twos. Jupp, as a batsman, showed to good advantage, and he did not retire till he had put to his account the large score of 115, in which were a five (drive), three fours, seven threes and 18 twos. Both he and Caesar received the "talent compliment" at the pavilion, with something added. Griffith marked 13, and the innings closed for 265. There was some very good fielding on the part of Middlesex.

After a short interval, with 221 against them, Middlesex commenced their second innings. Mr Case and Mr Gregory were the batsmen, and Mr Miller and J Street the bowlers. Mr Gregory marked 10 very neatly, but then gave a chance to Humphrey; one wicket and 22 runs. Mr R D Walker went in next, but after a clever innings of 26 Mr Case was bowled by Miller; in his figures were three fours, a three and two twos. Two wickets and 51 runs.

Mr Buller followed, and the batting was truly good, causing two or three changes in the bowling. Mr R D Walker played a very steady innings of 40, in which were three fours, three threes and four twos; three wickets and 96 runs. Mr I D Walker then joined Mr Buller, but "time" was soon after called, and left this excellent match drawn. Mr Buller was not out with 29, comprising a five (drive), two fours, three threes and two twos, and Mr I D Walker with six singles.

17 August: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1404.html)

Day 3 (no reports found for Days 1 and 2)

At the County Ground, Gravesend, on Saturday morning, the above match was resumed from Friday evening, when the score stood at 258, with three wickets to go down. Cuttell and Dawes being left "not out" again went to the wickets, Willsher and Bennett being the bowlers. Cuttell made his score up to 56, Bocking added 11, and Dawes took his bat out with 28. total of the innings, 283. The batting on the part of Yorkshire was good throughout.

In the second innings of Kent, Payne marked 30, Henty 21 and Willsher (not out) 39. The innings closed for 194. It wanting but a few minutes of "time," the match was left drawn . . .

21 August: SURREY v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1406.html)

Day 1

This match, which was commenced yesterday morning on the Surrey-ground, Kennington-oval, attracted several thousand spectators, it being the last great match of the Surrey season. England won the toss and took their innings first. The batting was exceedingly strong, and with the exception of the last three that went in, great scores were made. T Hearne marked 60 and received the "talent money," he taking the "Leger." Mr E M Grace and his brother, respectively, scored 44 and 35; Mr Kelson added 40; G Bennett 34; Mr R D Walker 20; and James Lillywhite 15. the bowlers were - Mortlock (twice), J Street (twice), Lockyer (twice), Sewell, Humphrey and Griffith . . .

Surrey soon after commenced their innings . . . The match will be continued this morning.

Day 2

This great and exciting match attracted over 5,000 spectators yesterday (the second day) at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval. Play was resumed at about 11.45, Jupp and Humphrey, the "not outs" of the previous evening, again taking possession of the wickets, the bowlers being Bennett and James Lillywhite. Jupp, after making his number up to 13, was dismissed by Lillywhite; in his figures were a three and two twos. Stephenson marked four singles, and was followed by Pooley. Humphrey was caught out by Mr E M Grace, with a score of 10, in which were a three and a two. Pooley played well for 18, comprising two fours, a three and a two. Caesar contributed 13, made by a four, a three and a two, and singles.

The next to score double figures was Lockyer, who in a very short time marked 12, in which were a four and two threes, and was left "not out" - total of the innings, 91. Bennett and James Lillywhite bowled well throughout, the former obtaining four wickets and the latter five . . .

With the long number of 185 against them, Surrey had to follow their innings, and Jupp and Humphrey went to the wickets against the bowling of Bennett and James Lillywhite. Jupp left with nine, in which were a four and a two, and the first wicket fell for 17 runs. Stephenson followed, and with Humphrey caused the score to rise to 67, the former contributing 19, comprising a six (overthrow), a three and a two. Pooley next became the companion of Humphrey, and the batting of these two young ones elicited frequent applause from all parts of the ground. Their determined hitting in the uphill game created much enthusiasm as they added runs to the score, despite the several changes that were made in the bowling.

Humphrey at length was cleverly caught out by Mr E M Grace, when his runs amounted to 69, gained by a five (drive), six fours, three threes, five twos and singles. He was called to the Pavilion, and amidst vociferous cheering received the "talent money" from Mr Burrup, the hon. secretary of the Surrey Club. Three wickets and 134 runs.

Mr Baggallay added five singles, and the fourth wicket fell for 157 runs. Mortlock was the next, and the batting still was in the ascendant. Pooley

hit in dashing style, till Willsher got in his way, his score being 59, comprising a six (splendid drive), four fours, four threes and four twos. He also was awarded the "Surrey compliment." Five wickets and 167 runs. Caesar joined Mortlock, but Bennett dismissed him with 6, in which were two twos; six wickets and 183 runs. Griffith then became the companion of Mortlock, and they defended their wickets till "time" was called, and had put 31 "on" . . . The match will be concluded this day.

Day 3

Yesterday proved very wet, and the players were unable to take the field, at the Surrey Ground, Kennington-oval; consequently this great match is left drawn, the state of the score being - England 276; Surrey 91 and 216, with four wickets to go down.

24 August: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1407.html)

Days 1 and 2

The return match between these counties was commenced on Thursday, at the Antelope Ground, Southampton. Surrey played one short, Caesar being taken with the gout. In their first innings they scored 87, Mortlock taking the "leger" with 23. Hampshire made their total 96, of which 43 were gained in good style by Mr Lucas.

Yesterday Surrey, in their second innings, scored 101, Jupp and Pooley making conspicuous scores. Total of the innings 101. Hampshire, with 93 runs to get, soon obtained them through the fine batting of Mr Lucas, who took his bat out with 58.

24 August: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1408.html)

Days 1 and 2

At the Brighton Ground, on Thursday, this match was commenced, and was continued yesterday. Oscroft, on the part of Nottinghamshire, made a fine innings of 107, and was much applauded.

Day 3 - no report found

4 September: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1410.html)

Day 1

On the Central Ground, at Hastings, the above match (the third between these counties this season) was commenced on Monday. The weather was extremely fine and there was a numerous company present. The ground was in excellent order. Kent took their innings first, but began rather unfortunate; however, they made a total of 128, Mr Kelson playing well for 34; Mr S Troughton added 30 (not out), G Bennett 24 and Carroll 17 (well got). The bowlers were the Hon F Pelham, James Lillywhite and Wells. James Lillywhite obtained seven wickets.

Sussex soon after entered on their innings . . . The game was to be resumed yesterday morning.

Day 2

This match was resumed on Tuesday, at about a quarter to 12 o'clock, on the Central-ground, Hastings. Sussex, with three wickets down for 34 runs, continued their innings and concluded it with a total of 142, the principal scores being: - Fillery 33, Mr Hyndman 16, Wells 15, Ellis 20, John Lillywhite 19 and the Hon F Pelham 11 . . . Bennett, Willsher, Sewell and Mr Kelson bowled.

Soon after 4 o'clock, Kent, with 14 in a minority, entered on their second innings, James Lillywhite and Wells starting bowling. Captain Taylor made a good stand for 20, and Willsher and Bennett were left "not out" when they ceased for the day; the former had scored 27 and the latter 8 . . . The match was to be resumed yesterday.

Day 3

Wednesday was the third day of this match, on the Central-ground, Hastings, and the weather was extremely fine. Play was resumed at about a quarter to 12 o'clock. Kent finished their second innings with a total of 179, Bennett making his score up to 58, in which were a four, six threes and other good hits. Sewell played a rather lucky innings of 42, being then "c and b" James Lillywhite.

Sussex soon after entered on their second innings, with 166 to get to win. This number they did not obtain, although Charlwood showed some fine batting for 44. The Hon F Pelham, too, played well for 20, and did John Lillywhite for 16. The match was left drawn . . .