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Incredibly, I can find no mention of any first-class cricket at all in The Times in 1867 before 10 June!

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6 June: CAMBRIDGESHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1477.html)

Final report

The above match was concluded at Cambridge on Saturday, in the presence of a tolerably large muster of spectators. In their first innings Nottinghamshire obtained 114 runs, the principal scorers being Paling 41; A Shaw 18; W Oscroft 14; and G Parr 11. Cambridgeshire only scored 79 in their first innings, Tom Hayward leading the list with 24. The second innings of the Nottinghamshire players amounted to 182, Oscroft obtaining 44 and Richard Daft 39. The Cambridgeshire men were thus left 217 to win, but they only succeeded in getting 97, leading Nottinghamshire the victors by 120 runs.

7 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SOUTHGATE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1480.html)

Final report

This annual match was played on the Christ Church ground on Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, the University ground, owing to the late heavy rain, not being in a fit state for cricket.

10 June: ENGLAND v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1481.html)

Little more than three years has elapsed since Middlesex organized its straggling talent into a County Club. During this brief space of time its power and proportions have enlarged themselves to an almost incredible extent. In the early part of the present season Middlesex resolved to challenge England, and at the place and time aforementioned they met "to try conclusions." The match commenced at Lord's Ground yesterday, under a burning sun, which shone cloudlessly until it went down.

England won the toss, and sent Mr E M Grace and Jupp to the wickets. Mr Grace was bowled by G Hearne for 12 runs. Mr Lubbock then commenced an innings which extended beyond four hours' hard exercise, and culminated in 129 runs. Jupp and several others had meantime renewed their innings and gone their way. At the fall of the second wicket (Jupp's), the total was 37.

When Mr W G Grace got well set, the hitting became free, and the leading bowlers - Hearne and Hewitt - were changed. At 10 Mr R D Walker went on at the lower and Mantle at the Pavilion wicket. The change had no other effect upon the batsmen than to enable them to hit with greater freedom than before. Then ends were changed and changed again without effect.

After the interval for luncheon Mr Wilkinson was put into commission and by his second ball bowled Mr W G Grace, who had occupied the wicket for nearly three hours and had scored 75 runs. After giving two unaccepted chances, Mr Lubbock presented the wicket-keeper with an opportunity whereby his long innings was brought to a glorious close. The total score of the innings was 261.

Middlesex began their batting with Messrs Winter and Wilkinson, and during the first quarter of an hour 36 runs were recorded. Mr Winter, however, hit into long field and was cleverly caught. On the next over Mr Wilkinson was caught at point, and thus two very dependable batsmen were disposed of. The scores at the close of the day's play stood as follows: . . [Middlesex 62/6.]

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday morning at 12, and within three-quarters of an hour the four outstanding Middlesex wickets were disposed of, and the innings closed with 101 runs. Being 160 in arrear, the "champion county" had to follow on. The bowlers were Wootton, at the pavilion end, and Mr W G Grace at the other.

Five wickets fell for 75 runs. Mr Daniel played a masterly uphill game. Five hits in quick succession realized 21 runs. It was a rare and difficult catch in the long field that led to his dismissal. The score attached shows England were the winners by an innings and 25 runs. Upwards of 5,000 persons attended the match.

13 June: KENT v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1482.html)

Day 1

The parties herein concerned met at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, yesterday. The play began unusual late, hence the little progress at the time appointed for drawing stumps. Hampshire commenced the batting, and kept possession of the wickets till 145 was reached for a total. At the close of the day's play five Kent wickets had fallen for 68 runs.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

Kent made short work of winning on Saturday, the third day of the match. One wicket fell for 25 runs, and 32 more were subsequently obtained without further loss. Kent were therefore acknowledged victors by nine wickets.

13 June: SURREY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1483.html)

Days 1 and 2

This was a return match, played at the Oval. It began on Thursday, in presence of a large number of spectators. Marylebone won the toss and sent Messrs E M Grace and Winter to the wickets. From the first ball delivered the former gentleman was caught. Several good scores were effected, and the innings, which extended over five hours, culminated with 231 runs. At the conclusion of the day's play Surrey had lost four wickets for 94 runs.

On Friday play was renewed at 11.30, and at 2 Surrey had obtained 216 runs. Mr E M Grace and Winter began the Marylebone batting as before. The three early wickets fell for 38, but the fourth reached 134. At the close of play 193 runs were scored for the loss of five wickets.

Day 3

Play was resumed on Saturday at the stipulated hour. Mr Wilkinson, one of the "not outs," brought his overnight score of 20 up to 75, but was still not out when the tenth wicket fell. But the premier score was made by Mr Cooper in a masterly style. From the fifth wicket to the close of the innings 121 runs were got, thus making a total of 314, of which 18 were "extras."

The winning figures was 330, of which Surrey would command 124 only, and consequently lost the match by 205 runs. Shaw bowled five wickets, Mr Grace two, Wootton one, and two caught off him.

20 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1486.html)

Day 1

The Middlesex Ground at Islington was yesterday honoured by at least 2,000 persons, a large number of whom were present to witness the first ball bowled. Middlesex won the toss, and sent in Messrs Winter and Wilkinson to a very good pair of wickets. Wootton and J C Shaw were deputed to bowl.

In Wootton's second over Mr Winter's off stump was struck. Mr Wilkinson survived six overs, and was clean bowled by Shaw. Two good wickets were thus lost for 11 runs. Hearne got a three to leg, and was also bowled by Shaw. Messrs Cooper and R D Walker added 39 to the score before the latter was caught on the slip. A Shaw was then deputed to go on at Wootton's end, and he bowled 17 overs for three runs. Mr Cooper completed a fine innings of 43 when caught [at] mid on. The hitting of Mr Daniel was in every sense masterly. The innings closed shortly after 5 o'clock, with a total of 190 runs.

Notts commenced their batting with Summers and A Shaw. When the score had reached 40, the leading bowlers (Mr Wilkinson and Hearne) were relieved by Mr R D Walker and Mantle. At 54 Shaw ran out, and at 55 Summers was bowled. When stumps were drawn, Daft and Paling were in possession of the wickets, and 95 were accredited to Notts for four wickets. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Play was resumed at 12.5 yesterday by Daft and Palin, the "not outs" returning to their respective wickets. Mr R D Walker and Mantle were the bowlers. The weather was gloomy and altogether adverse to cricket. It may be well to remark that 95 runs were scored overnight, to these Palin added 14, and thus brought up the fifth wicket to 121. Grundy made several fine cuts off Mantle, but fell from the third ball in the first slow over. Biddulph got 23 very quickly. Daft, who went in at the fall of the second wicket, brought out his bat was a steady and highly-finished score of 72. The innings closed at 4 o'clock for 17 runs.

Middlesex started on their second batting expedition with the same players as before. J C Shaw and Wootton began the bowling. Both batsmen were caught at point without scoring. Mr Richards hit in his usual style, and put together 18, while Mr Cooper, his partner, got two. Mr I D Walker's long hits soon brought up the third wicket (Mr Richards') from 20 to 80. At the close of the second day's play six Middlesex wickets were down for 111 . . . Play resumed to-day at 12.

Day 3

Shortly before noon on Saturday the two "not outs," Mr R D Walker and Daniel, recommenced the batting. The six wickets recently disposed of had realized 111 runs. When a single was added thereto Mr Daniel was clean bowled by Wootton. From the very first ball delivered Mr Walker was missed in the slip. After this lucky escape he succeeded in defending his wicket

to the close of the innings, which totalled 137 runs, of which he claimed 25.

Nottingham were now confronted with 111 as a winning number. A Shaw and Summers began the winning task. Summers, missed early, played afterwards an almost faultless innings of 37; but Shaw failed in keeping pace with his companion. He was bowled by an extremely awkward ball to manage. Only 16 runs were scored when Shaw's wicket fell.

W Oscroft's free style of hitting soon brought the score along. He made one hit to leg for six, all run out. At the fall of the fourth wicket 85 runs of the required number were obtained, and at a quarter before 3 Nottingham were the acknowledged winners of this truly great match by six wickets.

20 June: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1485.html)

Day 1

The three days' match began on Thursday last, when Yorkshire won the toss and went in. E Stephenson ran up a fine score of 54, and the two next largest scorers were G Freeman (28) and J Berry (27). Only the first innings of the Yorkshire team was got through on the first day, the score being: [Yorkshire 188 all out.]

Day 2

On Friday Lancashire sent in Mr A N Hornby and Ricketts to the bowling of Freeman and Greenwood; both had very short lives, and the only bats that made any stand against the really clever bowling were J F Leese, who scored 22, and C Coward, who reached 13. Greenwood delivered 92 balls, off which 44 runs were made, 7 were maiden overs and three wickets fell. Freeman, who was never in better trim, delivered 89 balls, for which 10 runs were obtained, 14 were maiden overs and seven wickets fell.

Day 3 - no report found

24 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1487.html)

Day 1

On the 16th ult., Marylebone went to Cambridge to play their annual University match, and they returned leaving the question of winnership undecided, as they had six wickets to fall and 114 runs to fetch up. The return match, fixed for the 24th of June, was anticipated by both parties concerned, in the hope that more favourable weather, with a longer stretch of sunlight, would enable them to proceed without interruption to a definite issue. The battleground yesterday was Lord's, instead of Fenner's.

As soon as the usual formalities had been arranged, Cambridge, having the choice, went to the wickets. Messrs Winter and J M Richardson began the batting with great spirit, and with a corresponding amount of success. Wootton bowled from the pavilion wicket, and Shaw contra. Six runs were scored by Mr Winter off Wootton's first over, and at 35 Hearne relieved Wootton, but the running spirit could not be kept in abeyance. At 55 Mr Horner went on at Shaw's end, but to no purpose, as far as the bowling was concerned. Another change was tried at 76 by Hearne giving way to Shaw, and at 83 Wootton went on again at Mr Horner's end.

The score had advanced to 96 when the first University wicket (Mr Richardson's) fell. The Hon S G Lyttelton made a splendid drive for five, and was soon after bowled out. Mr Savile then joined Mr Winter, but the latter parted company in the second subsequent over. The great innings of Mr Winter included seven hits for four each, six for three each, eight twos, &c. Mr Savile and Mr H A Richardson were the only gentlemen, after Mr Winter's retirement, who scored double figures. The sixth wicket realized 142 runs and the tenth 167. Time occupied 2h 50m.

Marylebone sent in Mr Fowler and Shaw to the bowling of Messrs Absolom (lower wicket) and Brune (pavilion). In the second over Shaw was clean bowled. Mr R D Walker came, got four singles, and was also bowled by the same hand as his immediate predecessor. Hearne stood next on the list. He survived three overs, from which one cropped up, and was then caught mid on. From Mr Wilkinson much was expected, and he kept his assailants at arm's length for some time, but was eventually bowled from the pavilion end for a small account. In fact, four wickets only "totted up" 25.

Mr Boyle began with an off drive for four, and by the time Mr Fowler completed his course 38 runs were accredited to Marylebone for five men out. To make matters worse, Mr Pepys played the first ball into his wicket. At 5 o'clock Mr Boyle was caught out by a very clever piece of fielding. Only three wickets were now left to fall, and but 50 runs got.

Then came the turning point. Mr V E Walker got well in; so well, in fact, that the Cantabs could not eject him. He got out his bat with the second best score of the day. The fielding of Cambridge has no claim to compliment, and the enormous amount of "extras" surprised every one accustomed to the finish exhibited in this department of cricket whenever University men take prominent parts.

At the close of the Marylebone innings a difference of 13 runs only existed. A wicket was lost on the University side, and nine runs scored, when "time" was called. Play will be resumed at 12 o'clock this day.

Day 2

Messrs Brune and Savile, as "not outs," were at their posts at the stipulated time yesterday morning. It was, however, little more than an appearance on the part of Mr Savile, for his dismissal arose from the first ball delivered, and in the following over his companion felt the force of Wootton' strong arm and direct aim. Very early, too, Mr J M Richardson was bowled by Shaw without scoring, and thus Cambridge lost three good men for the insignificant total of 11 runs.

Mr Warner, with the assistance of Mr H A Richardson, pulled the score up to 27, when Wootton once more was on to the wicket. For a while the University prospects brightened, as Mr Winter proved a much more efficient help to Mr Warner than Mr Richardson had been. At 57 Mr Winter was bowled. Mr Stow retired at 80, towards which he added his mite, and the Hon Mr Lyttelton was bowled at 95. Almost immediately after Mr Warner received his mittimus. Nine wickets were, in fact, disposed of in one hour and 50 minutes for the aforesaid number.

Wondrous to relate, the last wicket brought up the total to 203, and, in order to separate Messrs Hood and Green, all the Marylebone bowling was tried in every way that sound policy could suggest. These two Cantabs so turned the tide that it led on to fortune. They were batting and combating for a full hour and a half, and shortly after 4 o'clock they left Marylebone with 217 as their winning figure.

Mr R D Walker and Mr Boyle began the uphill task. From the last ball of the first over, Mr R D was bowled. The next wicket reached 25, and the fourth just 100. Mr Balfour atoned for the shortcomings of some of his companions. After being twice missed in close proximity to the wicket, a "third man up" had him. He was in two hours, and brought up the score from 25 to 154.

At 7.30 "time" was called, but it was arranged to go on, and in a quarter of an hour after Marylebone had received their complete second innings the match was brought to a finish in favour of Cambridge by 28 runs.

27 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1491.html)

Towards the end of May an annual contest as above designated took part on Cowley Marsh. The University entered the arena one man short, and weak withal. On the contrary, Marylebone had their complement, including four of "the ground," and in consequence they experienced no difficulty whatever in effecting the object of their visit – a decided conquest. The chief double scores on the part of Oxford were made by Mr Frederick – viz., 38; Mr Tritton 37; and Mr Kenny 31. Double total, 186. Marylebone put together 195 runs in one innings. The inference is too obvious to need further remark.

The team brought to Lord's yesterday was slightly altered, but it contained several first-class men. No one, however, dreamt of such an issue to the first day's play as that to which a short statement is now submitted. Oxford began the batting at 12.15 with Messrs Tritton and Case. The bowlers were Grundy and Wootton.

Ten runs came from Wootton's second over, but on his third Mr Tritton was bowled. Mr Boyle appeared, and Mr Case was caught in the slip very shortly after. Mr Digby ran himself out in the next over, and Mr Boyle was bowled for a very insignificant figure. In short, four wickets were down for 24 runs. Mr Maitland made a fine off drive for 4 and a cut for 3, but Wootton bowled him the next ball. Three wickets then went rapidly, and but for the score of Mr Kenney the Oxford innings must have assumed ludicrously small proportions. Mr Kenney went in at 37 and came out at 102. The tenth wicket fell at 102.

Marylebone got 50 runs before they lost a wicket, and for a full hour this success was well followed up. The changes of bowling were frequent, and the fielding was only second rate. Wootton, the last man, had not received a ball when the tenth wicket fell, and Marylebone were found to be 61 in advance.

Now came the most extraordinary part of the day's proceedings. At 6.20 Oxford commenced their second innings with Messrs Tritton and Case. The first-named gentleman was bowled by the third ball of the first over, and in the fourth over Mr Carter. Mr Digby came, and was bowled by the first ball presented to him, and Mr Case's race was run before the sixth over. Thus four wickets were down for two runs.

Mr Boyle was sent for merely to be bowled by the second ball. Grundy was now in such form that he bowled five maiden overs in taking three wickets. Mr Kenney made a fine cut for one, and was bowled by Grundy, and at 6.55, when stumps were drawn, only nine runs were scored for seven wickets. Although this great match is now utterly devoid of interest, it is proposed to go through the ceremony of completion at 12 o'clock this day.

Day 3 – no report found (missing page)

27 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1492.html)

Surrey won the toss, and proceeded to the wickets about noon, Humphrey and Jupp being the leading pair; Messrs Brune and Absolom were the bowlers. With the score at 28 Humphrey was caught. From the period until 3 o'clock the hitting was continuous, and the score reached 154. At 218 Mortlock was caught at point. Griffith made seven fours, three of which were consecutive. On his retirement, the innings was accelerated to its close; total, 269.

At the finish of yesterday's play Cambridge had lost six wickets for 85 runs. There was a large attendance at the Oval to witness the match. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 - no report found (missing page)

1 July: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1494.html)

Day 1

There is no match played at Lord's now-a-days that attracts the critical observer so much as the one which places the light and dark blues in antagonism. University men, of course, strongly patronize it; but there is also the lover of cricket in the abstract, who cares not a fig from what arm the ball is projected or repelled so that the game in its loftier aspects may be witnessed.

The University match has not been subjected to so many vicissitudes as its long standing might lead many to suppose. It was established in the year 1827. Eleven years after it became thoroughly rooted, and has been played annually down to the present time. Of the 32 matches recorded, Oxford claim 16 in their favour, and Cambridge 14. Two stand classed among the draws.

The weather of yesterday was all that could be desired, and Oxford, although unfortunate in their last week's contest with Marylebone, had now the good fortune to succeed in the toss, which certainly reduced the odds against them. At 12.10 the Cantabs distributed themselves about the field, while Messrs Tritton and Case took possession of the wickets, which, for Marylebone, were generally admitted to be in capital condition. Mr Absolom led off the bowling from the lower, and Mr Pelham from the upper or pavilion wicket.

It was quite evident that Oxford meant business, and they very soon began to contribute the means for carrying it on. Mr Pelham's bowling seemed to suit, and this induced the hon. gentleman to make way for Mr Brune, who very soon dissolved the partnership between Tritton and Case. Mr Digby then came forward, and the hitting at both wickets was firm and free. In fact, 42 runs were scored when Mr Brune caught the new comer off his own ball.

Thus far everything looked favourable for Oxford. Almost immediately after, Mr Case had his middle stump uprooted by Mr Absolom, and Mr Maitland "made no sign." Five lost wickets realized but 55 runs, and very nearly an hour was occupied in bringing the match up to this stage. Mr Carter and Mr Kenney were in for some time together; the former obtained 26; of these, 20 were made by five hits, chiefly cuts and off drives, notwithstanding the severity of Mr Absolom's bowling, which twice obtained two wickets in two successive overs. Mr Reid's score of 23 exhibited the wonderful progress made by a year of good practice. The innings closed at 1.57 for 112. The Cambridge fielding was by no means up to the ordinary and expected standard.

Messrs Winter and J M Richardson began the Cambridge batting. The latter was bowled by a curious breakback, and Mr H A Richardson took his place. Without pursuing the play with wearying particularity, it may be well to state that the runs obtained by the first five wickets came within seven of the number achieved by Oxford at a similar stage of the play.

Mr Shaw made an off drive for five, which brought up the score to 100, amid great acclaim. Mr Lyttelton extended it to a tie, and Mr Green, though not out, left the wickets at 150, or 38 in advance of Oxford. The bowling was

confined to four persons, but they were changed again and again, and the Oxford fielding laid itself open to much unfavourable criticism.

During the day nearly 6,000 persons visited Lord's. The new grand stand, erected by Mr Aloom, of Parliament-street, was filled, including that section of it assigned to the press. Outside, the spectators formed an entire circle of the ground, in many places five or six deep. As the play was discontinued yesterday at a very interesting point, and the game is now considered anybody's, the resumption of it to-day will no doubt be largely patronized.

Day 2

The soft, refreshing showers which ushered in daybreak had a marked effect upon the locality of the wickets left by Messrs Case and Tritton overnight. Ominous clouds hovered about Marylebone till near noontide, when they were borne away to more desirable distances upon the wings of the west wind. Notwithstanding, the appearances of the sun were shy and fitful, and this circumstance doubtless deterred many from being present to witness Monday's contest renewed.

Oxford, be it remembered, had to pull off nine runs before the start of Tuesday morning could be regarded as an even one. Play began a few minutes before 12. The "not outs" previously mentioned brought up the first wicket to 33, when Mr Tritton played the ball feebly on to the stumps; strong enough, however, to cause one bail to fall. In the next over Mr Case was caught by Mr Pelham off his own ball - a splendid bit of fielding.

Mr Digby began his short career with a square-leg hit to the entrance way, for which four runs were agreed upon. After this he was missed by the wicket keeper. At 44 Mr Lyttelton took up the bowling at Mr Absolom's end, and Mr Digby very soon fell a victim to the first change. In Mr Boyle and Mr Maitland two stubborn defenders of the honours of Oxford were found. Mr Boyle parted company at 55 - caught mid off. Mr Carter then joined Mr Maitland, and the score sheet received accumulations in almost every over. Mr Carter's biggest hit was to leg, and ought to have been fielded, but was not. At 99, however, he was caught in the short slip.

At 124 Mr Frederick was caught at long on by a highly commendable fielding feat. Next on the role was Mr Kenney, but he had the misfortune to play the ball into his wicket at a very early stage of his career. In the next over Mr Maitland was caught at point with the left hand - a second splendid illustration of real University fielding. At 141 Mr Reid was caught at wicket. The subsequent incidents were by no means calculated to startle, and the innings closed with 147 runs, thus leaving Cambridge 110 as a winning number.

Every ball was now watched with eagerness, and runs came somewhat tardily during the first half-hour; not that either of the leading batsmen showed any want of pluck - the reverse rather. When 16 runs had been obtained by their joint endeavours, Mr J M Richardson was caught at wicket in a highly finished style. Mr H A Richardson then took part with Mr Winter, but the fresh comer received a very unceremonious dismissal; caught also at wicket. Mr Green was the next helpmate assigned to Mr Winter, and scramble and mistake seemed for awhile to be in the ascendant. Mr Winter was twice missed, and twice "all but" run out; acts of his own choosing, most certainly. His good fortune prevailed up to a total of 54, when he dared a race once more against time, and the enemy beat him. Three wickets were

lost for 40 runs, and the fourth and fifth for 84. The game was still considered to be anybody's.

Mr Lyttelton and Mr Warner played with great caution and judgment, and the fielders also put on their best behaviour. Whatever the defects in previous stages of the game, they were amply atoned for by the play all round at this time. Mr Lyttelton got eight runs by two hits – one to leg and the other a cut. Mr Warner got two fours – one a cut, the other an off drive. Consequent on these prolific operations the telegraph plates were continually being shifted, and at five minutes before 6 o'clock Mr Warner made the winning hit – a cut off Mr Kenney for four.

The shouting then began; the large and well ordered ring lost its form, and the spectators composing it surged towards the pavilion to greet the light blues on their well merited success. On no previous occasion has the University match been honoured by so large an attendance as that on the two days here referred to.

1st July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1493.html)

Final report

This great match concluded at 2 o'clock yesterday, when the Nottinghamshire players were beaten with nine wickets on the part of Cambridgeshire to spare. On going to the wickets yesterday morning the Notts men showed some fine play, Daft especially, he being not out 62. Biddulph also batted extremely well for 29, when T Hayward bowled him. The innings closed for 147, which only left Cambridgeshire 8 to get to win, they having been 139 ahead after the first innings.

Smith was bowled the first ball by Wootton amid loud cheering, but when Mr Warren and D Hayward got together they soon obtained the required number of runs, and therefore won the match for their side. Nottinghamshire won the first match played this year with Cambridgeshire, so that each county has now been successful in one match.

4 July: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1495.html)

Day 1

This annual match attracted a considerable number of visitors to the Oval yesterday. The heavy rainfalls early in the morning caused the ground, which is in really excellent condition, to play false. Surrey won the toss, and at half-past 12 sent Jupp and Humphrey to the wickets, two of which were lost for seven runs.

The very free style of batting adapted by Griffith atoned in a great measure for the infirmities of the two batsmen who had preceded him. Mr Noble played a fine and faultless innings of 27. The bowling was confided to Mr Mills, Mr Maitland and Mr Kenney, and at 4 o'clock the innings closed for 101 runs.

Oxford were hardly more fortunate at the outset than Surrey. Three wickets fell for 15 runs. Then came a fine display both of batting and bowling. Mr Boyle, after an innings of nearly an hour and a half, was caught at short leg, and Mr Maitland a short time previously was taken at wicket. Neither Mr Digby nor Mr Bartholomew gave a chance up to the time of drawing stumps, and they will consequently renew the batting this day at the stipulated time - namely, 12 o'clock.

Day 2

The "not outs" resumed their operations at the wickets a little before 12 yesterday. Mr Digby added 13 to his overnight score, Mr Bartholomew 33, the highest of the Oxford innings. Mr Reid made a fine on drive for five, and was not out when the tenth wicket fell.

Surrey were at this time 111 runs behind, but they appeared to be in full form for hitting, and the balance against them was very soon cancelled. All the bowling got severely punished. Mortlock patronized the left hand deliveries most liberally. He made three on drives for five each, besides several other long and prolific hits. It ought, however, to be observed that he was three times missed at wicket.

The arranged time for drawing stumps was hardly due when Roberts, the tenth man, was caught by Mr Maitland off his own ball, and Surrey's second innings was announced to be 276. Oxford have 166 to get, and they purpose to become winners to-day if possible.

Day 3

Oxford required 166 on Saturday morning. Play began at 12.30. Four hours later Mr Bartholomew made the winning hit, five wickets still remaining. Mr Boyle scored 50, Mr Digby 42, Mr Case 30, Mr Frederick 21 and Mr Tritton 12. The not-outs were Mr Maitland and Mr Bartholomew, with five and six respectively. Two extras.

8 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1496.html)

Day 1

Probably no match has undergone more vicissitudes and escapes from extinction than this. But it still lives, and is at this day fuller of promise than when promoted six and forty years ago. Notwithstanding the unusual strength concentrated by the Marylebone Club in their first contest with the Players, they sustained a most signal defeat; that is to say, they completed innings for 90 runs, while the Players put together 278 for the loss of six wickets.

In the following year Lord Frederick Beauclerk, Mr Budd and Mr Ward were mainly instrumental in restoring the balance of power, and the Gentlemen won by six wickets; but in the next essay the Players won by 345 runs. So great a disparity in the results on the innings brought the match "nigh unto death's door," and though it lingered on, the Public ceased to sympathize with or take any interest in it whatever.

At length an attempt was made to rectify existing inequalities by "giving men," and in 1835 Redgate and Cobbett, two first-class bowlers, aided with the Gentlemen. Next year 18 Gentlemen were arrayed against 11 Players, when the former won by 35 runs. A year later the number was reduced to 16. On this occasion the Eleven won by an innings and 38 runs.

Mr Ward then proposed to have two sets of stumps; those for the Players to be 36in by 12in, while the Gentlemen should retain the 27in by 8in. This was denominated by some the "Barn Door" match, and by others "Ward's Folly." Great difficulty was experienced in procuring the assent of the Players to such a strange proposition. The Players however won by a single innings and 10 runs.

After the match fell into positive disrepute among the leading members of Lord's, a few of sanguine temperament tried by various devices to keep it on its seemingly "last legs." In the year 1841 occurred the "Subscription Match," which the Players won by three wickets only, and in the following year the tide of fortune turned in favour of the Gentlemen by 90 runs. Since that time it has always had a place in the Marylebone programme, although from 1843 down to the present year the Gentlemen have won but six matches out of the number, and some of these at wide intervals.

Rarely have two better elevens been brought together to represent the amateur and professional talent of England than those of yesterday. However critically the list be examined, there is not a name in it unworthy the occasion, and yet the result of the first day's play turns the plain and truthful statement into an anomaly, the only way to account for which is the state of the ground in and about the locality of the wickets - a kind of tessellated, lumpy sward, where patches of rusty yellow strive with faded green.

The Players were the favourites at starting, for the choice of toss was considered a material advantage. Humphrey and Jupp were selected to appear first, and at 12.20 play began. Mr Appleby (left hand) bowled from the upper wicket, and Mr W G Grace contra. In the last ball of the first over Jupp hit his wicket, and from the second ball of the next over Humphrey was

caught in the slips. Thus two champions were put to flight without causing a single run to be placed on the recorder's pages.

Shaw and Summers strove hard to make up for the do-nothings of their predecessors, but Shaw was caught at the wicket from the 37th ball of the match. Pooley came to the rescue, but his companion Summers left him with the score at 18. Hearne came forward, made a drive at the oatstacks for five, and almost immediately after Pooley was bowled by a shooter. Mortlock made the most determined stand, and before his dismissal could be effected a change of bowling was adopted. This had the desired effect; he was caught at short leg. Lillywhite got 13 runs from two hits. The innings closed for 79. Number of balls bowled, 221; time, 2h 5m.

The Messrs Grace began the batting of the amateur party; Wootton and Griffith had charge of the ball. In Wootton's fourth over, a confused running and tumbling episode was introduced, for which Mr E M Grace deserved punishment, but fortune favoured him. In the ninth over of the innings Mr E M Grace was caught at the wicket. At 70 Grundy went on at Griffith's end; the change was desirable, as eight runs were off his last over. The innings was then speedily brought to a close for 87 runs.

The second innings of the Players was barren of incident, and may be briefly told. It opened at 5h 45m, with Jupp and Humphrey as before. From the ninth ball Jupp was bowled. Summers took the station and got seven runs from two hits. Here his race ended. Shaw came, and was bowled by the same hand for precisely the same amount of runs. Pooley also added seven. Thus four promising wickets were lost for 29 runs.

Hearne appeared, and Humphrey soon after retired. Mortlock made a two hit to leg, and was afterwards caught mid-off. Griffith was the only survivor who could cope with the bowling, and at 6.55 the second innings of the Players wound up with 61, thus leaving the Gentlemen one of the best chances they have had for many a day of winning the match easily.

Day 2

At 12.15 yesterday, Mr E M Grace, in conjunction with Mr I D Walker, commenced the Gentlemen's second innings. Wootton and Grundy were the bowlers. From the first ball Mr Grace scored a single; two others also were procured during the over. The ninth ball struck Mr Walker's leg stump.

Mr Lubbock then joined Mr Grace. Such, however, was the character of the bowling that only one run resulted from five successive overs. Mr Grace played the last ball of the ninth over into his wicket, and thus when the two leading batsmen were confounded four runs were totalled, and no more.

Mr W G Grace joined Mr Lubbock at this important stage of the play, and both gentlemen exercised an amount of tact and judgment highly to be commended. Mr Lubbock's off drive for three brought forth the first hearty round of cheering; soon followed another, consequent on a leg hit by Mr Grace to the timber stacks. These and other hits tended to counterpoise the previous slow work of the morning.

A change of bowling was resolved on. Griffith received the ball from Grundy, but the hitting at both wickets was so free and productive that at 12 minutes past 1 the stumps were drawn - an indication that the match was over. Mr Grace reached the winning figure by means of a cut for three to

the grand stand. From the full score attached it will be seen that the Gentlemen won by eight wickets.

11 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1498.html)

Day 1

The whole of Thursday was occupied by Surrey in getting through an innings. Play began at half-past 12 o'clock with Jupp and Griffith at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of Mr Lipscombe and Bennett. At 56 runs Willsher relieved Mr Lipscombe, and at 78 Carroll went on at Bennett's end. The score had advanced to 110 when Mr Norton tried a few overs, and at 129 the slows of Payne were brought into requisition. In fact, it demanded all the bowling power that Kent could command to part those leading batsmen, and at five minutes before 4 o'clock the first wicket (Griffith's) fell for a total of 176, of which Griffith claimed 117.

Jupp was caught out, after a patient innings of nearly six hours, for 97; and the Surrey total reached 318. An usually large company visited the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, to witness the play, which will be resumed this day at half-past 11.

Day 2

At 6.10 yesterday Kent completed a double innings, and were then found to be in the minority of an entire innings and 115 runs.

15 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1500.html)

Final report

This, the 11th Oval match, commenced on Monday, but not till 3.55 p.m. in consequence of wet weather. The Gentlemen won the toss and went in first. At the close of the day their innings was completed for 136 runs. Two wickets of the other side were down for 17 runs.

On Tuesday this number was increased to 66 for the loss of four wickets, when heavy rainfalls prevented further progress. On Wednesday Jupp and Pooley, the "not outs" for 15 and 0 respectively, brought up the fifth wicket to 113. The eighth realized 207. The most marked feature of the innings was the wicket-keeping of Mr Round, who was mainly instrumental in the defeat of seven players.

Messrs Cooper and Tritton began the second batting of the Gentlemen. Shaw bowled the first over from the pavilion wicket, Hickton contra. At 39 Lillywhite relieved Shaw and the bowling was extremely difficult to play; only 18 runs resulted from 21 overs. Griffith's slows were tried at the upper wicket, and, notwithstanding the last ball of the first over took Mr Cooper's bails, this gentleman had exhibited a most masterly defence for nearly an hour and a half against bowling vastly superior.

When Mr Grace went to the wicket the score travelled at a rapid rate, and before this gentleman retired it had reached to 198. One hit for seven, two for six each, and two for five each were among his figures. From this period to the close of the match at 7.30 the play all round was of the first order. The "not out" score of 107 made by Mr Lubbock represented batting which very few persons, whether amateur or professional, can surpass.

18 July: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1502.html)

Day 1

The first meeting of these clubs was held yesterday at the Middlesex Ground, Islington. In consequence of rain, play did not commence till a quarter to 2. Surrey won the toss and put their opponents in.

The principal scorer was Mr Jupp, who made a cut for five and an off-drive for four in the same over. At 5.35 the tenth wicket fell. Surrey lost two of their prominent hitters for five runs. Play ceased early in consequence of rain.

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday soon after 12. Humphrey, one of the "not outs," added 12 to his overnight score, and Mr Noble 20. The fifth wicket fell at 46. Other fine displays of batting were exhibited by Mr Collyer and Stephenson. When the latter retired the seventh wicket realized 96. Mr Collyer had Sewell for his next partner, but his stay was confined to two singles. Street came, made a straight drive for two, and then left Mr Collyer once more unsupported. Southerton was last man, and saw Mr Collyer out. Time, 2.40.

Messrs Jupp and Wilkinson, who led off the second Middlesex innings, got 30 runs before they were parted. Mr Jupp's was the fifth wicket with the score at 91. Me V E walker, who scored 31 and [was] not out, was missed before he was entitled to one. At the close of play the game stood thus: .
[Middlesex (2) 148/9/]

Day 3

The time occupied to bringing the above to a conclusion on Saturday, the third day of play, was not very long. Surrey had to go in for 180. Of this number Stephenson scored 59 and Pooley 33 – neither out. Short score: – Middlesex 141 and 154, total 295; Surrey 116 and 180 (for the loss of five wickets), total 296. Surrey won by five wickets.

22 July: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v GENTLEMEN OF THE NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1503.html)

Final report

No other excuse than the locality can be found for the scant attendance at Islington on Monday and Tuesday, to witness a match in which some of the choicest amateur talent in England had concern. Play commenced at 12.40 by the North going to the wickets. Mr Lipscombe bowled from the railway end and Mr R D Walker contra.

The hitting was carried on with great spirit by the early batsmen. Mr Verelst, who went in at 14, left at 162, and saw meantime eight companions come and go. Messrs Hornby and Whittaker's scores were compounded of figures the results of careful and ingenious batting. On the part of the South, Mr W H Lipscombe and Mr E A White got 26 before they were parted, and at the close of the day 122 were recorded for six wickets.

At 12.35 yesterday Mr Round the "not out", accompanied by Mr Burnett, renewed the batting, and at 1.40 the tenth wicket fell for 201. The bowling was confined to three persons - viz., Mr Rowley, who bowled 40 overs for 52 runs, Mr Buchanan, 55 overs for 32 runs; and Mr Williams, 15 overs for 31 runs.

The second innings of the North presented no extraordinary features; the fifth wicket fell for 44 runs and the ninth for 73. Concluded at half-past 4. The South needed 39 runs to win; this trifling number was accomplished at the expense of two wickets . . .

25 July: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1506.html)

Day 1

A week or two ago Kent in their first encounter this season with Surrey sustained a mortifying defeat. They, however, looked forward with hope to the return match appointed for the 26th at the Oval. At starting everything seemed to favour Kent, inasmuch as their opponents lost five capital wickets for 37 runs. Griffith went in at 0 and retired at 29, three-fourths of which were the produce of his bat.

Mr Noble and Pooley came to the rescue of Surrey. For a long time the play was voted slow, seeing that 90 minutes were consumed in getting 50 runs. After this the batting grew free, and 140 runs were got together before a parting could be effected. In the third subsequent over Pooley received his dismissal. From this stage of the play to its close nothing transpired calling for special comment. The innings occupied nearly five hours.

Payne, one of the Kentish leaders, displayed to advantage his defensive faculties; he saw six of his companions fall, while he himself remained undaunted. His score of 28 occupied two hours, and at the close of the day's play was "not out." The bowling of Southerton was very tempting and full of danger. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock . . . [Kent 85/6.]

Day 2 - no report found.

25 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1505.html)

Final report

The match commenced on Thursday, and was continued on Friday and Saturday at the Trent-bridge ground, near Nottingham. Some excellent cricket was exhibited on both sides, and the game concluded on Saturday evening shortly after 5 o'clock in favour of Notts, with four wickets to spare.

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1508.html)

Day 1

For the fourth time the amateur and professional talent of the South met yesterday at the Oval. The players won the toss; at 12.30 they, in the persons of Humphrey and Jupp, went to the wickets. Mr E M Grace, whose place is at point, was requested to do duty awhile for Mr Round. The bowling was deputed to the Hon Mr Pelham and Mr Lipscombe. Two runs were scored from the first and second overs, and 22 before the fifth was completed. At this stage of the game Mr Round took his accustomed post.

During the first hour a run per minute was recorded. The bowling had meanwhile undergone three changes. Without dilating upon the first two hours' play, it may suffice to state it characterized the entire innings, which occupied six hours and culminated with 327 runs. Only a few minutes remained for the other side before stumps were drawn. It is arranged to begin somewhat earlier to-day.

Day 2

Messrs Lucas and Jupp, the "not outs" on Monday for 3 and 0 respectively, renewed and continued the batting yesterday until 26 were scored; the former then retired and the Hon Mr Pelham filled the vacancy. During Mr Pelham's stay Mr Jupp was unable to accomplish a run, although the reverse was the case shortly after. The fifth wicket fell for 60. Mr Griffiths joined Mr Jupp, and from both wickets the running proceeded with pretty equal steps. At their separation 115 were recorded.

Mr Griffiths had Mr Noble for his companion, and the batting proceeded steadily without any noteworthy incident till 4 o'clock, when the innings closed for 157, and being 170 in arrear the Gentlemen had no alternative but to follow their innings.

In the first over Mr Jupp received his dismissal. Messrs Grace and Lucas were then partnered, and at 91 Mr Grace was caught long off. Mr Lucas played a really fine innings, and among his many splendid hits was one to the off, from Lillywhite, for five. At 7 o'clock stumps were drawn, and the score stood as follows. Play resumed today about noon . . .
[Gentlemen (2) 158/6.]

Day 3

The Gentlemen had lost six wickets in their second innings on Tuesday evening for 158. Yesterday their tenth wicket fell for 212. The Players then required 43 to win. This number was obtained without the loss of a wicket. Short score: Players 327 and 43 - total 370. Gentlemen 157 and 212 - total 369. The Players won by ten wickets.

5 August: SOUTH OF THE THAMES v NORTH OF THE THAMES

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1509.html)

Day 1

It may be remembered that in the month of June the same match was played at Lord's, and ended in a most unsatisfactory manner. The "return," which commenced yesterday at the St Lawrence-ground, Canterbury, promises to be a very different affair. The North began the batting with Grundy and Summers.

From two such leaders great things were expected, but in the third ball of the first over Grundy's wicket fell. Mr Wilkinson supplied the vacancy, runs came very slowly, and in the second ball of the seventh over Summers was caught in the slip. Five runs for two wickets. Shaw next appeared, got two singles and was cleverly stumped. Mr Mitchell then joined Mr Wilkinson, and the batting began to show signs of advancing, but the fourth wicket (Mr Wilkinson's) could not get beyond 34.

From this stage to the close of the innings, the change in the North was very considerable. At 48 Willsher went on at Bennett's end, and 62 runs were accredited to the North, when Mr M'Cormick's (the fifth) wicket fell. Mr V E Walker was Mr Mitchell's new partner. When 88 runs were reached Griffith relieved Mr Lipscombe. A very awkward blow on the hand caused Mr Walker to retire awhile. Hearne was caught with the total at 97, towards which he contributed his mite.

Mr Mitchell went in at 14 and came out at 158. His batting throughout was characteristic of bygone times, when this gentleman had few, if any, non-professional superiors. Three fours, five threes and six twos were among his figures. The incomplete innings of Mr V E Walker was also one that called forth much commendation from all parts of the field. The ninth wicket fell for 167, and to the tenth (Wootton's) two were added; 312 balls were bowled during the innings.

Mr E M Grace and Payne opened the Southern batting. Mr Grace was bowled by Wootton in the first ball of the fourth over. Payne received so severe a blow in his face by the ball that he was unable to proceed afterwards. Humphrey played a most vigorous and remunerative innings, but Pooley did nothing. At the close of the day the score stood thus: . . [South 113/6/]

Day 2

It rained so persistently yesterday from 7 in the morning till 3 in the afternoon that nearly all hopes of the second day's play were extinguished. Fortunately a stiff breeze sprang up, and at 3.50 Bennett and Lillywhite were at the wickets ready to receive the attacks of Wootton and Shaw. In the fourth over Bennett was clean bowled, and thus the seventh South wicket commanded 114, one run more than was accredited to them on the previous evening when stumps were drawn.

Willsher, who came next, effected a single in the slips and an off drive for three. By a strange process of calculation Lillywhite was found at his partner's wicket, where he ought not to have been, and having in vain endeavoured to retrace his steps, a way was left open for Mr Lipscombe. A

severance between the last comer and Willsher was soon effected by Wootton, and the ninth wicket realized 122. Here the innings closed, as Payne, who was hurt on Monday, was not in a condition to appear. During the innings Wootton bowled 126 balls for 78 runs, Grundy 52 balls for 15 runs and Shaw 72 balls for 27 runs.

At 4.40 Mr Milk and Summers recommenced the North batting. Both manifested a stubbornness of defence which, notwithstanding the somewhat ungenial state of the weather, commanded close attention. One hour was expended in getting the first wicket, which realized 44 runs. Hearne was caught by Payne's substitute, and caught well. Shaw came, and in the over subsequent to his appearance Summers was caught at long on; three wickets, 60. Biddulph soon put together the figures accredited to him on the score-sheet. With his fall the business of the day closed. It is now purposed to recommence the play earlier than was originally agreed upon during the remainder of the week, in order to get through the heavy business in hand.

Day 3

At 12.10 the rain had abated sufficiently to allow of a resumption of play. Shaw, the "not out" for 15, was joined by Mr V E Walker. The latter was bowled by the eighth ball, and Shaw, after adding 3, was caught at point. Mr Mitchell and Mr M'Cormick brought up the total to 90, when rain stopped the play for three-quarters of an hour. At 106 Mr Lipscombe relieved Bennett, and at 115 Mr M'Cormick was caught in the slip, very low down.

Mr Rose joined Mr Mitchell. The latter's off stump being hit by Bennett, it became necessary to bring Grundy forward. Among Mr Mitchell's hits were a four (cut) and a four to the I Z tent. Eight wickets counted 124 runs. Mr Rose (the ninth) added 11; six others were contributed, and the innings closed at 2.10 for 141 runs.

South were not able to renew their batting till 3.10; Mr Grace and Jupp began. Three runs were made, when Mr Grace was caught at cover-point. Griffith was then partnered with Jupp. The latter was caught at leg very soon after. Humphrey went in, and the score soon reached 21. Nothing of note occurred during the subsequent stages of the innings, which closed for 71 runs, and the North were consequently winners by 127 runs.

The bowling in the South's second innings was confined solely to Shaw and Wootton. The former bowled 26 overs and one ball for 42 runs; the latter 26 overs for 24 runs. Wootton also bowled two wides.

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1510.html)

Day 1

As soon as the above match was concluded, wickets were pitched lower down. Kent won the toss, but put their opponent in. Mr Grace was bowled for 31, Mr Nicholson for 24, Mr Buller for 5 and Captain Campbell for 1. Mr Mitchell not out 37, Rev M'Cormick not out 7; Bye 1, 1-b 3, w 1 - total 114. Play is announced for 11 o'clock this day.

Day 2

The progress of yesterday's play was sadly impeded by wet weather. At 11.45 the ground had recovered itself sufficiently to justify a re-commencement of the Marylebone batting; the "not outs" brought up the fifth wicket to 114, when Mr M'Cormick was cleverly caught at point. In the next over Mr Rose was taken at the wicket.

Mr Fitzgerald then joined Mr Mitchell, and the hitting was characterized by a freeness and daring that resulted in a large crop of runs; with 154 were reached Mr Mitchell was bowled by a splendid ball. Mr Fellows filled the vacancy thus of necessity caused, but he was at once dismissed. After this Mr Frederick appeared, and several changes of bowling became necessary before either he or his partner could be silenced. Mr Fitzgerald was caught at long on, with the score at 196. The innings wound with 230 at half-past 1.

Kent led off their batting with Messrs Money and Richardson. The latter was bowled by the third ball of the first over. Palmer joined the survivor and played well for his figures, till a ball, hit up, was fielded by slip, and the second wicket realized but 13 runs. Mr Kingscote played the ball softly into his wicket - so softly, in fact, that the bails seemed to pause in falling. Three wickets, 29. Mr Thornton made two strong hits to leg for four runs each. After these feats the reign on Mr Thornton was soon brought to a close . . .

Mr Alexander was mainly instrumental in bringing up the ninth to 73. At half-past 5 the innings closed, with 154 less than that of the other side, and consequently the County had to follow on. At the close of the day the score-sheet bore the following particulars. It is proposed to renew the play at 11 this day.

Day 3

With tolerably fair weather yesterday the parties herein concerned were enabled to prosecute their match to its close, somewhat earlier than was expected. Although the St Lawrence ground was dead, owing to the heavy downpour about daybreak, play began at 11.30. Mr Money, though not out, was joined by Mr Alexander, who received the remainder of Mr Grace's over. Mr Rose, at the other wicket, bowled four overs for one run.

In the 13th over of the morning Mr Grace took Mr Alexander's leg stump - four wickets, 40 runs. With the score at 57, Captain Campbell went on at Mr Rose's end and started with a wide. The next ball, however, was so

played by Bennett that it found a lodgement in the hands of short slip. Five wickets, 58. Palmer came next, gave a chance to point. And narrowly escaped the penalty for so doing; but in the second subsequent over he was caught mid-on. Six wickets were now lost for 66 runs.

Mr Thornton's hits were chiefly big ones. He put together 13 runs while his partner, Mr Money, was effecting one. Willsher played a fine innings, and was within a hair's-breadth of the popping crease, when Mr Nicholson put down the stumps - eight wickets, 97. When Henty came Mr Fellows took up the bowling at Mr Campbell's end; the stay of the last comer was confined to three hits - ten wickets, 103. Mr Lipscombe, the last, though by no means the least, man of the party, made two runs from the first ball of the final over, but was caught mid-on before the over was completed.

Mr Money, who went in third, brought out his bat. He played a very patient and painstaking game, and was at the wicket two hours for 19 runs, two-thirds of which were singles. Mr Rose bowled 20 overs for 26 runs; Mr Grace, 43 overs for 48 runs; Mr Campbell, 17 overs for 19 runs; and Mr Fellows, 6 overs for 2 runs. It will be seen from the score that the County of Kent lost the match by an innings and 48 runs.

12 August: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1511.html)

Day 1

Play in this match began yesterday at the Oval, at 12.15. Surrey went to the wickets first. The principle scores were effected by Mr Collier and Mortlock. At the close of the day three Middlesex wickets were down for eighteen runs . . .

Day 2

Mr Cooper, the "not out," was at 12.10 yesterday joined by Mr I D Walker. Twelve runs were added to the overnight score, when Griffith shook Mr Cooper's leg stump to its centre. Four wickets, 30 runs. No stand was made until near 2 o'clock, when Mr V E Walker and Mr Tritton got thoroughly set, and the scoring from both wickets proceeded at a rapid pace. Before these accomplished batsmen could be parted five styles of bowling were brought to bear upon them. Mr Tritton's long and trying innings, considering the excessive heat, varying from 85 deg. to 90 deg. in the shade, was composed of three fours, four threes, nine twos and twenty-one singles, all run out.

Mr Walker saw three other companions come and go while he kept his wicket intact and brought out his bat with the longest score hitherto obtained during the match. Mr Walker went in at 50 and say the tenth wicket (Howitt's) fall for 249. About three hours were consumed yesterday in completing the innings, at an average of 77 runs per hour.

Humphrey and Jupp re-opened the Surrey batting; 88 runs were scored when Humphrey was caught at mid-on in a manner best appreciated when seen. Stephenson was stumped in the first over. At the close of the day the Surrey score stood at 122.

Day 3

Three days of uninterruptedly fine weather have been consumed in the playing of this match, which after all remains undecided. If the time had been more carefully husbanded, a more satisfactory result would without question have been attained. The play of yesterday was resumed by Pooley and Jupp, the "not out."

Mortlock joined Jupp in the second over. These continued to push the score along until it reached 121, when the third wicket (Mortlock's) fell. The prominent feature of the Surrey second innings was the defence exhibited by Jupp, who kept possession of his wicket (the ninth) until 4 o'clock. He went in first and came out with the total of 284. His hits were seven fours, four threes, eight twos and 35 singles. Seven bowlers were engaged during the innings, the most successful of which were Mr I D Walker and T Hearne. The former bowled 27 overs for 44 runs and three wickets, the latter 51 overs, 49 runs and five wickets.

Middlesex began their second innings soon after 4 o'clock, and at 6.45 the match was brought to a close and declared "drawn."

12 August: SUSSEX v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1512.html)

Day 1

Although play commenced considerably later than was announced, nearly an innings by each party was completed at the time agreed upon for drawing stumps. The weather was excessively hot. Play resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Captain Eccles and Wootton, the "not outs" of Monday, brought up the Marylebone innings to 163, to which Mr Forster added a single, thus heading Sussex [by] 53 runs. Mr Smith and Payne recommenced the Sussex batting. At 42 Mr Smith was clean bowled, and Killick was dismissed by the next ball. James Lillywhite then joined Payne, and the hitting was very fast and compensating; before they were parted they added 80 runs per hour, notwithstanding the changes adopted by Marylebone in their extremity.

It will be seen from the score that there are three more wickets on the Marylebone side to go down. No doubt the excellent condition of the Brighton ground tended materially to the free scoring here brought under notice.

Day 3 - no report found

19 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1513.html)

Day 1

Of late the county of Sussex has been making such steady advances that any match in which it has concern is regarded by the promoters as "a paying thing." Certain is it a "return" between Surrey and Sussex has not been honoured by so large a company for years as that of yesterday at the Oval. Surrey, no doubt, brought their best available team together, in order to get back, if possible, the laurels lost at Brighton on the 23rd of July last. Sussex were not so strong yesterday as at the date just referred to, although the bowlers were the same.

Lillywhite and Southerton were selected to lead off the attack upon the Surrey chieftain. Sixteen overs were delivered for four singles. In Lillywhite's tenth over Jupp played the ball into his wicket, and in the following over Humphrey's leg stump was uprooted. Pooley and Stephenson brought up the score to 92. Bristow, a new comer, was the "not out" for 19, obtained by a leg hit for 4, two threes (cut and drive) &c. Southerton bowled 43 overs and three balls for 73 runs; Lillywhite 31 overs for 43 runs and Stubberfield 12 overs for 18 runs.

On the part of Sussex the Hon M Pelham made one of the finest hits of the day. Payne was in one hour and 25 minutes. On the contrary, James Lillywhite's score was put together by a very few strokes of the bat. At the fall of the tenth wicket Sussex were 51 runs less than their opponents. Griffith bowled 14 overs for 15 runs, Bristow 27 overs for 39 runs, and Mortlock 14 overs for 27 runs.

At 6.5 Jupp and Humphrey reopened the Surrey batting. With the score of seven, both were out from two consecutive balls. Pooley was badly missed by Payne before he had scored any thing. At 6.45 three wickets were lost, stumps drawn and 47 runs scored. Play resumed to-day about noontide.

Day 2

A few minutes more of daylight would in all probability have been sufficient to bring the above-named match to a close last evening, as only one wicket remained to fall when play was of necessity discontinued. Pooley and Griffith, the "not outs" of Monday for 17 and 23 respectively, were at their posts yesterday at the announced time.

Griffith added but five to his overnight score, while his partner kept possession of his wicket till a total of 150 was reached, and eight men were out. Pooley was twice missed while accumulating the largest individual amount of runs during the match. Time, 4h 20m. The double total of Surrey was 302, and Sussex had now 217 to get in order to claim a second victory.

Mr Smith and Payne began the task. Mr Smith's wicket fell in the eighth over. The Hon Mr Pelham joined Payne and assisted in bringing up the figures to 31, when he was caught at wicket. Payne played a much faster innings than on Monday. He made three fours (drive and cuts), and enlarged the score to 65, when his (the fourth) wicket fell. From this stage of play to its close the only noteworthy points were the steady and

compensating batting of Mr Ewbank and John Lillywhite. The former went in at 86 and came out at 126, while the latter was not out when daylight had retired too far to admit of the ball being fairly seen. Surrey adopted nine changes of bowling. [Figures given; see Cricket Archive scorecard.]

Out of the 217 required for winning, Sussex had only possessed themselves of 137 at the time referred to, particulars of which are attached . . .

Day 3 - no report found

26 August: SURREY AND SUSSEX v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1517.html)

Day 1

A match with such a title wears an air of novelty. It was designed to attract special attention for a special purpose. For some time past a benefit for Lockyer, the eminent Surrey wicket-keeper, has been under deliberation, and, among the many matches proposed for carrying out the contemplated project, two of the celebrated home counties against England was considered to be the most fitting and attractive. Accordingly, two representative elevens were convened at the Oval yesterday.

Play began at the very late hour of 12.25. Humphrey and Jupp first appeared at the wickets; the bowlers were Mr W G Grace and Emmett (of Yorkshire), the latter a very fast left-hand. In the sixteenth over Humphrey was caught at point. First wicket, 26. After this five others were dismissed for very insignificant scores. Pooley and James Lillywhite got together, and now the batting began and continued in real earnest. At 89 Greenwood took the ball from Emmett, but after 11 overs had been bowled without success Emmett went on again, and in his second over took Pooley's off stump. During the stay of Pooley with Lillywhite 38 overs were bowled and 111 runs added to the score.

The weather, which had not hitherto been of very bright character, changed into gloom and rain, and play was of necessity discontinued for two hours. The innings closed at 5.25. James Lillywhite got three fives, three fours, seven threes, &c., and brought out his bat. Total number of balls bowled, 306; runs obtained, 186. At the time for drawing stumps 25 runs were scored on the England side, without the loss of a wicket. Nearly 4,000 persons were present.

Day 2

Play in this remarkable match was commenced at 12 o'clock yesterday by Mr E M Grace and Ricketts, the "not outs," taking their stations at the wickets a minute or so previously. From the first ball of the sixth over Ricketts lost his wicket. Emmett then joined Mr Grace, and, considerable reliance being placed on his batting powers, some disappointment resulted when three singles was all that he could manage to place to his account on the score-sheet.

Mr W G Grace, who had just recovered from serious indisposition, was heartily cheered on joining his brother. Fourteen overs had been bowled for 21 runs, when Mr W Grace was caught in the slips. The bowling of Southerton was very perplexing to several of the England party; even such experienced batsmen as Hearne and Mr I D Walker were unable to cope with it. Mr V E Walker was the sixth partner assigned to Mr E M Grace. The newcomer made the first and only fine hit during the England innings. At 77 Mr Grace, who had been at the wickets about an hour and a half, had his leg-stump hit, and Mr Round then went to the support of Mr V E Walker. At 114 Griffith took the bowling up at Southerton's end, and in the second ball of the change Mr Walker was caught in the slips. Seven wickets were now down.

Bennett made a drive to the pavilion for four, and from the next ball he was caught at point. Greenwood and Mr Round were not long allowed to co-act; in the sixth over Mr Round was clean bowled. Nine wickets 123. Willsher, as last man, played remarkably well, and Greenwood's "not out" innings was really and truly a faultless one. At 3.20 the innings closed for 159.

The second venture of Surrey and Sussex may be briefly dismissed. The Hon Mr Pelham and Charlwood were the only two who could mount the region of double figures. Three wickets were lost for 19 runs, six for 21 and nine for 52. Of these 24 were got in the first hour; 46 overs and three balls were bowled, of which Mr W G Grace [bowled] 23 for 31 runs and Emmett 23 for 26 runs.

Previous to withdrawal of stumps England scored 41 runs in 30 minutes without loss of wicket. Although the match is not actually finished it may be proper to state that 46 runs only are required by England, and they have Townsend wickets to get them with.

Day 3

Scarcely an hour was required yesterday to bring this match to a conclusion. Mr E M Grace and Mr J D Walker elevated the score to 49, when the former was caught at mid off. Greenwood then joined Mr Walker. At 71, Sewell went on at Southerton's wicket. This was the first and only change. The new comer bowled four overs, which produced but two runs. A similar number of overs from Griffith realized 15 runs. Of these Mr Walker made a cut for three, whereby England claimed the winnership of the match, with nine wickets to spare.

A second match was shortly after proceeded with. Its title was "Surrey v the World." In this nearly all the players concerned in the first match took part. The "World" led off with Mr E M Grace and Hearne, and the hitting grew so lively that 100 runs were scored in 75 minutes. The first wicket (Hearne's) fell for 133. At 179 Mr Grace was adroitly stumped by Lockyer. In his long innings of 115 were three fives (two on drives and a leg hit), four fours (various), twelve threes, eight twos &c.

The only remaining feature of interest was the 55 not out innings of Charlwood. As the light got bad after 6 o'clock the "World" stopped play, with seven wickets down and 274 runs obtained.

26 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v NORTH OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1516.html)

Day 1

Yesterday this grand match was commenced at the Trent-bridge-ground, near Nottingham, and at a quarter-past 6 o'clock the score stood as under . . .
[Notts 111 all out.]

Day 2

This grand match was resumed yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, near Nottingham. The ground was in excellent condition, and there was a good attendance of spectators. The North made an excellent innings and succeeded in scoring 240. Appended is the score up to a quarter past 6 o'clock: . . . [North (2) 29/3.]

Day 3

This match was concluded yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, near Nottingham. The Northern team won the game with 112 runs over.