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OXFORD UNIVERSITY v M.C.C. and Ground

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1523.html)

Day 1

The above annual match commenced yesterday at Oxford. Marylebone won the toss and elected to go in forthwith. Such, however, was the character of the bowling that five wickets were disposed of for 12 runs. Mr Forster was the first batsman who made much resistance to the bowling of either Mr Fellowes or Mr Miles. The innings closed for 60 runs.

On the part of Oxford, there were but two who mounted the region of double figures. The Marylebone fielding was by no means first-rate, but the bowling of Wootton was very effective. Seven wickets out of the ten were clean bowled by him.

Days 2 and 3

This important match, which commenced on Thursday, was protracted until Saturday afternoon, through the rain . . .

25 May: ELEVEN ABORIGINAL BLACK AUSTRALIANS v ELEVEN GENTLEMEN OF THE SURREY CLUB

Day 1

No truer test of the interest taken by the public in the performance of this team from the antipodes can be afforded than that of 7,000 persons congregated at the Oval yesterday, when the first match of a series projected to be played in the three kingdoms came off. Many and confused were the ideas generally entertained respecting these Aborigines, both as regards their cricketing acquirements and their physical conformation.

They represent the colonies of Victoria, Queenstown, South Australia and New Zealand. Their hair and beards are long and wiry; their skins vary in shades of blackness, and most of them have broadly-expanded nostrils, but they are all of the true Australian type. Having been brought up in the bush to agricultural pursuits under European settlers, they are perfectly civilized, and are quite familiar with the English language. As most of their native names are polysyllabic and not very euphonious, each has adopted a sobriquet under which he will doubtlessly be recognized in this country. Unfortunately, the best man of the party was absent through illness. In order that the lookers-on might be able to recognize each man, a sash differing in colour was affixed to his shirt.

At 12.15 play commenced, and as the two leading Surrey batsmen approached the wickets the Blacks received them with vociferous cheering. Mullagh and Lawrence were the bowlers at starting. At 28 the first wicket (Mr Noble's) fell, and at 42 Mr Jupp was cleverly stumped by Bullocky. From the 10th to the 17th over only one run was effected. The bowling after this went off, and the score advanced with great rapidity.

At the fall of the fifth wicket 124 runs were recorded in favour of Surrey. Mr Baggallay was the chief scorer, and kept his wicket intact for three hours and a quarter. The innings closed at 5.15. Four bowlers were engaged. Lawrence bowled 49 overs (8 maidens); 90 runs were got off him; Mullagh 52 overs (20 maidens), 100 runs; Bullocky 5 overs (1 maiden), 14 runs; King Cole 9 overs (2 maidens), 16 runs.

The Blacks commenced batting at 6 o'clock, and at 7 four of their wickets were down for 34 runs.

(Potted scores, not first-class) Surrey Club 222 (G H Jupp 24, W Baggallay 68, C Calvert 25, St J Boulton 37; Lawrence 7/90, Mullagh 3/100). Australians 34/4 (Mullagh 18*).

Day 2

It will be remembered that with the close of Monday's play Surrey had completed an innings, and four Aboriginal wickets were down for 34 runs. Long before Tuesday's business commenced, the Oval presented an unusual gathering of spectators.

At 12.5 Mullagh and Twopenny, the "not outs," presented themselves at the wickets. Messrs Frere and I D Walker resumed the bowling. In Mr Frere's second over Twopenny was caught in the slips. Five wickets, 34. Lawrence then joined Mullagh, made a straight drive for three, and in the next over was caught mid off. Six wickets, 37. King Cole, in conjunction with Mullagh, who had defended himself with more skill than any of his party for

upwards of an hour, was stumped off a slow. His hits were one five, two fours (chiefly drives), four twos and singles. The remaining wickets fell quickly, as at 1.15 the innings closed for 83 runs.

Being in a minority of 139, the Blacks had to "follow on." Lawrence and Bullocky appeared first. The bowling of Messrs Miller and Boulton was altogether different in its character to that brought to bear upon the Aborigines in their first essay with the bat. 119 runs were obtained for the loss of six wickets.

At 5.30 Mr Frere went on at Mr Boulton's end, and after two overs had been bowled Mr I D Walker relieved Mr Miller. The change soon produced the contemplated effect. Mullagh, who had been in two hours, was bowled by a bailer from Mr Frere, and the remaining wickets seemed quite bereft of any real defenders. The innings closed at 6.30, when Surrey were declared winners by an innings and seven runs.

It was apparent to every one on Monday that these Aborigines had little or no chance against the cultivated team which Surrey had summoned to confront them with. Surrey's first innings proclaimed the second-rate character of the bowling. The blacks returned the ball quickly, but not with precision. Their batting, saving that of Mullagh, is sadly wanting in power, and in several instances in exhibited on the day in question a great deficiency in those defensive attributes which are requisite for a protracted stand against good bowling. In running between wickets their judgment is much at fault, both on account of slowness and hesitancy. Doubtless, some of these defects will be overcome by the practice with good players during their stay in this country.

(Potted scores, not first-class) Surrey Club 222; Australians 83 (Mullagh 33, King Cole 14, Jim Crow 10; H Frere 5 wkts, I D Walker 5 wkts) and 132 (Bullocky 19, Mullagh 73, Lawrence 22; Frere 3 wkts, Miller 3 wkts).

25 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1524.html)

The annual match between these great clubs commenced yesterday at Lord's. Surrey won the toss, and at 12.15 p.m. play began with Jupp and Humphrey at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of Grundy and Wootton. At 37 Mr Campbell relieved Grundy, and from the first ball of the second over Humphrey was taken at short slip.

Griffith then joined Jupp, and as the bowling got punished, and was, moreover, in two instances, wide, Wootton went on again. Griffith received such a severe blow in the eye from Wootton that he was compelled to retire for an hour. The wickets after this fell fast, and at luncheon-time seven were down for 71 runs. Mr Noble made a determined stand and played the highest score of the innings, without giving a chance. Sewell also exhibited a good command of the position he occupied. At 4 o'clock the innings closed.

Marylebone were much perplexed with Southerton's bowling, which was kept up from the first to the fall of the tenth wicket. He bowled 20 overs for 34 runs; two were stumped off him, five caught, and one wicket was clean bowled. Mr Walrond, of Eton celebrity, was the not-out and got his runs admirably. At the close of the innings a difference of 46 was recorded in favour of Surrey.

Day 2

When Monday's play ceased Surrey had lost three wickets of their second innings for 52 runs. At 12.20 yesterday play was resumed by Pooley and Griffith. The latter hit with his accustomed freedom, and, as a consequence, the score travelled with rapid steps.

At 78 Mr Campbell went on at Grundy's end. From the first over six runs were scored, the next was a maiden, then came a wide ball and afterwards a wicket (Pooley's). Griffith hit a ball to point, where it was secured. With the dismissal of Pooley and Griffith the innings was virtually at an end, for Wootton took the three following wickets for insignificant scores, and the remainder added but little. Total, 132.

At 3.5 Marylebone commenced their second innings, Messrs Sutton and Campbell first at the wickets. Only seven runs were recorded when Mr Buller joined Mr Cooper; but from this stage the batting assumed a freer form than before. The third wicket realized 64, a good catch at slip having necessitated the retirement of Mr Cooper. Mr Walrond joined Mr Buller, and at 93 Griffith took a turn at bowling. Various other changes were had recourse to. Mr Walrond fell to Griffith with the full score at 100.

Now came an opening for Mr Kingscote; this gentleman soon put together 44 and effected the winning hit. Among his figures were one 8, made by an off drive for five and a three over throw! So vigorous was the hitting while Mr Buller and Mr Kingscote were at the wickets that 55 runs were recorded in 35 minutes. Just as the clock struck 6 Marylebone were declared winners of the match, in which capital play on both sides was exhibited, by four wickets.

28 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1525.html)

Days 1 and 2

The first meeting of these counties in the cricket-field was at Nottingham on Thursday. Lancashire came to the contest devoid of its promised strength, and as a consequence the play of the opening day was deprived of a large portion of its contemplated interest.

Lancashire was foremost at the wickets, but such was the character of the Notts bowling – sustained throughout the innings by Wootton and Shaw – that only one man was able to make an effective stand against it. Ricketts, a colt of last year, went in first, and scored as many runs from his own bat as all the other ten of Lancashire combined. Wootton bowled 25 overs for six wickets; 38 runs. Shaw 25 overs, three wickets; 32 runs; two no-balls.

From the first ball of the Notts' innings Shaw was missed by Mr Whittaker on the slip; 83 runs were afterwards made before a wicket fell. The splendid batting of W Oscroft and Richard Daft occupied a large portion of the after part of the day. They put together 100 runs before a parting could be effected. At the close of the day five wickets were lost for 258 runs.

On Friday Mr Beevor and Daft, the "not outs," resumed the batting at 12.10, but the former was soon necessitated to retire, through illness. Five wickets fell for 38 runs. Total, 296. Lancashire had lost five wickets of their second innings on Friday evening when the stumps were drawn . . .

Day 3

This match was concluded at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Saturday. R Iddison and Hickton resumed the batting on the part of Lancashire. The bowling and fielding of Nottinghamshire were excellent, and the second innings of Lancashire terminated for a total of 148, Nottinghamshire thus winning in one innings with 74 runs to spare.

1 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1528.html)

for some years past Whit Monday has been set apart for a contest at Lord's, in which the professional element had a special interest, and the "Cricketers' Fund" gained considerably on each anniversary in its financial strength. In consequence of a difference of opinion on some matters appertaining to "rule and authority," the original match between the "Two Elevens of England" changed its locality, but the Marylebone Club resolved to carry on the beneficial scheme nevertheless, and the match of yesterday was played for the benefit of professionals more immediately concerned with them on their own ground.

As in the list of contenders were names of men calculated to attract, the gathering was correspondingly large. Willsher, who led the England team, won the toss and sent two of his party to the wickets forthwith; time, 12h 15m. Wootton and Grundy were selected by the opposition to open and follow up the attack. Each bowled two maiden overs in succession respectively.

In Grundy's third over the first wicket fell, and five runs only were scored. In the seventh over Jupp made a magnificent off drive for six. In the 19th over Wootton bowled him by knocking the leg stump some distance out of its proper position. A few runs then came, but chiefly in singles. In the 25th over Pooley gave a chance to point, which being accepted four wickets were declared void for 52 runs. In the 33rd over Payne was summarily dismissed. After this Wootton bowled seven consecutive maidens. Lillywhite was badly missed at cover point in the early part of his innings. At luncheon time 82 runs were scored for eight wickets.

The remaining two were speedily disposed of, when play was resumed at 3 o'clock. The bowling was maintained throughout by Wootton and Grundy. The overs delivered 38 overs and 1 ball (29 maidens) for 45 runs; and the latter 48 overs (23 maidens), 49 runs.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Marylebone began their batting with Mr E M Grace and Mr Wilkinson. In the third over the latter was clean bowled. The stay of the next comer proved to be an extremely brief one. Mr Buller joined Mr Grace, and the hitting at both wickets, though differing widely in character, produced runs at a rapid rate. Mr Grace gave two chances, and the latter was turned to account by the slip. Mr Buller was finely caught at the wicket. His chief hits were a five (off drive), four threes and two twos.

Grundy and Wootton, who went in late, brought up the score to an unanticipated figure. The latter made five threes in quick succession, and at 6.45 the M.C.C. and Ground innings wound up with a surplus of 10 runs. Willsher and Silcock maintained the bowling throughout; the latter delivered 48 overs (24 maidens), 47 runs; the former 47 overs and three balls (26 maidens), 57 runs.

Taken as a whole, the play was far superior to any that has been witnessed in London during the present season. Nearly 4,000 persons were present. Umpires, Royston and Price.

Day 2

Within a few minutes of the appointed time for resuming play yesterday England commissioned Jupp and Pooley to represent them at the wickets. The latter stayed a very short time indeed. Grundy and Wootton led off the bowling as on the previous day. Summers joined Jupp, and both men hit hard and freely. Before a parting could be effected 33 runs were placed on the score-sheet.

Mr W G Grace then came forward, and Grundy gave way to Mr Wilkinson. Such, however, was the character of the hitting, after Summers had been disposed of, that Mr E M Grace was invited to try a few overs. These did not pay, and when 112 runs had been marked and but three wickets down, it was deemed advisable to put Grundy on again. At luncheon-time, 2.30, the telegraph announced 127.

Soon after 3 o'clock play was resumed. Wootton changed ends, and Hearne, who had previously tried a few overs at the pavilion wicket without much success, resumed his bowling at 140. Now came a change of fortune. Hearne accomplished what several of his companions had failed to effect - viz., the riddance of Mr W G Grace, who for two hours defied Marylebone with all its strength to dislodge him. With the fall of the sixth wicket for 155, a severe breach was made in England's stronghold. Ricketts held out for a considerable time and got his runs in a praiseworthy manner. Five bowlers were tried, but the most successful was Hearne, who in 29 overs (19 maidens) got half the wickets for 20 runs. Duration of the innings, four hours.

The Marylebone Club adopted nearly the same order of going in as on their first essay at the wicket. Silcock and Willsher, as before, bowled throughout. From the first [ball?] of the ninth over Mr E M Grace's leg stump was struck with sufficient force to break it. Mr Cooper in the second subsequent over was foolishly run out; and from the next ball Mr Wilkinson was caught in the slip. Three wickets, 10 runs.

This bad beginning was to some extent redeemed by Mr Buller. Such, however, was the character of the bowling that even he bowed to it much earlier than the majority of the lookers on imagined. Four wickets, 31. Mr Lubbock left the fifth wicket - clean bowled - at 42. Hearne so played a ball from Silcock that it first dallied about the fingers of the wicket-keeper and then found a safe lodgement in the hands of a slip. Mr Walker received an early dismissal in consequence of a catch, low down and difficult.

At 7 o'clock seven wickets were lost for 55 runs, and as the game was brought so near to its apparent close the executive resolved on continuing the play till 7.30. twenty minutes sufficed to bring matters to a definite issue, and England were pronounced winners of the match by 92 runs. Willsher bowled 46 overs (27 maidens) for 45 runs; Silcock 46 overs, 82 balls (35 overs), 29 runs. Not a wide ball occurred during the match.

1 June: ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN v UNITED ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1527.html)

Final report

This match, instead of extending over three days as was anticipated, and, indeed, arranged for, was concluded in two, the deciding run occurring on Tuesday night about 7 o'clock. The match was played on the field of the Savile Club, Dewsbury, a commodious and well-laid-out piece of ground, and was for the benefit of Carpenter and Hayward.

All England sent in their men first, but they only scored 95 in that innings, the bowling of Freeman and Emmett for the United being too good to be resisted. None of the batters made any stand with the exception of R Daft (36) and Hayward (16), nor was there anything in the play worthy [of] special remark.

When the United commenced their innings, Tarrant and J C Shaw bowled, Darnton got 29, Carpenter 27 and Plumb (not out) 40, with C Coward and Freeman well forward. The total was 159, which left All England 64 in the rear. In their second innings they only made 106, Howitt, who was put on to bowl, making fearful havoc with the wickets. The highest scorer was Alfred Shaw (18), late of the Marylebone Club.

The 43 required to win the match were got by the United for the loss of two wickets, Darnton and C Coward carrying out their bats. A Shaw's bowling was tried, but he did not succeed in taking a single wicket. The attendance during the two days was exceedingly large, the "gate money" alone realizing on Monday £127 19s, and on Tuesday £207 15s 1d. This, with the sale of season-tickets and subscriptions, will, it is expected, raise the total to upwards of £500.

4 June: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1530.html)

Day 1

Very few counties can lay claim to such a long uninterrupted series of annual matches as Sussex and Kent. Both counties of late have experienced great depression in consequence of the difficulty in filling up the vacancies which circumstances have effected in the ranks of first-class men. Two good elevens are nevertheless found when wanted.

The ground at Hove was never in finer condition than at the present time. Although the morning was cold and unpromising, there was a more than ordinary attendance. A stiff breeze swept across the ground from the sea, with skirts the southern boundary. Play began at 12.40.

Sussex, having won the toss, sent in Mr Smith and Payne. Bennett, who led off, had the wind in his favour. Twenty-four runs were got chiefly off the slows, when Mr Smith drew a ball into his wicket. Lillywhite hit so hard and freely that he obtained 17 off the slows in two overs. At 38 Payne was clean bowled by Willsher, and Charlwood did not survive an over. Three wickets, 42. After this the hitting increased in its vigour. At 65 Mr Lipscombe went on at Bennett's end, and Killick's wicket soon fell. Four wickets, 71.

Rain then so interrupted the play that it was adjourned till to-day at 12 o'clock. Umpires Lee and Luck.

Day 2

The glorious sunshine of yesterday enabled the parties concerned herein to make up for the loss of time consequence upon the foul weather of Thursday. Only four wickets were down when play for the first day ceased. Lillywhite and wells, the "not outs," took their station at the wickets at 11.20 yesterday, and ten minutes past 1 the Sussex innings closed for 145.

[Bowling figures listed.] The chief batsmen on the part of Kent were Palmer and Mr Troughton. At the close of the day's play Sussex had scored 144 runs for two wickets. The match will be continued this day.

Day 3

At the close of Friday's play three Sussex wickets of their second innings were down for 127 runs. In order to bring the match to a definite issue play began half an hour earlier than the usual time. Lillywhite and Charlwood, the "not outs," brought up the score to 139 before a parting was effected. Wells was splendidly caught in the slips in an early over. Five wickets, 161.

When nine more runs were added Lillywhite's leg stump was disturbed by Willsher. Two other wickets fell in quick succession, and at 12.40 the innings was completed. The chief bowlers were Mr Lipscombe and Willsher; three others were tried without success . . .

Kent started their batting with Palmer and Bennett; the first named left his wicket with the score at seven. Willsher cut Lillywhite for three and was then well bowled. Remnant and Bennett put more fire into the hitting and got 35 runs in half an hour. At 50 Stubberfield relieved Lillywhite, and immediately after the change Remnant was bowled by Southerton. Bennett remained at his wicket until 59 runs were scored. Carroll and Mr Hilton enlarged the total to 96 before they were parted.

The remaining three wickets averaged a run each, and the innings closed at 4 o'clock, while Sussex were announced winners by 133 runs . . .

4 June: SURREY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1529.html)

Day 1

This return match commenced yesterday at the Oval. Marylebone won the toss and, although a man short, they proceeded to the wickets. At 12.20 play commenced, and five wickets were lost in the space of an hour for 49 runs; off which Price obtained five-sevenths, by four hits amounting to 16 and others of less magnitude. Messrs Baker and Campbell got together, and with them came the first change of bowling. Mr Baker made a leg-hit for 1 off Griffiths (slows) and a five (cut) off Sewell. 123 runs were obtained when rain stopped the play . . .

Day 2

Messrs Baker and Campbell, the "not outs" for 45 and 30 respectively on Thursday, took their stations at the wickets at midday yesterday. The former added eight and the latter three to their previous scores, when Griffith bowled them. Wootton played a quick but somewhat [chancy] innings, and 175 runs marked the total when, at 2 o'clock, the ninth and last wickets fell. One absentee.

Surrey began their batting with vigour. This was followed up for at least three hours. The bowling underwent nearly all the varieties that Marylebone had at command. Farrands got three wickets, Grundy two and Wootton one. A difference of 29 only existed when the first two totals were cast up. At the close of the day's play Marylebone had lost but four wickets for 92 runs, consequently the game promises to be a well-contested one.

Day 3

A tie match. When play was discontinued on Friday evening each party had completed an innings, and four wickets of the Marylebone party were down for 92 runs. Mr E M Grace added two to his overnight score, and was then clean bowled. His big hits were an on-drive for five, two fours and three threes (various). Fifth wicket, 94. From this stage of the innings to the close Biddulph was the only represent of Marylebone that shone. The bowling was confined to three persons. [Bowling figures listed.]

Surrey now required 94 runs to win, and shortly after 1 o'clock they sent in Humphrey and Jupp to get them if possible. At 18 Humphrey's wicket fell, and Stephenson joined Jupp. The new comer added four runs and was caught at point. The third wicket realized 34. With Mortlock the score sheet received large and rapid contributions. He made an on-drive for six, and three fours (various). These with other minor figures put a favourable construction on the issue of the match. At 82 Mortlock's career was closed by Biddulph at wicket.

Two other batsmen left their wickets so quickly after that nothing was added to the total. At 91 Sewell ran Mr Calvert out, and but one man was left to get three runs, the number required to win. Bristow and Sewell got a single each; three maiden overs were bowled, and from the first ball of the next over Sewell was well caught by a "sub.," mid on, and, as before

observed, the match ended in a tie. The bowling was distributed among Mr E M Grace, Farrands, Wootton and Grundy.

8 June: NORTH OF THE THAMES v SOUTH OF THE THAMES

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1531.html)

Day 1

Few matches hitherto played in the metropolis have disappointed and surprised more than the above, which began and finished yesterday at Lord's. Years ago the "North and South" commanded great attention and attracted great crowds to Marylebone. Somehow the changes in cricket are being felt, and most sensibly, too, with reference to all the old stock matches. Every cricketer is aware that the North and South match dates back a full generation, and that it has been subject to great vicissitudes – so great, in fact, that the above is regarded merely as an apology, and a very poor apology it proves to be.

At 12.15 the North, having won the toss, sent in Coward and Summers to the bowling of Mr W G Grace and Griffith. From the third ball delivered by the former Coward was caught at wicket. Mr Hornby joined Summers, and in the tenth over the leg stump of the latter was struck by Griffith. The partnership of Messrs Dale and Hornby was continued until 16 runs were placed upon the score sheet, when the latter was clean bowled. Plumb came, and Mr Dale made a fine drive to the sheep-pens for five, and in the next over he added four by a splendid off-drive. Mr Dale was bowled with the fourth wicket at 35. Mr Verelst played a successful innings, considering the character of the bowling against which he had to contend . . . Time occupied, 1 hour 45 minutes.

At 2.10 Mr Grace and Jupp opened the Southern batting, opposed to the bowling of Wootton (pavilion end) and Greenwood. The wicket was kept by Plumb in a very artistic and effective manner. When the score had reached eight Mr Grace's leg stump was started [sic] by Wootton. At 13 Griffith was well caught at long slip. Mr W G Grace joined Jupp; the latter was run out in consequence of a bit of superlative fielding at point. Charlwood added ten runs quickly, so also did Mr Grace. Both left their wickets with the score at 28.

Pooley and Lillywhite played with great spirit and were correspondingly successful. At 79 Grundy went on to bowl, and from his third ball Lillywhite received his dismissal, and in Grundy's sixth over a shooter overtaxed the defensive capabilities of Pooley. Three bowlers were engaged – . . . Duration of innings, two hours.

The principal hitters in the second innings of the North were Mr Dale and Summers; fifth wicket 39. From this stage to the close nothing occurred to excite surprise, saving the rapidity with which the men of the North were disposed of . . .

As but 24 runs were required by the South to win, it was deemed politic to continue the game beyond the usual hour. The South lost one wicket before half the number was obtained. Lillywhite joined Mr Grace, and the latter made a forward drive for six, and eventually Lillywhite made a drive for four, which included the winning hit.

The Southern list was strictly adhered to, but the case was very different as respects the North, some of the best players being absent without a satisfactory reason shown. Umpires, Hearne and Royston.

11 June: MIDDLESEX v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1534.html)

Day 1

Four years have elapsed since the representatives of these celebrated cricket counties met at Islington, and as the match of yesterday was the first county one – properly so called – played in the metropolitan district this year a corresponding interest was awakened to witness it. Sussex won the toss, and at 12.30 play began.

Howitt and Hearne were the Middlesex bowlers at starting. Mr Smith and Payne ran up a score of 30, when Hearne gave place to Mantle. Each batsman got three runs from the first over of the change. At 40 Mr Wilkinson went on at Howitt's end. In Mantle's third over Mr Smith was caught at point, and three wickets were down for 50 runs. Now came Lillywhite and exhibited a defence not often submitted to public notice. A "not out" innings of 126 runs must be regarded as a really great performance, especially when the character of the bowling and the excellence of the field are duly considered.

Lillywhite's big hits were a cut for six, two fives (off drives), four fours (chiefly cuts) and 17 threes (various). This remarkable innings completely eclipsed the efforts of all the rest of his party, although Wells gave not the faintest chance, until the wicket-keeper ran him out by an unusually dextrous handling of the ball. Five bowlers were tried, but the most successful was Mr Wilkinson, who in 38 overs (16 maidens) for 54 runs, got four wickets. Duration of innings four hours, and averaging a run a minute continuously.

Middlesex began their batting with Messrs Case and Wilkinson. The first-named gentleman had the ill luck to lose his leg stump from the first ball. In short, the Sussex bowling got four wickets for 19 runs. At the time appointed for drawing stumps 37 runs only were scored, of which Mantle claimed nearly half. Umpires, Luck and Thoms.

Day 3

Herein Middlesex sustained a signal defeat. It will be remembered that at the close of Thursday's play Sussex had completed an innings for 249 runs, and four Middlesex wickets were lost for 37 runs. Yesterday play was recommenced at 12.15 by Mantle and Mr Runner, the "not outs," taking their defensive stations, opposed to the bowling of Stubberfield and Southerton.

At 81 Lillywhite went on at Stubberfield's end, and from the last ball of his first over Mantle was caught off him. The dismissed batsman made the largest score of the Middlesex Eleven. His big hits were two fours [and] five threes. Nor did he give a chance throughout his innings. When the tenth wicket fell Middlesex were 106 in arrear of the opposition, and consequently had to "follow on." The bowling was limited to three persons, the most conspicuous of which was Southerton, who bowled 34 overs and 2 balls (eight maidens); 89 runs; eight wickets fell to it.

The second innings of Middlesex began at 2.15 and was completed at 4.55, with a total of 112; Sussex, therefore, required seven runs to win. This cost them one wicket.

13 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB v ABORIGINALS

Final report

From the surplus of 21 runs in favour of the Blacks when an innings by each party was completed on Saturday, the outside world imagined that Marylebone were doomed to come in "second best" at the close of the match. This idea received strength from the paucity of runs in Marylebone's second innings, which reduced the "set" to 101 as the winning number.

Misfortune, however, seemed to attend the steps of the second movements of the Blacks at the very outset of their second innings. Dick-a-Dick was clean bowled by Mr Buller without adding a figure to the fourth score, and Tiger was doomed to a speedy retirement. Two wickets, 0. Redcap hit a ball to leg for two, and Lawrence, who had a deputy to run for him, made but one hit that counted. At 9 this deputy exhibited the worst judgment possible, and Lawrence suffered in his reputation on the score-sheet.

Cuzens came in, and by vigorous but not always wise batting, brought up the fourth wicket to 28. Mullagh, the greatest card, was then played, but not with the spirit and style of the day previous. He seemed to hit anyhow, and gave repeated chances to the field. At the fall of the sixth wicket for 40 runs it required no prophet to foretell the issue of the match. Bullocky was absent without a satisfactory reason being assigned, and, to make short work of what may be called a travestie [sic] upon cricketing at Lord's, the Blacks were defeated by 55 runs.

(Potted scores, not first-class) M.C.C. 164 (Earl of Coventry 25, N C Allix 20, R A Fitzgerald 50; Mullagh 5 wkts, Cuzens 4 wkts) and 121 (C F Buller 23; Cuzens 6 wkts, Mullagh 3 wkts). The Aborigines 185 (Mullagh 75, C Lawrence 31; C F Buller 6 wkts) and 48 (Cuzens 21; C F Buller 4 wkts, T Smyth 4 wkts).

15 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1535.html)

1st Day

Probably a more significant defeat than that sustained by Marylebone in their recent encounter with the University at Cambridge is not recorded in the 30 years' history of the annually recurring match, for according to the most authentic documents Cambridge were winners by an innings and 121 runs. Such a stigma could hardly be allowed to remain on the escutcheon of the Marylebone Club. Hence every effort was made by them to reverse the existing order of things by "mending their team" when the time arrived for the return match, which commenced yesterday. The only change in the University was that of Mr Warner for Mr Harrison; while Marylebone played but two of the first list, and these two were "Ground" men - namely, Grundy and Wootton.

It fell to the lot of Cambridge to win the toss, and at 12.10 they sent in Messrs Dale and Savile to a pair of wickets, open to disputation as regards their beauty and truthfulness. Grundy bowled from the lower one and Wootton from the pavilion. Each bowler commenced with a maiden over; then two byes resulted from Wootton's third ball of the next over. Grundy bowled three consecutive overs, and shortly after Wootton followed his example. Subsequently the hitting assumed a freer form, but 31 overs were expended for 29 runs before the first wicket (Mr Savile's) fell. Mr Money made an off drive for four before his mid-stump was prostrated by Wootton. Two wickets, 35.

Mr H A Richardson joined Mr Dale, and the scoring moved onwards with a nimble speed. Mr Richardson soon put together 20, of which 12 were obtained by three magnificent hits. When bowled by Wootton, 69 runs were totalled for three wickets. Mr Stow was now the third partner of Mr Dale, but not for long; bowled off stump for 6. Major Milman then took the place of Grundy, and from the second ball Mr Warner received another wicket was obtained. The Hon S G Lyttelton next supported Mr Dale, and the latter very soon after was caught in the short slip. Mr J M Richardson, in conjunction with Mr Lyttelton, brought up the seventh wicket to 95. The innings closed at 3.50 for 139. Three bowlers were engaged . . .

Marylebone allowed no time to be frittered away; and, considering the excessive heat at this period of the day, cricket by any other name would have amounted to punishment. 98 runs were scored in 55 minutes before a wicket fell. The Cambridge bowling, it must be admitted, was by no means first-rate at starting, and the "mistakes" in the field were open to censure.

Mr Absolom, who had given place to Mr Money, resumed his post at the stage alluded to, and was fortunate in getting at the leg stump of Mr Maitland off his first ball. This event enabled the supporters of Cambridge to take breath, and the game, which appeared to be going all one way, received - so far as the public generally was concerned - an interesting check. Mr Buller astonished only by his inartistic style of playing the ball into his wicket. At 124 the Hon F G Pelham, who went in first, was caught, and at 163 Mr Gillett was ensnared by a slow. Nothing demanding special consideration occurred up to the close of the innings, at 6.45, when Cambridge were found to be in a minority of 54 runs. Umpires, Hearn and Biddulph.

Day 2

Shortly after noontide yesterday play was recommenced by Cambridge entering on their second innings. It may probably be borne in mind by some that Marylebone were 54 runs ahead when Monday's stumps were drawn. The order of going in on Tuesday differed but slightly from that of the day previous, although the products of the three earliest wickets exhibited a lamentable contrast.

Mr Dale and Mr Savile first confronted Wootton and Grundy. Fifteen overs were bowled, and but six runs scored, when the first wicket (Mr Dale's) fell. Mr Money's off stump was struck by a ball from Grundy before he had an opportunity of contributing anything, and Mr H A Richardson brought up the third total to 12 runs only. At 29 Mr Savile was fairly caught in the slip. This gentleman put together the number affixed to his name on the scoresheet in a manner and style that commended themselves to every close watcher of his movements. Mr Warner and Mr Stow augmented the fifth wicket to 35 before the latter was splendidly caught in the slip. A terrific ball from Wootton knocked Mr Lyttelton's off and mid stumps a considerable distance from their lonely companion, while the over remained incomplete.

Half the wickets were now down, and it was much feared by the patrons of Cambridge that their case would be one of a single innings defeat. Mr Absolom was caught at cover point from the first ball received - a very bad hit. Nine wickets were, in fact, disposed of for 51, and Mr Warner saw four of his companions come and go. The fifth was Mr Brune, and now the triumphing of Marylebone began to receive a check. The innings was saved, and 23 was put on before the tenth wicket fell. Only two bowlers were engaged during the innings . . .

Marylebone sent in Mr Verelst and Mr Buller to get 24 runs. The first ball from Mr Absolom was cut by Mr Buller for four. Mr Brune, who bowled three maidens in succession from the Pavilion wicket, afterwards presented Mr Verelst with a ball that was cut to point and there secured. Wootton joined Mr Buller. A magnificent hit to leg by the latter resulted in his overthrow, as Mr Green was upon the lookout, and made a catch that evoked by far the heartiest applause during the match. Two wickets, six runs.

Wootton added five. Messrs Pelham and W F Maitland then co-operated, and were not long inactive. The former began with a fine on-drive for four, and the latter followed the example. At length Mr Pelham got two to leg from Mr Brune, and in these was embodied the winning hit. Duration of innings, half an hour. Umpires, Hearne and Biddulph.

18 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1537.html)

Day 1

Less than a month ago the Marylebone Cricket Club and Ground paid a visit to Oxford, and after a contest of three days' duration returned to town beaten by seven wickets. The return match was played at Lord's yesterday. Play began at 12.15 by the University appearing at the wickets in the persons of Messrs Mathews and Fortescue. Opposed to them as bowlers were Wootton and Grundy, who have the credit of knowing the characteristics of every inch of ground within the walled enclosure.

A wicket was obtained for six runs. Mr Pauncefote joined Mr Mathews and 24 runs were scored before the second wicket (Mr Pauncefote's) was bowled by the same levelling hand. The next comer may be passed over in silence, but Mr Fellowes, who was the fourth partner of Mr Mathews, earned and obtained the largest share of individual approbation during the innings. At 46 Mr Mathews was clean bowled. Mr Digby, after two overs, was caught at point, and Mr Evetts in the subsequent one was also clean bowled from the other wicket.

Mr Lipscombe received but two balls, and the latter struck his off stump. Mr Bartholomew went to the aid of Mr Fellowes with the score at 59, and left him at 74. Mr Kenney's gown at Oxford was the announced plea for his non-arrival in time at Lord's to take his place as "last man." Hence the University played "one short." The bowling was confined to two persons . . .

At 2.15 Messrs Gillett and Tritton placed themselves in position at the wickets to represent Marylebone. Mr Fellowes started the bowling from the lower and Miles from the upper, or pavilion, wicket. The innings of Mr Gillett was, from first to last, a faultless and magnificent one. He made one hit of 100 yards bound, and ran six runs for it. There were besides two other sixes, a five and three fours, nearly all on drives. The changes of bowling during his long innings were as much varied as the means at hand would permit. Still, every bowler got hot. The fielding was upon a par with the bowling, and taken as a whole was by no means up to the Oxford mark, nor did it at all represent the University as in days gone by.

Day 2

From the paucity of visitors to Lord's Ground yesterday few persons would have imagined that a contest between 22 excellent cricketers was going on. Some attributed the smallness of the attendance to the engrossing entertainment at the Crystal Palace, but a sounder probability may be traced to the fact that the first day's play was disappointing, and the match viewed in the light of a "foregone conclusion." The play yesterday, however, atoned in a great measure for the mistakes of the day previous.

At 12.20 Messrs Mathews and Fortescue reappeared at the wickets to open the second Oxford innings. Opposed to them were Wootton and Grundy, but as these bowling celebrities were not altogether in "form" at starting, a change at 36 was resolved upon, and Mr Gillett received the ball from Wootton. At 50 Mr Maitland relieved Grundy. Both batsmen were, however, so well set that runs came with nearly every over. It required one hour

and a quarter to get the first wicket, valued at 62 runs. Mr Pauncefote was not very successful, but assisted Mr Mathews in bringing up the second wicket to 72. When 88 had been obtained Wootton resumed bowling, and in his second over bowled Mr Mathews. Three wickets, 91.

At 118 Mr Bartholomew was caught at the wicket, and Mr Kenney bowled mid on in the second subsequent over. Five wickets, 126. The sixth (Mr Fellowes), 134. Mr Evetts played a very spirited innings, in which were an on drive for six, two fours and one three, bowled by a shooter. Seven, 171. Mr Miles came and went without writing, or causing to be written, a figure in his favour. At 190 Wootton changed ends, and bowled the ninth and tenth wickets with two consecutive balls. This closed the innings . . .

Marylebone now required 38 runs to win – a number which cost them three wickets, as the accompanying score will testify. The match was concluded at 5.45. It is somewhat singular that Oxford won the first match by seven wickets and lost the second by seven, and that the sister University lost their second match at Marylebone by seven wickets also.

18 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1538.html)

Day 1

This annual match, at the Oval, commenced yesterday. The ground, considering the long drought, was in superb condition. Cambridge won the toss, and soon after 12 o'clock sent in their captain and Mr Savile, neither of whom was so successful as was anticipated. Two wickets, 12 runs.

Mr Money and Mr H A Richardson then got together, and some of the most brilliant batting that has been witnessed, even at the Oval, for many a day resulted. The styles of the gentlemen alluded to are widely different. Hence Mr Richardson got 143 runs in little more than two hours, while Mr Money was nearly four hours in procuring 89. Both were run out. Before these were parted, however, no less than 11 changes of bowling were had recourse to.

At the fall of the third wicket (Mr Richardson's) the telegraph announced 219. Another somewhat curious incident may be placed to the account of Mr Absolom, who made four consecutive on drives in one over, yielding 14 runs. Duration of innings, 4 hours 45 minutes. The chief bowler was Griffith, who in 51 overs (17 maidens) took six wickets. Ninety runs were got off him. At the close of the day Surrey had scored 40 runs, without loss of wicket. Umpires, Caesar and Tanner. Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

In order to prompt the memory of the reader, it may be well to repeat the result of the Cambridge innings on Thursday - viz., 339 runs, and the score of Surrey also - viz., 40 runs, without loss of wicket. Yesterday, at 12.15, Jupp and Humphrey, the "not outs" for 22 and 11 respectively, recommenced the batting.

The former added 14 and was caught at short leg, and the latter 28 and was bowled by a fine bail ball. Two wickets, 80. The scoring from this stage up to the fifth wicket was correspondingly free, and resulted in a total of 157. Mr Money's slows were tried at Mr Absolom's wicket, and in six overs he completed the innings . . . Duration of innings, two hours and a half.

Being in a minority of 160, Surrey had to follow on. Jupp and Humphrey began as usual. The latter was caught at point in the second over, and on the sixth over Mr Mayo returned a ball to the bowler. Two men were thus dismissed for 8 runs. Pooley exhibited a stiffer defence than the foregoing, although he hit very freely all round. When he retired the score had advanced to 67. Griffith made several long and profitable hits, and in about an hour scored 55 runs from his own bat; caught at point, and 145 totalled for four wickets. Stephenson now joined Jupp, and 226 runs were placed on the score sheet before Stephenson was caught. Jupp had been four hours and a quarter at the wickets when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3

The issue of this match on Saturday evening was an unexpected one. When stumps were drawn on Friday Surrey had lost five wickets for 66 runs "on." In order to bring the match to a definite conclusion play was commenced at the time stipulated. Jupp, the "not out" for 105, was joined by Mortlock, and before they were parted the score was augmented to 285, when Jupp's off stump was struck. Mr Noble, in conjunction with Mortlock, brought up the sixth total to 318.

Bristow was caught off the first ball. Sewell then became Mortlock's partner, and was bowled leg stump without adding a figure, great or small, to the score sheet. Nine wickets, 331. Southerton was Mortlock's last partner, and 13 runs were added before a dissolution was effected. Seven bowlers were tried during the innings, the most successful of whom were Mr Absolom . . . Duration of innings, seven hours.

Cambridge now required 175 runs to get, and shortly before 4 o'clock they sent in Messrs Savile and Dale. Southerton and Griffith were the bowlers, who reversed their positions at the wickets from which they operated on Thursday. Three maiden overs were bowled, and from the second ball of the fourth over Mr Savile, as in his first innings, played the ball on to his wicket. Mr Stow hit very freely and brought up the second wicket (Mr Dale's) to 27. For this number of runs 17 overs were bowled. Mr Money, in conjunction with Mr Stow, advanced the total to 44, when the latter was caught at wicket.

Mr Warner effected the longest score of the Cambridge second innings. His leg hits were two fours and four threes. At 61 Mr Money left, and Mr Lyttelton took his place; the latter was promptly stumped at 73, and at 77 Mr J M Richardson, his successor, lost his off stump and his situation also. Mr Green next appeared, scored two singles, and then made a fine on drive for four to the pavilion; stumped next ball. Six wickets, 91. Mr Absolom then became the fourth partner of Mr Warner. The thirteenth over was turned to such account that Cambridge became the favourite. At 115 the bowlers before named changed ends, but to no beneficial purpose as regards Surrey.

At 135 came the first change in the bowling, and at 154 Mr Absolom was given out for "obstructing the field." The circumstances led to much disputation, especially as the game appeared now to be more strongly in favour of Cambridge. Eight wickets, 154. Mr Weighell - next on the list - got four runs, when Mr Warner parted company. Nine wickets, 160. Mr H A Richardson went in late on account of an injury to his hand; he received two balls, and as Mr Weighell was stumped in the next over, the innings was brought to a close, leaving Surrey victors by 14 runs. Umpires, Tanner and Caesar.

22 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1539.html)

Day 1

Of all the opportunities which present themselves for ascertaining the character of cricket in its loftier aspects, the great annual match at Lord's between the light and dark "blues" is incontestably the best. During the period of three and thirty years it has been subjected to vicissitudes and fluctuations incident to every similar institution; but the spirit which actuated the men who figured in its early stages has never suffered by time, while on the part of the public the interest in the match has of late so much increased that "Oxford and Cambridge" attracted the grandest and, with one exception, the most lucrative gatherings in the long and varied programme of the Marylebone Club.

The weather of yesterday morning was doubtful for cricketing purposes; this, however, did not deter past University men from mustering in great force before a ball was bowled. At 12.15 play began. Cambridge, having won the toss, elected to go in forthwith. The betting was 6 to 4 on Cambridge, and in some instances greater odds were obtained.

Messrs Dale and Savile received the opening overs from Messrs Kenney and Fellowes. Nearly half an hour elapsed before the first wicket (Mr Dale's) fell. Mr H A Richardson made a single, and was then bowled by a ball that shot and completely overtaxed his defensive capabilities. From the following ball Mr Money was caught at point, and in fact four wickets fell in unusually quick successful for 27 runs. Rain stopped the play for nearly a quarter of an hour.

Mr Warner and Mr Green enlarged the score to 65 before the fifth (Mr Warner's) wicket fell. Mr Green defended Cambridge by seven splendid hits for four each, among others of a less but not ignoble size. With the exception of Mr Absolom, no other member of the Cambridge party got into double figures; but it must be observed that Mr Absolom was twice missed. The bowling was divided among three . . . Duration of innings, two hours 30 minutes.

Oxford began their batting with Messrs Mathews and Fortescue at 3.45. Messrs Weighell and Money were selected to start the Cambridge bowling. Four maidens were given, and then Mr Mathews got a hit to square leg for four runs, and presently another hit for a three. At 13 Mr Brune went on at Mr Money's end, but 25 runs were scored before a wicket was obtained. Mr Absolom then relieved Mr Weighell, and Mr Pauncefote joined Mr Mathews. From the third ball the latter was caught. Mr Digby's stay was very brief. In fact, five wickets were lost for 50 runs, or 15 runs less than Cambridge at the same stage of the innings. Three wickets were lost in five consecutive balls.

Messrs Miles and Lipscombe atoned to a considerable extent for the infirmities of their brethren by vigorous, though not faultless, hitting, and the innings culminated with 88 runs. Time occupied, 2 hours 15 minutes. Four bowlers were tried . . . At the close of the day Cambridge had obtained 22 runs without the loss of a wicket.

Day 2

Notwithstanding the welcome with which a soft refreshing shower is and ought to be hailed at this oppressive season, there were many persons at Lord's yesterday who wished for clear sunshine until the above match was satisfactorily determined; but such wishes were not gratified. At 12.10 Mr Savile, with 6, and Mr Dale with 12 runs respectively overnight resumed the batting.

Mr Kenney bowled the first over, which was a maiden. In the second over five runs were got off Mr Fellowes, and in the last ball of the third over Mr Savile was caught at short-slip – first wicket, 30. Mr Money came, and Mr Dale made a hit to square-leg for four, and anon a two in the same direction. Runs came so freely from both batsmen that Mr Miles went on in place of Mr Fellowes. In the second ball of the change Mr Dale made a square-leg hit for three, and was afterwards caught at short-leg – two wickets, 47. Mr Money had Mr H A Richardson for his next partner. The former experienced a piece of good fortune in being missed in the slip, but the latter, from whom great things were expected, was bowled by a bailer, to the astonishment of no one present more than to himself – three wickets, 51.

Rain now fell so copiously that every available shelter was sought, and the only thing that presented itself to break the dullness of the scene was the appearance of an elderly gentleman deliberately walking across and about the damp sward unprotected by any shield from the pelting shower. The rain continued for upwards of an hour. At 1.50 play was resumed by Mr Stow appearing at the wickets in conjunction with Mr Money, but such was the state of the ground, as well as of the atmosphere, that all the charming characteristics of cricket were reversed. At 69 Mr Fellowes resumed bowling, and at 71 the refectory bell announced a temporary suspension of the game.

Upon the renewal of play, at 3.10, Mr Stow got a single, but in the subsequent over he was clean bowled. Now came the Cambridge captain, and from his play throughout no one ought to dispute his qualifications for the position he has been elected to occupy. He maintained his post at the wicket for two hours and a half, and achieved a success commensurate with the time. His chief hits were five fours (off-drives and a square-leg), and he obtained 20 runs while his partner was making one. So difficult was the task of parting Messrs Money and Green that four changes of bowling were had recourse to. Soon after 4 o'clock 100 runs were posted to the credit of Cambridge, and when 41 were added Mr Money's off stump was bowled, to the great delight of Oxford, for he had been resisting all their attacks for more than two hours.

At 160 Mr Green was placed upon the dismissed card. The hitting of the next comer, Mr Absolom, was of a totally different character. This gentleman put together 33 runs in 20 minutes, while in the same time his partner, Mr J M Richardson, subscribed but four. In the procurement of his last 13 runs Mr Absolom was missed five times before his off stump was struck – eight wickets, 195. Mr Weighell joined Mr Richardson at 6.30. No less than 200 runs were posted, and, though five bowlers were brought against them, their wickets remained intact up to the moment when "time" was called with a total of 225. The score will suggest other particulars not referred to in the foregoing . . .

Day 3

Cambridge of late have not only resolved upon going in for cricketing honours, but for obtaining them. One more victory has just been added to their list, and that a triumphant one. More than a week since the public who took the trouble to analyse the merits of the respective lists then put forth pronounced strongly in favour of Cambridge, and their opinions have been realized to the full. The simple fact is, Oxford, as an eleven, came to Marylebone on Monday last much weaker than for years past, whereas their opponents were well armed at all points.

From the year 1827 to the present time 34 inter-University matches have been played, of which Oxford have won 16 and Cambridge 16 also. Two were drawn. Last year Cambridge won by five wickets, and yesterday they were proclaimed winners by 168 runs. The seemingly one-sidedness of the match on Tuesday evening operated materially against a great gathering on the third day; there was, nevertheless, a good sprinkling of visitors before play began. It may be well to state, by way of refresher, that Cambridge had lost eight wickets of their second innings for 225 runs when stumps were drawn; Mr J A Richardson and Mr Weighell, the "not outs," resumed their defensive positions at 12.5.

The former added nothing to his overnight score, but Mr Weighell contributed three and Mr Brune four by an off-drive. In the second subsequent ball the latter was bowled, and the innings, which commenced at 6.30 on Monday, was of necessity closed. Six bowlers were engaged, of whom the most successful were Messrs Kenney and Fellowes . . .

At 12.50 Messrs Mathews and Fortescue commenced the uphill task of winning the match for Oxford if possible. Mr Absolom and Mr Brune were the leading Cambridge bowlers. When the score had reached 13 Mr Mathews was clean bowled, and Mr Pauncefote joined Mr Fortescue. Runs came apace and the few backers of Oxford seemed suddenly inspired with a confidence that all was not yet lost. At 30 Mr Weighell relieved Mr Brune; the new comer began with a maiden, and shortly afterwards he bowled three consecutive maidens; then came a wide, and at 45 Mr Money's slows were put into operation; the last ball of the first over presented a chance to the wicket-keeper, which was declined. In the next Money over Mr Fortescue was caught by the bowler off his own ball. Two wickets - 49. In the following over Mr Lipscombe was also caught by the bowler; thus disposing of the third wicket for 52.

Mr Fellowes, in conjunction with Mr Pauncefote, enlarged the total to 63 before a severance could be effected. Three runs were added, and Mr Fellowes was caught at point. His chief hits were one four, one three and four twos. When the score had reached 82 Mr Money was missed. In the same over he made a hit to leg for four and a single; bowled mid stump. Eight wickets, 89. Mr Miles's defensive attributes proved to be altogether unequal to the slows of Mr Money, stumped off the third ball. As Mr Reid did not present himself, the match was brought to a close at 3.30, in favour of Cambridge, as foresaid. The bowling was divided among four . . . Umpires, Grundy and Hearne.

25 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1542.html)

Days 1 and 2

Oxford commenced the batting of this match at the Oval on Thursday, soon after midday, and at 6.40 on the following evening they were proclaimed winners by an innings and 86 runs. Four umpires acted, in consequence of the illness of the two first chosen.

25 June: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1541.html)

Day 1

A match of two days' duration was concluded yesterday at Gravesend. The play throughout was excellent, and resulted in a victory for Kent by 44 runs. Umpires, Thoms and Luck.

29 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1544.html)

Day 1

Among the odd and multiplying titles, singles and compound, given to themselves by the cricket clubs of the three kingdoms, there are not, perhaps, more than half a dozen that can shake out an old banner to the summer sun with an unaltered inscription. "The Gentlemen and Players" is an old stock match, one that stands enrolled in the far back pages of cricket history. It possesses in an extraordinary degree the elements of vitality, and, notwithstanding at times it has assumed a somewhat grotesque character in order to meet changes of circumstances, both parties have annually met at Lord's since 1828, and with as much seeming confidence of success as if the sides were delicately equipoised.

The Gentlemen's team which appeared yesterday on the old battle-ground was regarded as the stronger, before the match began, and though it would be unwise to pronounce upon the issue of the match, certain it is that little short of a miracle must transpire to place the players otherwise than they were placed last year - viz., on the beaten list. The gentlemen won the toss and play began at 12.30.

Mr E M Grace and Mr Cooper first appeared at the wickets. Wootton led off the bowling at the pavilion and Silcock from the opposite wicket. Mr Grace scored a single from Wootton, and then ran two yards out of his ground to meet a ball, which he failed in doing. Mr W G Grace then came forward and played one of the finest, and most assuredly the most prolific, innings at Lord's during the present season. The bowling was severely tested.

At 60 Willsher relieved Wootton, and at 74 Grundy took Silcock's place; still the hitting of Mr Grace was more than a match for them. At 143 Lillywhite gave Willsher a rest, and at 196 Wootton went on at Grundy's end. Two hours and 50 minutes were occupied in completing the innings, which realized 201 runs. Mr Grace's most notable hits were one six, two fives, 11 fours, nine threes and 10 twos . . . [Bowling figures given.]

The players commenced at 4.10, with Summers and Jupp opposed to the bowling of Messrs Lipscombe and W G Grace. Six of the foremost batsmen were lost for 21 runs; the seventh just doubled this number, the eighth reached 56 and the ninth 68. Grundy and Willsher, the last men on the list, brought up the total to the unlooked-for amount of 115. Grundy played a really excellent innings, and Willsher gave but one chance, which was accepted. The bowling was divided among four first-class men . . . {Bowling figures.]

Being 86 runs in arrear, the Players recommenced their second innings forthwith, and when stumps were drawn, at 7 o'clock, they had lost one wicket for 15 runs. Umpires, Hearne and Royston.

Day 2

The defeat of the Players by nine wickets two years ago, and by eight wickets last year, was regarded as a significant fact, seeing that from 1830 the results of the matches at Lord's were adverse to the Gentlemen in every case except one - that is to say, they won but one match out of 16.

Thus turn in the tide appears to be strongly set in, for yesterday the Players experienced another defeat of eight wickets.

It may be remembered that at the close of Monday's play the Gentlemen had completed an innings of 201 runs. The Players had also lost their tenth wicket, and being 86 in arrears had to follow on. At the close of the day 15 runs were added for the loss of a wicket. At 12.20 yesterday Jupp not out for 9 and Ricketts for one resumed their defensive tactics.

Jupp made a splendid cut for four off Mr Absolom's fourth over, and Ricketts shortly after a good square-leg off Mr Lipscombe. In the next over Jupp played a ball which he considered worth a run, but by a piece of dextrous fielding on the part of the wicket-keeper (Mr Round) Jupp was put out. Lillywhite came, and was put out by the second ball he received. When two runs were added to the meagre score Rickett's leg stump was shot down, and Pooley, in hitting to leg, was caught by the long-stop. Five wickets were now lost for 39 runs.

The bowling at this period was of the highest order. At 51 Mr W G Grace went on at Mr Absolom's end, and at 68 Mr E M Grace relieved Mr Lipscombe. When the score had advanced to 82 Mortlock got leg-before. At 104 Wootton and Grundy, who promised a renewal of their first day's batting, were separated, and Willsher appeared a second time as "last man," in conjunction with Wootton. The first ball after luncheon travelled from Wootton to long on, and thus the innings terminated for 116 runs . . . [Bowling figures.]

At 3.25 Messrs Buller and E M Grace were sent in to get 31 runs. The former was clean bowled from the fourth ball received, without contributing a figure great or small. Mr Absolom joined Mr Grace, and with the total at 26 was caught at short leg. Mr Cooper then appeared, and at 3.50 the Gentlemen were declared winners of the match, and, as before observed, by eight wickets. The umpires were Royston and Hearne.

2 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1545.html)

Day 1

At the close of the first day's play yesterday at the Oval the score stood thus: [Gentlemen 379 all out, Mr I D Walker 165.] Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

At the close of Thursday's play at the Oval the gentlemen had completed an innings for 379 runs. Yesterday the players commenced their innings at 12.20. In two hours and 20 minutes they were all out, and being in a minority of 253 they had to "follow on." Their second innings lasted two hours and a quarter, and wound up with 166 runs. From these short statements it will be seen that the gentlemen won by one innings and 87 runs. Umpires, John Lillywhite and Caesar.

2 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1546.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday morning at the Trent Bridge-ground, Nottingham. The Notts wickets fell for small scores, the whole being disposed of for 60, or 153 behind their opponents. They consequently followed their innings, and some fine batting was shown by Daft, W Oscroft, Parr and J Oscroft.

Day 3

This match was concluded (after our parcel was despatched on Friday night) in favour of Yorkshire, with nine wickets to spare.

6 July: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1547.html)

Day 1

This, the third county match played by Sussex this season, commenced yesterday at the Oval. Sussex, from their recent successes, were the favourites at starting, but the expert and highly finished style of Pooley at the wicket tended in a great measure to change the favourable opinion formed at the outset of the encounter long before the first innings closed. The bowling was unchanged . . .

Surrey lost their five leading batsmen for 86 runs. The most remarkable hit throughout the innings was made by Street, the last man in. This was a drive for seven runs, and elicited great applause. Three bowlers were engaged . . . The character of the fielding and bowling combined may be also inferred from the absence of an extra of any kind.

At the close of the day two Sussex wickets were down for 47 runs. Thus far the match has been well contested, and is likely so to be continued till its close.

Day 2

From the general characteristics of the first day's play at the Oval a close run was expected, but the movements of yesterday decreed otherwise. It may be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Monday evening each party had to complete an innings, and two Sussex wickets went down for 47 runs, or 19 "on." Play was resumed at 12.10 by Mr Smith and Lillywhite, the "not outs," with scores of 18 and 6 respectively. The bowlers were Sewell and Bristow.

Then the total had advanced to 70, Street was put into commission at Bristow's end. From the first ball of the change Lillywhite was cleverly stumped. Such was the excellence of Street's bowling at this stage that only ten runs were obtained from 19 overs. At the fall of the fourth wicket 77 runs were chronicled. After this the Sussex batsmen were dismissed with unexpected brevity, and the innings closed for 128. Mr Smith, who went in first, brought out his bat with the highest score of the match. His large hits were five fours (various) and one three (cut). He was at the wicket two hours and a half.

Surrey had a "set" of 101. To get this number they sent in Humphrey and Jupp. In the 11th run the former was caught mid off, when out 15 of the needed nine were acquired [sic]. Pooley joined Jupp and was taken at cover-point, just as 40 were posted on the telegraphic signal-board. Stephenson put together 18, but one four, two threes and eight singles. Some confusion respecting a "call" ensued between the batsmen, and Stephenson's wicket was disturbed by Ellis; 38 runs were now required by Surrey to place them in the coveted position of winners. Mortlock was selected to aid Jupp, and this he did so well that he made the winning-hit without further loss of wickets. In fine, Surrey won the first match with Sussex this year by seven wickets.

9 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1548.html)

Day 1

The first meeting of these counties this season was held yesterday at the County Ground, Gravesend. The toss for choice was won by Kent, and they commenced batting forthwith. The early wickets fell fast - viz., four for 28 runs. Mr Richardson went in last man, and was clean bowled by the first ball he received, and the total stopped at the unexpectedly low figure [of] 72.

Surrey proved themselves more weak at the wicket than their opponents. Six of their leading batsmen were disposed of for 37 runs, and the tenth man retired leaving the total nine runs less than that of Kent. At the close of the day's play Kent had scored 65 for the loss of five wickets, four of which were occasioned by the expert handling of the ball by Pooley, the wicketkeeper. Umpires - Luck and Caesar.

Day 2

Play in the above match was resumed yesterday at the stipulated hour. Kent had four wickets down for 65 on Thursday; to this number 138 were added, thus leaving Surrey a "set" of 213. Only 101 were obtained, consequently Kent were proclaimed winners by 111 runs . . .

13 July: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1550.html)

Day 1

The long-desired reunion between Surrey and Notts attracted a large number of persons yesterday at the Oval. Notts brought up an excellent team, and, as a matter of course, Surrey provided themselves with the best talent at command. Notts were slightly the favourites at starting, but at the close of an innings by each party no feeling was more generally expressed than that of disappointment. Play began at 12.30, with Jupp and Humphrey at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of M'Intyre and J C Shaw.

The score travelled apace up to 22, when Wootton went in. He first wicket (Humphrey's) fell for 36. Pooley hit a ball back to the bowler too smartly to be held, or he would have gone out scoreless, whereas by an on-drive for six, another for four, with various hits of a less size, he put together 32 before he was cleverly stumped. Jupp was an hour and 20 minutes in getting 21 runs. The bowling of Notts was now shorn of its terrors, and 99 runs were totalled for five wickets. The innings closed at 3 o'clock for 114 runs. Three bowlers were engaged . . .

Twenty-nine runs were obtained by Nottingham in one hour at the cost of four wickets, and 29 were added in the next hour for the remaining six. Nottingham were thus placed in a minority of 56 runs. The bowling of Southerton puzzled them severely. Daft and W Oscroft were both stumped off him in two consecutive balls; Biddulph and Wootton were also dismissed in a very summary manner. Griffith bowled 27 overs (13 maidens), 31 runs, five wickets.

Surrey went in a second time and obtained 33 runs without loss of wicket, when the first day's contest closed . . . Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Humphrey and Jupp, the "not outs" of Monday, for 22 and 11 respectively, took their stations at the wickets yesterday at 12.10. The early overs were delivered by J C Shaw and Wootton. Twenty-three balls were bowled before a run was effected. As Wootton got hit somewhat freely after this, Alfred Shaw, at 51, was put on as the first change. The new comer bowled Jupp in his second over, and the first wicket fell for 54.

In the next over Pooley's leg obstructed the passage of the ball, and the umpire decided upon his retirement. Stephenson, who next appeared, was missed early in the slips. At 76 M'Intyre - hitherto unknown to metropolitan assemblages - relieved J C Shaw, and at 88 Mr Truswell tried a few slows at the same wicket. During the fifth over Stephenson hit a ball with tremendous force back to bowler, from whom it bounded to mid on, where it was secured. The contact of the ball with Mr Truswell's little finger was so severe that he deemed it prudent to retire from the field.

Mortlock was Humphrey's fourth partner. Here, again, fingers came into such sharp contact with the ball that Mortlock retired while three other wickets were being defended. At 96 J C Shaw resumed bowling, and the hitting became so prolific in runs that at the fall of the eighth wicket

179 runs were recorded. Humphrey was caught at short leg after having defended himself from every variety of attack for four hours and a half. By an on drive for six, 15 fours (chiefly cuts), one three, 10 twos (various) and 14 singles he compounded a score of which any cricketer might be justly proud. The innings closed at 4.40 for 184 runs. Six bowlers were engaged . . .

Nottingham required 241 runs when at 5 o'clock they entered upon the closing innings of the match. A wicket was lost in the opening over, but the second was defended a full hour for 26 runs; the third wicket realized 31. At the close of the day's play Daft and Summers brought up the total to 76. There is still a chance of Nottingham pulling off the runs, but it is a very faint one . . . Umpires, Luck and Lillywhite.

Day 3

The superior bowling of Street determined the fate of Notts somewhat sooner than was expected yesterday. 76 runs were obtained on Tuesday evening for three wickets. The fine batting of Daft and Summers on the third day of play advanced the total to 126 before a parting could be effected. Each of these batsmen scored 57 runs. Upon their retirement the subsequent wickets fell fast, and the match was brought to a close before 3 o'clock, when Surrey were pronounced winners by 74 runs.

20 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1554.html)

Day 1

This was a return match, commenced yesterday at the County Ground, Hove, near Brighton. Notwithstanding the long-continued drought the wickets were superb, and contrasted favourably with those at the Oval a few days since, when the first match was played. Sussex won the toss, and at 12.30 they began the batting with Mr Smith and Payne, opposed to Bristow and Street.

From the sixth ball of the innings Bristow bowled Mr Smith's off stump. Lillywhite then joined Payne, and became so busy that he scored 33 runs in less than half an hour. At 45 Griffith took Bristow's end, and bowled fast up to 64, when he tried the effect of a few slows. At 70 Payne was caught mid-off, and Mr Carpenter was stumped in the third slow over. From the second subsequent ball Mr Greenhill was caught at the wicket, and two balls later Lillywhite played into his wicket.

Charlwood began impetuously, and by the time that 86 runs were recorded he ran his partner, Wells, out. Phillips, a colt of this year, played a very commendable innings of 16. The bowling at this period underwent too many changes for recital. The eighth wicket fell for 122 runs, the ninth for 153 and the tenth for 166 . . . Duration of innings, 3 hours 45 min.

Humphrey and Jupp opened the Surrey scoring account shortly before 5 o'clock, and at the close of the day's play two wickets were down for 98 runs. There was a much larger attendance than is usually witnessed at Brighton even at good and great county matches at "the Hove."

Day 2

From the unexpected changes which transpired yesterday, the result of the match is pretty clearly foreseen. Play began at 11.55 a.m., by Jupp and Stephenson at the wickets, opposed to Lillywhite and Southerton as the starting bowlers. In Lillywhite's third over Jupp was caught at wicket, and Mortlock went to the assistance of Stephenson. At 140 he was badly missed by Phillips at mid on. In the next over Stubberfield relieved Southerton, and at 150 Ellis tried a few slows, but without success. As the batting appeared to be gaining the upper hand, Sussex bethought themselves of Phillips, a colt, about whose bowling little or nothing was known. The experiment was a singularly successful one. Phillips took four wickets in seven balls for nine runs. At luncheon time nine wickets were down for 179 runs.

Upon resumption of play Sewell and Mr Calvert brought up the total to 297, and from this stage all real interest in the match vanished. Sussex had lost five capital wickets of their second innings for 74 runs when stumps were drawn last evening.

Day 3

It may be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening five wickets of the second Sussex innings were down for 74 runs. Lillywhite, one of the "not outs," added nine yesterday to his overnight score. In

attempting to punish a slow by going out of his ground he was very adroitly stumped. Wills, the other "not out," was caught just previously at mid-off. Seven men were now disposed of for 91 runs.

Ellis played an up-hill game in a manner entitling him to commendation. After being missed at long leg he, with the aid of Stubberfield, the last man, brought up the total to such a pitch that they saved the one-innings defeat. The chief hits of Ellis were three fours (two off-drives and a cut). Stubberfield made two on drives, realizing seven runs. Only two bowlers were called into action during the innings . . .

Surrey only wanted 15 runs to win. This trifling number cost them a good wicket. Seven overs were delivered for five runs. Griffith's mid stump was then clean bowled. Jupp came in and stopped sufficiently long to make the winning hit.

20 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1553.html)

Day 1

A year ago the above match was first played at Lord's, and under very unfavourable circumstances, as it rained the greater part of two days. Yesterday the ground was solid enough, and the wickets played lively. Lancashire won the toss and at 12.15 went to the wickets.

Wootton and Grundy bowled throughout the innings. The first four wickets were lost for 12 runs. The batting of Iddison and Mr Whittaker brought up the fifth wicket to 51. After this the batsmen, with the exception of Hickton, exhibited so much weakness that the innings closed for 74. Time, 2 hours 5 min.

Marylebone lost five wickets for 41 runs. The three "ground" men proved, also, very serviceable, having got nearly as many runs as all the rest combined. At the close of the day Lancashire had lost six wickets for 78 runs, or 38 on the score.

Day 2

Messrs Wall and Whittaker, the "not outs" on Monday evening, resumed their batting yesterday at a quarter past 12. The first-named gentleman effected the largest single score in the match. His chief hits were an on drive for five and three threes (various). The four Lancashire wickets left to fall realized 53 runs and occupied 40 minutes. The bowling was limited to three persons . . .

Marylebone began their second innings with Messrs Perkins and Sutton. 90 runs were wanted to win. Towards this number Mr Sutton contributed 15 from three hits. The first wicket (Mr Perkins's) fell for 37, and the second (Mr Sutton's) for 38. The sixth wicket reached 88. Mr Dodsworth came in seventh and made the winning hit. In other words, Marylebone won by four wickets. Umpires, Price and Farrands.

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1555.html)

Day 1

Play in this match yesterday at the Oval commenced later than is usual. The players won the toss, and sent in Jupp and Humphrey to the bowling of Messrs W G Grace and Lipscombe. At 44 Mr Money was brought on at Mr Grace's end, and at 63 Mr F Grace relieved Mr Lipscombe. The leading batsmen scored 81 runs, before Jupp in playing back hit his wicket; Humphrey, in the fourth succeeding ball, was caught at cover-point. Seven overs sufficed for Lillywhite and Charlwood to put together 32 runs; the latter made 14 from three hits, including an on-drive for six. Silcock joined Lillywhite, and at luncheon time the total reached 189 for three wickets.

The after-dinner hitting partook of the same free and productive character. Holmes and Stephenson were especially fortunate. Holmes kept possession of his wicket for one hour and 20 minutes, and scored nearly a run a minute from his own bat; Stephenson meanwhile got half this amount, thus making 112 runs in 80 minutes. At the close of the day 392 were totalled. Five bowlers were engaged . . . Umpires - Mortlock and Payne.

Day 2

Thirty-five minutes were occupied yesterday in completing the first innings of the Players. Stephenson, one of the "not outs," added 13 to his overnight score, and was then well caught at mid-on. A total of 413 testified to the effective manner in which nearly all the Players handled the bat. Five bowlers were engaged, all of whom got two wickets.

Messrs Cooper and Green opened the Gentlemen's play. The start was unfortunate, as the first wicket fell for eight runs and the second for ten. Messrs Money and W G Grace made such a stand that at 44 Griffith was deputed to relieved Southerton. At 72 Lillywhite was put on in place of Griffith, and at 80 Willsher went to the wicket from which Silcock had been bowling from the outset. Mr Grace made a fine score of 55, in which was an off-drive for seven. Mr Money and Mr Richardson were both out at 125. At 138 Messrs Miller, Walker and Estridge were bowled by three consecutive balls. The innings closed at 5 o'clock for 169, and the Gentlemen, being in a minority of 244, had to "follow in."

Three wickets of the second innings were down for eight runs. Mr Burbidge made one profitable hit, and one only. Mr Money was badly run out when 15 were totalled. At 73 Mr Green was bowled, and at the close of the second day's play 86 runs were recorded for five wickets.

Day 3

One hour sufficed to bring this match to a conclusion on Saturday. The only prominent feature of the third day's play was the really fine batting of Mr I D Walker, who brought out his bat for 86. From the full score here given it will be seen that the Players won by an innings and 91 runs.

27 July: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1556.html)

Day 1

This return match commenced yesterday at the County Ground, Islington. The batting was opened by Middlesex, and 62 runs were scored in the first hour, 51 in the second and 55 in the third, of which Mr Brown made one hit for seven and another for six . . . [Bowling figures.]

On the Kent side eight good players left their wickets for a total of 18 runs. Messrs Troughton and Hilton atoned in some measure for the feebleness of their companions. At the close of the day each party had completed an innings, with results as shown in the accompanying score. Umpires, Luck and Inwood.

Day 2

At the close of Monday's play each party had perfected an innings, Middlesex having a majority of 74 runs. Yesterday the batting was recommenced at 12.10 by Hearne and Mr Sutton, as at the outset of the match. The latter made nine runs from two consecutive hits in the primal over.

Before 20 runs were recorded Mr Sutton's wicket fell. At 25 Bennett's slows were tried by way of contrast to Mr Lipscombe's fiery pace, and a wicket (Mr R D Walker's) was soon obtained from the change. At 58 Mr Lipscombe went on again, and after bowling two overs changed ends with Willsher. Runs came tardily, 13 overs realizing little more than a run each. At luncheon time the eighth wicket fell for 104.

Upon resumption of play the scene was altogether changed. Howitt, the "last man," knocked the bowling entirely off. He made two sixes (drives) from Mr Lipscombe in one over, and presently a cut for six off the same bowler. To be brief, the Middlesex innings at 4.35 was completed for 201 runs.

Kent now required 276 to win. Mr White went in at the fall of the first wicket, and brought out his bat with the second best score of the match. Hearne during the Middlesex innings took three wickets in three consecutive balls. It will be seen from the score hereto attached that Kent lost this return match at Islington by 175 runs, after having won the first at Gravesend a month ago by 44 runs.

27 July: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1557.html)

Final report

A three days' match was concluded at Dewsbury yesterday between these counties, when Nottinghamshire won by 109. The ground was in good order, although somewhat hard, and balls rose high, though pretty true. Nottinghamshire having won the toss on Monday went in first and scored 162. Summers and Richard Daft each played a fine scoring innings, and the latter was only disposed of in consequence of his having played a ball on his pad, and so into the air.

On Tuesday Yorkshire went in, but, with the exception of Rowbotham, Iddison and Stephenson, no one made a stand and the innings closed for 85. The bowling of J C Shaw was very fine, and he was repeatedly cheered. Nottinghamshire concluded their second innings the same day. The batsmen who made a stand were Biddulph, M'Intyre and Wright (a gentleman player), and in all 107 were got. Emmett's bowling for Yorkshire was really good, all the wickets, with the exception of a couple of runs out, having fallen to him.

Yesterday Yorkshire commenced their second innings, having 186 to get to win, but, except Iddison, Freeman and Rawlinson, not one made any stay, and Notts won by 107. The fielding of Nottinghamshire was far superior to that of their opponents.

30 July: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1559.html)

Day 1

The first match between these counties during the present season was commenced yesterday at the Oval. The welcome shower of the preceding day produced a very beneficial effect upon the turf, and a better pair of wickets could hardly have been expected or desired. Play began at 12.20 with Mr Jupp and Mantle as batsmen, opposed to the bowling of Southerton and Street.

In the sixth over Mantle was caught mid-on. Hearne's stay was extremely brief and his innings fruitless - two wickets, 12 runs. Mr I D Walker and Jupp hit up the score to 33, when the latter was caught in the slips. Mr Richardson was bowled by the first ball. These four early wickets occupied nearly an hour in the capture of them. Mr Green partnered with Mr Walker, and the score travelled apace. At 63 Bristow was brought on in lieu of Southerton, and in the fourth over of the change Mr Walker received his dismissal. After a miss by Humphrey at long-leg he made a fine cut for four off Street. Other hits enabled him to realize a total of 37. Mr Green played the most successful innings of the day. Although Middlesex came to the scene of contest a man short, they totalled 112 runs without an extra. The bowling was distributed among three . . . Duration of innings, two hours and five minutes.

Surrey began batting very indifferently; they lost five wickets for 18 runs. Griffith went in sixth man and scored 31 runs in half an hour - sixth wicket, 63. The subsequent portion of the innings calls for no special remark. Southerton proved stubborn and brought out his bat. Only two bowlers were called into action . . . The innings closed at 5.30, when Surrey were found to be in a minority of 19 runs . . . Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Twice this season have the frequenters of the Oval been treated with the excitement attendant upon a "tie" match. The first occurred on the 6th of June, when Marylebone contended with Surrey, and the second yesterday. At the close of Thursday's play each party had completed an innings, and Middlesex, with four wickets down, were 64 "on."

Mantle, the "not out" for 20, was joined by Mr Green at 12.15. Southerton had to deliver two balls to complete his over of Thursday evening when stumps were drawn. From the last ball Mr Green was unexpectedly bowled. Mr Richardson then became the partner of Mantle. The latter was soon after caught at point. When Hearne joined Mr Richardson the hitting became very free and productive. Bristow and Griffith were pressed into service as bowlers in lieu of those who opened the day's proceedings.

At 138 Mr Richardson played a ball on to his wicket. His most noteworthy hits were a cut for five, six fours and three threes (various). Griffith changed ends, and from the second ball of his first over Hearne was caught by wicket keeper. Mr V E Walker, the "not out," played an excellent innings, and at 2.5 p.m. a total of 167 was telegraphed.

Surrey now required 187, and they deputed Humphrey and Jupp to get them. This task was beyond their powers of accomplishment, but before a parting could be effected they caused just 90 to be recorded as the value of the first wicket. Pooley came, and 21 runs were added, when Jupp, who had been on his defence for two hours, was caught in the slips. Two wickets, 111. In Stephenson the Middlesex bowlers found another extremely stubborn adversary. At 121 Pooley was clean bowled; Griffith also, from the second subsequent ball. Southerton's stay was brief. Five wickets were down for 128. Mr Calvert's contribution fell short of expectation, but Bristow who followed him brought up the seventh wicket to within 14 runs of winning. The eighth wicket (Stephenson's) fell for 174.

Every run was watched with great anxiety. Street got three (an on drive and a single) and was then clean bowled. Two runs were now wanted to win. Eleven balls were delivered before a run could be got. It was then a "tie." From the second subsequent ball Roberts was clean bowled and the match brought to a conclusion. Five bowlers were tried, but the most successful were Howitt and Mr Rutter . . .

THE CANTERBURY WEEK

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1560.html)

Day 1

It is now 27 years since the grand "cricket week" at Canterbury was established. As a matter of course the mutations incident to so long a period have been many and various. Nevertheless, by the inhabitants of this ancient city it is regarded as the most exciting period of the year. The St Lawrence ground is situate about a mile from the Cathedral, and very few grounds in England or elsewhere present so lovely an aspect to the visitor. The long drought has been felt at Canterbury very severely, and the ground on which the three matches of the week are to be played out has not escaped, although the spot where the wickets were pitched yesterday was, all things considered, not to be complained of.

The North won the toss, and at 12.30 Mr M'Cormick and Summers began the batting. Willsher and Lillywhite were commissioned to lead off the bowling. In the last ball of Lillywhite's second over Summers was caught at wicket, and only nine runs scored. Coward came, and the hitting at both wickets was so hard and free that at 59 Mr W G Grace went on at Willsher's end. The scoring nevertheless could not be kept in check; at 70 Mr Lipscombe, although he had just previously dislocated his thumb, relieved Lillywhite. 100 runs were got in one hour and 20 minutes. At 115 Coward was well caught at point.

Here it ought to be observed that the great number of fours which occurred during the innings arose from the limited area to which fours were allotted. At 2.45 Mr Buller joined Mr M'Cormick, but he soon retired, bowled off stump. Mr M'Cormick, however, was not to be dismissed easily. He kept possession of his wicket for two hours and a half, and scored 137 runs, composed of 24 fours, two threes, seven twos and singles. No stand was made by any other member of the Northern party after Mr E M Grace bowled Mr Mitchell by a shooter. Duration of innings four hours. Six bowlers were engaged . . .

South commenced their batting with Mr W G Grace and Jupp, to the bowling of Wootton and Howitt. Eleven runs were scored when Jupp played the ball on to his wicket. Humphrey was still less successful; bowled from Wootton's first ball to him in the succeeding over. Lillywhite failed to get a run. Three wickets were down for 21. Charlwood began with a three to leg; followed quickly after by an on-drive for four; to these he added seven (various), when Wootton bowled his leg stump. Four wickets, 43.

Mr E M Grace put his score together in his usual manner, but was stopped, somewhat unexpectedly, by Plumb, who, as custodian of the wicket, cannot be too highly commended. Griffith made two fours, five twos and three singles, and was then capitally caught but Howitt. Six wickets, 103. Pooley was bowled by a shooter with the total at 110, towards which he contributed three. At 6.30 stumps were drawn with the score as represented below. Wootton bowled 24 overs (12 maidens), 38 runs, seven wickets. Umpires, Mortlock and Fryer.

It may be well to state that the match in question was the "return" to that played at Lord's in the early part of June, when the South effected an easy conquest in one day . . . Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday at 11.30 by Mr W G Grace and Payne at the wickets, opposed to Howitt and Wootton as bowlers. The hitting soon became so productive in runs that at 146 Grundy went on in place of Howitt, and at 158 Mr M'Cormick was substituted for Wootton. Even these changes had no effect in checking the rapid progress of the scoring.

Thirty additional runs were soon put together. Hearne then relieved Grundy, and at 202 Payne's career closed. His chief hits were four fours (three drives and a cut) and five twos (various). When the telegraph announced 225 Howitt resumed bowling, and at 240 Grundy relieved him. Wootton then changed ends and bowled Mr W G Grace from the first ball delivered. Thus after trying all the bowling at command for three hours and 20 minutes to no beneficial purpose, the simple device of changing ends effected the overthrow of the most redoubtable champions the Southern army possessed. His most productive hits were 16 fours, five threes and 14 twos, and his innings throughout exhibited batting qualifications of the highest order. Nine wickets, 247.

Mr Lipscombe chose to be "last man." From the third ball received he made a one-handed hit to the off, and ran three, amid much cheering. Presently an on drive by him passed the total of the other side, and the cheering was renewed most lustily. In fact, his innings throughout was the parent of much mirth and applause also. It was found to be so difficult to get the tenth wicket that at 270 Grundy was displaced, this time by Mr M'Cormick. From the second ball of the third over Mr Lipscombe was stumped, and the innings closed at 2 o'clock for a total of 284. Wootton bowled 58 overs (24 maidens) for 101 runs, and took eight wickets . . .

The North renewed their batting with Mr M'Cormick and Summers, but two early wickets were speedily lost for eight runs. Mr E M Grace and Lillywhite delivered the early overs. At 37 Mr W G Grace relieved his brother, but 50 runs were scored before the third wicket, Mr M'Cormick's, was lost. Mr M'Cormick hit a ball to off when Charlwood made a beautiful running catch from it. At 74 Willsher went on at Lillywhite's end, and from the last ball of his third over Mr Buller was bowled by a shooter. Hearne got four from a leg hit, and being a little too frolicsome, gave the wicket-keeper an opportunity of showing his dexterity whenever occasion showed. Five wickets, 81.

Plumb hit so freely that at 108 Mr Lipscombe went on at Mr W G Grace's end. 121 brought Mr E M Grace forward again; but four wickets producing 18 runs, Griffith was tried, and Lillywhite also gave way to Willsher at the same total. For nearly an hour the changes were so frequent as to dispense with recital. Plumb was eventually disposed of by Mr W G Grace at 213 for six wickets. Mr Tennent then joined Mr Mitchell, and the hitting at both wickets was fertile in runs. At 232 Willsher came on for the second time. From three consecutive overs from Mr W Grace 27 runs were scored. This is a sufficient commentary upon the character of the bowling at this period of the match.

At 283 Mr Lipscombe accepted the ball for the second time, and his second ball went clean into Mr Mitchell's wicket, which had been defended full

three hours for 90 runs. His chief hits were nine fours (five cuts, two legs and two off-drives), four threes and seven twos (various). With the fall of the seventh wicket for 283 stumps were drawn. It will be seen from the full score attached that 819 runs have already been scored from 27 wickets.

The band of the Cavalry Depot were present and enlivened the scene with the performance of a programme of excellent music. As there is so large an amount of cricket business on hand, it is purposed to commence playing at 11.30 this day. Umpires, Mortlock and Fryer.

Day 3

Taking time by the forelock, Mr Tennent, the "not out," began soon after 11, with Grundy, to push the Northern innings to its close. Mr Lipscombe had to bowl one ball due overnight to complete his over. This very fourth ball served to dismiss Grundy, caught in the long slip. The ninth man, Wootton, also failed to contribute. Mr Tennent hit the third ball of Willsher's second over to square leg, and this was so well fielded that Wootton was thrown out by it.

Howitt, then joined Mr Tennent, and after adding two more runs that either of the celebrated Marylebone bowlers he was caught at the wicket, and thus 15 minutes sufficed the consummate the second Northern innings. The bowling was mentioned so fully in *The Times* of Wednesday that no necessity exists for a repetition of it.

At 12 o'clock the South sent in Humphrey and Jupp to get, if possible, 255, the winning number. Wootton and Grundy commenced the attack. From the first ball of the tenth over Jupp was splendidly caught by the wicket-keeper. Sixteen runs only were obtained for the loss of a batsman on whom the South relied in a great measure for success. Lillywhite supplied the vacancy caused by Jupp's retirement. A bail ball from Wootton was the signal for another chieftain's departure, and 23 runs as yet obtained.

With Mr W Grace the tide began to turn. Two changes of bowling were had recourse to before Humphrey was caught mid-off. The score had by this time advanced to 92 runs in 90 minutes. Mr E M Grace, who then joined his brother, was bowled off his pad without contributing the humblest figure to a much-needed strong total. Charlwood got eight runs in one over from Howitt. At 126 Wootton, who had given way to Howitt, now resumed his post. 134 runs were recorded at luncheon-time.

Upon resumption of play the hitting appeared to be rather slow than otherwise. One run was scored from 11 balls, when Charlwood was caught by Mr Mitchell at deep long-on. From this stage of the innings to its close no one, with the exception of Mr Grace, hit and scored with sufficient freedom to warrant an expectation of a second Southern triumph. Willsher was at the wickets 20 minutes and failed to obtain a run; but Mr Grace, who went on at 23, brought out his bat at 196. Time, 4.20.

From the full score attached it will be seen that 978 runs were obtained from the bat, or a full average of 24 runs per wicket, irrespective of extras. Taken, therefore, as a whole, the match in question has proved to be one of the most remarkable played in the Canterbury week from its origin to the present time.

5 August: GENTLEMEN OF KENT v MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1561.html)

Day 1

The second match on the card began at a quarter to 5, when Messrs Tritton and Stace appeared as the representatives of Marylebone at the wickets. Mr Lipscombe and Willsher were selected by the Kent captain to open the attack. Although Messrs Mitchell and Tritton went out without a run, no less than 162 were totalled at the time appointed for drawing stumps . . . Play will be resumed to-day at 11 o'clock.

Day 2

Messrs Buller and Fitzgerald, the "not outs" of Wednesday for 39 and 5 respectively, resumed their positions at the wickets shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday. The former added 5 runs to his overnight score by a hit for two and three singles, when he was caught in the slip. A shooter bowled the latter, and the innings closed for 195 . . . Hillyer - a colt from the neighbourhood of Lydd - [bowled] five overs.

At 130 Payne and Bennett commenced the Kent batting, opposed to Captain Parnell and Mr M'Cormick. Mr Buller officiated as long stop. Four byes resulted from an early over. Bennett was stumped off Mr M'Cormick, with the total of 11. Mr Yardley joined Payne, and the score accumulated so rapidly that at 42 Mr E M Grace went on at Mr M'Cormick's end, and at 69 Mr Mitchell relieved Captain Parnell. A square leg hit off the new comer by Mr Yardley sent the ball with such force in the locality of the press tent that it bounded several feet above it.

Another change of bowling was proposed when 78 were totalled. Mr Buller tried a few overs at Mr Grace's end, and at 83 he succeeded in catching Mr Yardley off his own ball. Two wickets were now disposed of for 83 runs, towards which, by seven fours, one three and several twos &c., Mr Yardley contributed handsomely. Mr Troughton's first hit of importance was a cit for four; he was then missed at short slip. At 101 Mr E M Grace resumed bowling. In the next over the riddance of Payne was effected; caught at point. Three wickets, 101. Mr Thornton was missed in an early over by Mr Grace. A second hit for four by Mr Troughton followed, and he was afterwards caught in the slip. Four wickets, 121. Hillyer came, and in the next over Mr Thornton was caught deep off. The latter got 17 runs by five hits - viz., three off-drives valued at 4 each, an on-drive for 4 and a single. Five wickets, 125.

When four more were added Hillyer was beautifully caught at long-off. Willsher brought up the seventh wicket to 129. A few welcome showers prevented much more business being done in the field, and at the close of the innings, shortly after 6, further play for the fourth day was suspended. Four bowlers were engaged in the Kent innings . . . Umpires, Royston and Fryer . . . Play will be resumed at 11 o'clock this day.

Day 3

Marylebone commenced their second innings yesterday at the stipulated time by Messrs Grace and Tritton at the wickets; the former was caught mid off

at 9. Mr Nicholson came, and at 30, Mr Thornton relieved Hillyer, one of the leading bowlers. At 32 Mr Nicholson was splendidly caught at point. Mr Mitchell then joined Mr Tritton, and the latter was caught mid on by Palmer, who acted as substitute for Mr Lipscombe. Three wickets, 34.

At 48 Bennett relieved Willsher. The batting soon assumed a very vigorous character. At 90 Willsher resumed in place of Bennett. At 146 Mr Tennent was stumped, and at 186 Mr Mitchell was caught at short slip. His chief hits were 15 fours, three threes and four twos. Seventh wicket (Mr Frederick) 206; eighth (Mr Fitzgerald) 205; ninth (Mr M'Cormick) 215. At the close of the day's play Kent had lost five wickets for 85.

Day 4

Although the above-named match began on Wednesday, it was not brought to a close before 1 o'clock on Saturday. It may be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Friday evening Marylebone had completed two innings for a total of 425 runs. Kent had scored 145 in their first innings and 85 for the loss of five wickets in the second. Hillyer, the "not out" for two, was joined by Willsher at five minutes past 12. Mr M'Cormick and Captain Parnell were the bowlers. Hillyer hit a ball to long on and received four runs as a reward; but the next ball clean bowled him. Six wickets, 98.

Mr Austin appeared at the vacated spot, and from his first hit (a leg) he scored four. In the next over he was finely caught at point, and Willsher, in the second subsequent over, was, after being missed at cover point by Mr Yardley, caught in the short slip from a ball that appeared to dart from his glove. Carroll and Tidy brought up the eighth wicket to 115, when the former was given out l.b.w. Henty came, and when 11 runs had been added to the foregoing total Mr Buller accepted the ball from Mr M'Cormick, and with the last of his third over he shot down Tidy's off stump.

Mr Lipscombe appeared late, made a single hand hit for two, and was taken at point. With this the innings closed, and Marylebone were pronounced winners by 132 runs . . .

10 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1562.html)

Day 1

This was a return match to that played at Gravesend early in July last, when Kent were the victors by 111 runs. The place of meeting yesterday was at the Oval. After the usual preliminary arrangements had been completed, Surrey sent Humphrey and Jupp to the wickets. Mr Lipscombe and Willsher were the bowlers selected by Kent to lead off the attack.

Humphrey made a cut for two and another for three off Willsher; but from the first ball of an over from Mr Lipscombe he was cleverly caught at wicket. Pooley effected three singles, and from the first ball of Willsher's third over his leg stump was prostrated. Two wickets were thus down for 12 runs. Stephenson and Jupp brought up the total to 30, when the latter was bowled off his leg. Griffith got four runs by two hits; his leg stump was then knocked out of its earthen socket. Mr Calvert exhibited a sterner defence than any who had preceded him. A fine piece of fielding on the part of Mr Troughton occasioned his dismissal. Sewell was thrown out by Mr Cooper, and the innings, which commenced at 12.25, was completed four hours and 20 minutes afterwards . . .

Kent deputed Mr Rodger and Remnant to commence their batting. 39 runs were scored before a parting could be effected. Bennett played the slows of Griffith to purpose, and Mr Cooper, who was his chief companion, punished both fast and slow without mercy. Bennett's most notable hits were one five, one four and one three, and Mr Cooper's three sixes, one five and three threes, all run out. When stumps were drawn Kent had obtained 114 runs at the expense of four wickets in the manner set forth in the accompanying score. Umpires, Caesar and Luck.

Day 2

Yesterday may be regarded as the first day since the cricket season commenced in which cloud and rain prevailed over almost unbroken sunshine in the metropolis and its neighbourhood. Not that rain fell in very large quantities, but the sun was scarcely visible from the time of its rising to that appointed for its going down. Much of the play at the Oval was under a bad light. It may be remembered probably by some that when stumps were drawn on Monday Surrey had completed an innings for 136 runs, and Kent had obtained 114 for the loss of four wickets. Mr Troughton and Willsher, the "not outs," recommenced the batting at 12.20.

The former made a cut for four, and was easily caught afterwards in the slips. Five wickets, 122. The batting of Messrs Kelson and Thornton enlarged the Kent score off almost every over. Mr Thornton's most notable hits were four fours and four threes. Expecting a chance from a tall hit, the fielders at times spread beyond ordinary limits in the hope of a catch, but it did not come off and Griffith eventually hit his leg stump.

Mr Kelson's fifth companion was Mr Lipscombe, and much amusement resulted from the rapid and successful one-hand hitting of Mr Lipscombe. So straight was the direction in which that gentleman sent the ball that in one instance it went through the opposite wicket. The innings closed for 224, or 88 more than the other side . . . Time, two hours 30 minutes.

The second innings of Surrey commenced with Jupp and Humphrey. Fifty runs were scored before the first wicket fell. Pooley, the third man, made a drive for five, which brought up the score to 90. A fine catch by Remnant, at the cost of a heavy fall, led to the dismissal of Mr Calvert. This gentleman, and Pooley and Pratt, were overthrown by Willsher in three successive overs. The changes during the latter part of the day were frequent. Rain came on at 6 so heavily that play was soon after discontinued.

Day 3

At 12.35 Bristow, the "not out" for four, was joined by Sewell. Willsher bowled a ball to complete an over of the previous evening. From the last ball of the eighth over Sewell was clean bowled, and in the eleventh over the off stump of Bristow's wicket was prostrated. 131 runs were then exhibited during the telegraph, in conjunction with the figure 9, indicative of the number of Surrey men out. Street appeared as last man, but received one ball only, as his partner, Mr Noble, was caught in the short slip. Forty-five minutes were occupied in disposing of three Surrey chieftains, and thereby bringing their second innings to a close . . . It is somewhat remarkable that Surrey's first and second innings were alike in their totals.

Kent led off the final innings with Mr Hilton and Bennett. Forty-nine runs were required to win. The first wicket (Mr Hilton's) fell for 18. Mr Thornton came, and by three hits in his first over scored ten runs. Early in the next over he was caught at point. Two wickets, 29. Bennett played vigorously, and by a five, three fours, two twos and three singles he assisted mainly in raising the third wicket to 43, when he was caught at long-off. Mr Cooper retired almost immediately after.

Remnant and Mr Troughton were now expected to make one or two hits and settle the business. Unfortunately, Mr Troughton's wicket fell from the first ball presented to it. Mr Kelson then joined Remnant and the winning hit was quickly effected, and Kent were pronounced victors by five wickets. Street and Bristow were the only bowlers engaged. The former bowled six maiden overs out of 12, and the latter five out of 11. The wickets obtained will be seen by a glance at the accompanying full score.

10 August: SUSSEX v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1563.html)

Day 1

On the 11th and 12th of June a match between these celebrated cricketing counties was played at Islington, when Sussex won by nine wickets. The "return" commenced yesterday at Brighton at 12.30 on wickets that commanded the admiration of all parties concerned. Nearly all the day was expended in the completion of a Middlesex innings. The chief batsman was Mr I D Walker. Other good scores were effected, as shown by the score attached. Umpires, Lillywhite and Thoms.

Day 2

The Sussex wickets were down on Monday evening for 41 runs. Mr Carpenter and Payne, the "not outs," resumed batting at 12.10 yesterday. Seven wickets fell for 48 runs. Mr Frere joined Payne at this stage of the game, and by hard and successful batting the eighth wicket realized 66. Payne played a fine innings and brought out his bat.

As Sussex were 167 in arrear they had to "follow on." In the second innings Mr Smith distinguished himself by obtaining the second best score of the match. But it was soon discovered that Sussex was no match for their metropolitan visitors, and to be brief the tenth wicket fell for so insignificant a number that Middlesex claimed the match by an innings and 44 runs. As the full score is attached, any further remark respecting the play and the players may be dispensed with.

13 August: KENT v CAMBRIDGESHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1564.html)

Days 1 and 2

In this return match, commenced on Thursday at Gravesend, some of the men of Kent did not figure very grandly, for although they started with success in the toss, five of them met with speedy reverses on their journey. The weather, it must be admitted, was not favourable to cricket; the light was bad and the wickets were far from the mark.

Mr Yardley contended against these drawbacks with a success that deserves "honourable mention." He scored as many runs from his own bat as all the rest of his friends, including extras. Rain interrupted the progress of the play three times, but an innings was completed, notwithstanding. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Play began on Friday at 12 o'clock, with weather of the most favourable character. The great feature of the Cambridge innings was the magnificent all-round hitting exhibited by Thomas Hayward. He was at the wicket upwards of four hours and scored a total of 84, among which were two hits for nine for four [error here], two for three and nine for two . . . At the close of an innings each there was a difference of 75 runs in favour of Cambridgeshire, and, when stumps were drawn, Kent had lost five wickets of their second innings for 35 runs. Umpires, Luck and Bell.

Day 3

At the close of Friday's play the situation of Kent was by no means one to be envied; in fact, the game appeared to be so destitute of interest that few persons attended to County Ground on Saturday to witness its legitimate termination; but it turned out much better than was expected. Play began at 12 o'clock.

Mr Troughton, the "not out" for four, was joined by Mr Hilton. These gentlemen infused new life into the affair, and before they were parted the score had advanced from 35 to 68. The latter was caught at point. Willsher proved also a worthy coadjutor to Mr Troughton. While these were together Cambridge found it necessary to change their bowling. Mr Troughton had got just one-third of the Kent total in their second innings when the umpire, on being appealed to, pronounced an infraction of law 24 [lbw], and Mr Troughton, evidently much chagrined, retired. His chief hits were four fours and six twos. Seven wickets were now down for 100 runs. Unfortunately for Kent, the remaining three made a very feeble resistance and small scores. The innings closed at 1.15 for 108. Five bowlers were engaged, and nearly all got wickets . . .

The winning number for Cambridge was not a very startling one, certainly, but it cost seven wickets notwithstanding. The Kent bowling was marvellous. Six wickets fell for 17 runs, and the hope which at one time was considered forlorn now began to revive - 17 runs were wanted by Cambridge to win. Carpenter, with the aid of two "extras," got eight in one over. The seventh wicket (D Hayward's) fell for 30. Four runs were still wanted. Carpenter got a single and Mr Masterson made a square leg hit for four, which brought the match to a conclusion in favour of Cambridge by three wickets . . .

From the full score attached, the reader will be able to eliminate many interesting points not hinted at in this brief notice.

13 August: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1565.html)

Days 1 and 2

The weather on Thursday prevented play at Islington altogether. Yesterday the Yorkshiremen, who had lost the toss, were sent in. They were at the wickets about two hours, and left them with a total of 60 runs only. Two bowlers were engaged . . .

Middlesex lost three of their early wickets for 11 runs, and at the fall of the eighth they had passed over the score of Yorkshire. Their innings closed for 86. It is much to be regretted that Freeman, the leading Yorkshire bowler, met with so severe an accident to his ankle that he was obliged to retire from the field, and it is feared that he will not be able to appear again this season, or to fulfil his engagement with the parties concerned in the Anglo-American matches to be played in the fall of the year. Umpires, Martin and Thoms.

Day 3

Here Middlesex won by three wickets. It may be remembered by some that at the close of Friday's play each side had completed an innings, and three Yorkshire wickets were down for 69 runs. Shortly after noon on Saturday Iddison, the "not out," recommenced the batting in conjunction with Stephenson.

The former's stay occupied no longer time than was necessary for a single. Atkinson put together 27, chiefly by hits of large size, and with more than ordinary rapidity. The highest score in the match was Rowbotham. He made 12 runs by two drives and a cut, five threes and five twos (various) and five singles . . .

Middlesex at 2.15 began their winning task. At the fall of the third wicket 29 runs were accredited to them; . . the seventh 107. Mr Benthall and Hearne added six hereto, and the match was declared won at 5.30. Score in full subjoined.

17 August: SURREY AND MIDDLESEX v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1566.html)

Day 1

Had the weather been favourable for cricket the chances are that a larger number of persons would have presented themselves to the gatekeeper at the Oval than on any occasion during the present season. The reason for this is two-fold: first, the combatants were so arrayed as to promise play of the highest order; and, in the second place, the match was promoted to benefit a player who has grown grey in the pursuit of his favourite pastime. Julius Caesar has been twenty years before the public, not merely in England, but in America and the Australian colonies. For long and popular service in the cause of cricket Surrey got up this match, and fixed upon Monday, the 17th inst., to inaugurate it.

Play began at 12.30. England having won the toss went in, although the wickets were dead, and the ball hung considerably. Summers and Ricketts, two northern stars of considerable magnitude, began the batting; but they were speedily eclipsed. Mr Money, like Summers, was dismissed by the custodian of the wicket without much ceremony. The three English leaders were, in fact, out for five runs, and but nine overs expended in the accomplishment of this feat.

With Mr Grace and Lillywhite came a change of fortune. They kept together for an hour, and meanwhile added 46 to the extremely small total. Mr Grace made 12 by one hit to leg for four, a cut and an on drive also for four each. The other moiety of his innings consisted of three twos and six singles. At 50 Hearne went on in lieu of Howitt, one of the starting bowlers, and at 72 Griffith was substituted for Southerton. At 79 Howitt resumed, and in the first over he bowled Lillywhite's off stump before a run was added.

At 80 Southerton went on again, and Silcock, who had been getting runs slowly but well, was caught in the slips in the first over. Six wickets, 81. Mr Thornton did not survive the second over of Howitt - bowled leg stump. Charlwood made six runs in two hits from one over, when rain stopped play for two full hours and a half. Upon resumption of the game the players found it very difficult to gain a foothold. The innings closed at 5.25 for 115 runs. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Humphrey and Jupp were foremost with the bat the represent the conjoint counties, in opposition to Willsher and Lillywhite. Eleven overs were delivered for three singles, and at the time of drawing stumps 30 overs for 20 runs. Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather it is stated that nearly 2,000 persons attended the match. Umpires, Luck and John Lillywhite.

Day 2

Considering the ponderous scores which have been recorded almost every day since the season commenced, the totals in the above match, as far as it has proceeded, may be regarded as mere trivialities. The chief reason assigned for this is the recent heavy rainfalls, which appeared to deprive the ball of all life. It will be remembered that at the close of Monday's play

England had completed an innings for 115 runs, and on the other side 20 were scored by Jupp and Humphrey at the time of drawing stumps.

Yesterday proved favourable as far as the weather overhead was concerned. The "not outs" proceeded to the wickets at 12.30. Willsher and Lillywhite resumed the bowling. Runs came so slowly that 22 overs were bowled for 19 runs. Mr Money then tried the effect of a few slows, but as these did not answer Mr W G Grace took his place. Humphrey was caught in Mr Grace's fifth over, after being at the wicket two hours for 33 runs. Pooley then joined Jupp. The new-comer ought to have been taken by the wicket-keeper before he obtained a run, but his fate was deferred for Willsher, who caught him admirably in the slips. From this stage of the innings to its close nothing occurred calling for special remark, except the patient defence of Jupp, who was at the wickets 2 hours and 50 minutes for 37 runs, thus averaging little more than 12 runs per hour. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

England commenced their second innings at 4 o'clock. Summers and Thewlis were speedily dismissed, and their places were next occupied by Messrs Money and Grace. The latter scored 19 before his partner got one. Mr Grace made a straight drive for five, two off-drives for four each and a cut for three. These with three singles formed the sum of his innings - three wickets, 27.

Mr Money, like Jupp, was a long time in putting together 12. The seventh wicket realized but 41 runs. A short stand was made, and 64 were accredited to the eighth wicket. Mr Thornton, the not-out, was missed at seven by Humphrey, fielding long-off. His hits were a cut for five, an off-drive for four, two threes, two twos and three singles. Duration of innings, one hour and 50 minutes. The bowling was unchanged throughout.

Surrey again started with Jupp and Hampshire, and at the close of the day the score stood thus: . . . [Surrey and Middlesex (2) 2/0.]

Day 3

The unfavourable weather which heralded the above match at the Oval returned yesterday, and had a depressing effect upon the third day's play. So heavy was the downpour in the morning that the ground was not able to endure the wear and tear of play until half-past 3 o'clock. Humphrey and Jupp, the "not outs" for 2 and 0 respectively, then took their stations at the wickets, opposed, as on the previous evening, to the bowling of Mr Grace and Willsher.

Only nine runs were scored in nine overs, and in the tenth Humphrey was caught mid on. Pooley hit freely and offered a striking contrast to the style of Jupp, who kept possession of his wicket a full hour for six runs. Pooley retired almost immediately after Jupp. The principal hit of the day was made by Pooley - viz., an on drive for five, notwithstanding the extreme deadness of the ground. Mr Green made so brief a stay that at the fall of the fourth wicket only 36 runs were totalled.

The brothers V E and I D Walker pulled up the score to 49, when the former's off stump was bowled. Stephenson proved very stubborn. He was at the wickets 80 minutes for 13 runs. Mr I D Walker played a ball on to his wicket and the telegraph then announced 51 for six men out. Hearne by six hits made 14 runs; his career was then closed by Silcock at long on.

Griffith possessed himself of two singles and was clean bowled; eight wickets, 72. It was now considered anybody's game.

Southerton joined Stephenson, and with them the tide turned in favour of the combined counties, although Willsher bowled ten consecutive overs for two singles. At 90 Stephenson's leg stump was struck, and Howitt appeared as "last man." Eight runs were required to win. Before Howitt had scored anything he was missed at long on by Charlwood. After this fortunate escape he got seven runs by four hits, and to these was added a single, which brought this three days' well-contested match to a conclusion in favour of Surrey and Middlesex by one wicket. The bowling was unchanged . . . Duration of innings three hours . . .

20 August: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1567.html)

Day 1

This was a "return" to the remarkable match played at the Oval at the close of July, when the last man went in for two runs, but, failing to get more than one, caused a "tie." In consequence of the heavy rainfall at daybreak yesterday, and its continuance up to 11 o'clock, the wickets were not pitched at Islington till ten minutes to 1. Play began soon after. The lists were not exactly the same as those in the first match, but were nevertheless quite as well arranged. Surrey won the toss and put their opponents in.

Mr Jupp and Mantle received the early overs from Street and Southerton. Runs came very slowly. In Southerton's fourth over Mr Jupp's middle stump was prostrated. In the following Mr R D Walker was caught at point, and in the sixth over Mantle was caught mid-on; Mr I D Walker was also caught by point at a very early stage of his career. Four wickets were, in fact, lost for 17 runs. Mr Daniel and Mr V E Walker assumed a far more defiant bearing than any of those who preceded them. These gentlemen put together 30 runs in nine overs. At 68 Griffith took the ball from Street and bowled ten overs for one run. Shortly before 4 o'clock rain stopped the play.

Upon resumption three wickets fell from five consecutive balls. Eighty-five runs were totalled for eight wickets. Mr Shackle and Mr Moore brought up the ninth to 106, when the former was well caught in the slips. Howitt joined Mr Moore, and the hitting was very prolific in runs. From four overs 32 runs were obtained, when Howitt was stumped, and deservedly so. The innings closed for 139, including one extra. Mr Moore's hits were significant; one sent the ball clean over the Pavilion, and another to leg; six were scored for each. There were also two fours (both drives) and three threes (various) . . . Duration of innings, 2h 20m.

Humphrey and Jupp began the Surrey batting. The latter was bowled in the second over. Humphrey, in conjunction with Stephenson, kept possession of his wicket until 28 were scored, of which he claimed five-sevenths. Pooley's stay extended over a period of three delivered balls. Howitt up to this stage of play had bowled eight overs, seven of which were maidens, and had taken three wickets. At 50 Hearne went on in lieu of Mr R D Walker, who started the bowling in conjunction with Howitt. The next wicket taken was Stephenson's, who had been defending it for nearly an hour. Griffith played a very vigorous innings, and, when caught at long-on, stumps were drawn for the day. Umpires, Thoms and Caesar . . .

Day 2

Few persons on Thursday evening entertained the idea of a result so adverse to Surrey as the tenth wicket of their second innings pronounced yesterday. It may be well to state, then, when stumps were drawn on the first day of play, Middlesex had completed an innings for 139, and half of the wickets of Surrey were down for 69. The play of the second portion of this innings was of so tame and uninteresting a character as to dispense with the necessity of critical remark. Three bowlers were engaged during the innings . . .

Middlesex renewed their batting with Mantle and Mr R D Walker. The bowlers at starting were Southerton and Street. In the twelfth over Mantle's off-stump was struck - one wicket, 19. Mr Daniel then appeared, and at 47 Mr Walker was caught at point, as in the previous innings. Mr I D Walker came as "third man," and he [stayed] at the wicket long enough to see all his appointed coadjutors come and go.

At 70 it was deemed expedient to change the bowling, and Bristow relieved Southerton. At 80, Mr Daniel was run out by his substitute, not, however, before he had given three undeclared [?] chances to the field. The three next in succession contributed so feebly that the sixth wicket only registered 92. Mr Shackle, in attempting a run, in which the chances were fearfully against him, lost his wicket. Mr Walker's total of 66 comprised three fours (one of which would have been six had not his companion, Howitt, run two short), seven threes, seven twos &c . . . Duration of innings, 2 hours 45 minutes.

Surrey wanted 207 runs to win. To effect these they, according to custom, sent in Humphrey and Jupp. These redoubtables were very quickly disposed of; the latter was cleverly thrown out before an opportunity presented itself to him for scoring, and the former made but one telling hit, and that for an insignificant figure. Nor were Stephenson and Pooley more successful than Jupp. To be brief, half the Surrey wickets were down for six runs.

The only semblance of what may be considered defence was exhibited by Mr Calvert. This gentleman got 14 runs, by an off drive for four, three threes (also drives) and a single. The innings was completed in an hour . . . From the full score attached it will be seen that Surrey were beaten by 171 runs.

24 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1569.html)

Day 1

Towards the close of June last Surrey, in the capacity of a cricketing county, went to Sheffield and came back victor by an innings and four runs. The "return" match commenced yesterday at the Oval, and, judging from its present aspect, the reverse of June is likely to ensue. Although the toss was won by Surrey and the wickets were admitted to be very good, only four players out of the eleven seemed to appreciate their advantages.

Humphrey and Jupp were, according to custom, selected to commence the batting. West, a Yorkshire colt of considerable promise, had charge of the ball at the Pavilion wicket, and Emmett contra. Forty runs were got in as many minutes. In order to keep the runs in check Iddison was brought on in lieu of Emmett, but his slows were so punished that he was taken off on the completion of seven overs. At 47 Humphrey was caught mid-off; Pooley then joined Jupp. The hitting at both wickets realized 75 runs in the first hour of the play. Pooley at this stage was bowled off his pad. Griffith came and went, leaving no substantial figure as a record of the event.

Very different was the case of No 5, Mr Calvert. This gentleman, in conjunction with Jupp, necessitated three changes in the bowling; 102 runs were put on in the space of 80 minutes. At 177 both were bowled. Jupp's most notable hits were an on drive for six, nine fours, five threes (various); Mr Calvert's eight fours (chiefly drives) and four threes (various). With the fall of the fourth and fifth wickets the innings was virtually at an end, as the remaining six contributed but 17 runs towards the total of 195. Five bowlers exercised their craft . . . Duration of innings three hours exactly.

Yorkshire began their batting with Thewlis and Lockwood, the latter quite a stranger to the metropolis. These excellent defenders of the stumps had to contend against six bowlers, three of whom were twice on. At the call of "time" neither was out, and 109 runs were placed on the score-sheet to their credit. There was an excellent attendance, and the match has already enkindled an unusual amount of interest. Umpires, Caesar and Martin.

Day 2

When stumps were drawn on Monday evening Yorkshire had scored 109 runs without loss of wicket. This good beginning was carried on till nearly 2 o'clock yesterday, when Lockwood was caught by the bowler. The partnership lasted for three hours and a quarter. Lockwood's first appearance before a Metropolitan assembly was indeed a most satisfactory one. Among his notable hits were an on-drive for six, two fives (a leg and a drive), four fours and six threes (various). In compiling the huge score of 91 he did not present a single chance to the field, saving the one which Bristow accepted. The first wicket fell for 176.

Stephenson and Rowbotham were speedily dismissed, but Iddison, who next joined Thewlis, played a steady and masterly innings up to 38 runs, when Pooley by an adroit piece of fielding threw him out. Before this event, however, Thewlis was caught at wicket after defending it four hours and a half for a score of 108. In this large individual score were hits of

nearly every size and kind. Here it ought to be stated that he had two escapes from two consecutive balls before he possessed himself of one-third the total he ultimately claimed.

When Atkinson and Rawlinson acted together the running was accelerated to such an extent that 51 runs were marked on the score-sheet in about 30 minutes. Atkinson made 28 runs for seven hits, Emmett was partnered with Rawlinson during eleven overs, when the former played a ball on to his wicket. Seven Yorkshiremen were now out, and 331 runs scored in their favour. The eighth wicket (Rawlinson's) fell for 344, and at the close of the day's play Ullathorne and West, two colts of the present year, were still in possession of the wickets. During the innings thus far completed no less than 21 changes of bowling were had recourse to. Other particulars must be deferred for a day . . .

Day 3

Yorkshire amply atoned yesterday at the Oval for its shortcomings in the month of June at Sheffield. Very few matches in which Surrey of late have taken part displayed so much defensive weakness in the professional department as during their second innings with Yorkshire - a weakness which conduced to a signal overthrow.

At the close of Tuesday's play Surrey had completed an innings for 195 runs, while nine wickets of the other side laid claim to 384. The number was augmented in four overs to 389, when the tenth wicket fell. The bowling of Surrey was, perhaps, never before so severely taxed. Eight men were tried, but they constituted 22 changes . . . Duration of innings, 7 hours and a half, averaging meanwhile 52 runs per hour.

Surrey began their second innings yesterday with Humphrey and Jupp, opposed to the bowling of Emmett and Atkinson. In the tenth over Humphrey was taken at wicket. Stephenson joined Jupp; two byes followed, and Jupp was caught at point immediately after. Thus the two batsmen placed foremost and considered the most dependable were out for five runs. Pooley kept his assailants at bay during five overs, but scored only one run in the meantime. Stephenson's leg stump was struck just previously. As neither Mr Calvert, Street nor Griffith contributed anything, the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh wickets fell for 11 runs.

When Sewell and Bristow acted together the hitting revived. The former made a cut for five, a leg for four and an on-drive for three; the latter one five, one four (an off-drive) and a two. Long before this all interest in the game had disappeared. With the total at 40 Bristow's leg, in the opinion of the umpire, obstructed the passage of the ball and he was given out. At 51 Sewell was beautifully bowled (the leg stump), and Mr Willis in the next over by Atkinson was also similarly bowled. This settled the entire affair, and Yorkshire were admitted the winners by an innings and 142 runs. The bowling was limited to Emmett and Atkinson . . . Duration of innings, 95 minutes . . .

24 August: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1568.html)

Day 1

This, like the foregoing, was a "return" match to one played as far back as the month of June. On that occasion Sussex won by 133 runs. So stinging a defeat roused Kent to summon such a team yesterday to Gravesend as to give good hope of counteracting the Brighton triumph. Active business began at 12.30. Sussex, who had won the toss, placed Mr Smith and Payne at the wickets, which did not play so true as might have been desired. Mr Lipscombe and Willsher led off the bowling, and they maintained it without change during the innings.

Mr Smith effected a hit to leg for five, and in the second subsequent over an on drive for four. These with two singles closed his account. Payne made a drive for four and four singles, and then cut a ball into the slips, where its progress was arrested. James Lillywhite made a four (drive) and five singles, before he was bowled off his pad. Charlwood misjudged a run and received his full discharge in consequence. After this the wickets fell unexpectedly past. Six were down for 53 runs . . and the tenth 81.

Shortly after 4 o'clock Mr Alexander and Carroll commenced the Kent batting, opposed to Lillywhite and Southerton. From the second ball Mr Alexander's off stump was struck. Mr Cooper next appeared, but was not long able to withstand the bowling of Southerton. Mr Yardley exhibited a good defence and a very effective style of keeping his assailants at bay. His chief hits were two fours and four threes. Carroll and Bennett were valuable contributors to the Kent score, which at the time of their appearance seemed to be dragging a "slow length along," as neither Mr Thornton nor Mr Troughton came out in force.

At the close of the day's play Kent were 61 runs in advance, with two wickets to go down. Umpires, Luck and Lee.

Day 2

The incidents of the play yesterday may be briefly told. Henty and Bennett, the "not outs" of Monday evening, recommenced the batting at 5 minutes past 12 o'clock. Henty cut the first ball delivered by Lillywhite for four runs. The next ball bowled him. Mr Lipscombe went to the vacated wicket, but was denied the opportunity of registering a run, as Bennett hit a ball to long on, where Phillips, a most expert fielder, was stationed, and the innings ended . . .

The second innings of Sussex presented but two batsmen who appeared to have any resisting power equal to the occasion. Mr Smith and John Lillywhite put together more runs than all the rest of the party, and the innings closed with a very insignificant amount for Kent to procure . . .

Kent sent in Messrs Cooper and Thornton to get 26 runs. This number was very speedily acquired, and without loss of wicket, as will be seen from the full score attached.

27 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1570.html)

Day 1

About the middle of July last a match was played at the Oval between the above-named counties, when the former sustained a defeat of 74 runs. The "return" commenced yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham. Notts sent in A Shaw and Summers to take the edge off Southerton and Street, the leading bowlers.

From the third ball of the innings a four was effected by Shaw, and shortly after he put up a ball in the vicinity of longstop, where it was secured. Mr Wright joined Summers, and assisted materially in working up the total to 15, when Summers was bowled by a bailer from Southerton. Daft came, but failed to score very rapidly. His first run was got by an on drive, afterwards another single, and then a couple of two's by a square leg and an off drive. The next incident connected with the innings of this truly celebrated batsman relates to the manner in which he lost his wicket -viz., by a misjudged run.

Three wickets were down for 25 runs, when Bignall became the partner of Mr Wright. At 30, the last-named representative of Nottingham was dismissed by Southerton. The next comer played the second ball he received on to his wicket, and thus left Wild to fill the projected vacancy on the rota. The hitting at both wickets was stubborn rather than prolific. At 61 Griffith went on in lieu of Street, and soon after this first change Wild was caught at cover point off Southerton. Six wickets, 64.

Biddulph drove Griffith straight for four. In making an off drive from the same bowler he attempted more runs than time would admit of. He was cleverly thrown out by Mr Calvert. Seven for 79. Street resumed bowling, but was not successful. Tinley and Bignall increased the score to 120, when the former was caught. The "last man" was taken early at wicket, and the innings closed for 129.

Surrey commenced their batting, as usual, with Humphrey and Jupp, opposed to the bowling of J C Shaw and Wootton. Neither scored to the extent anticipated. Stephenson exhibited a much sterner defence than either of his leaders. At the close of the day's play four wickets were down for 56 runs, thus making the match, so far as it has proceeded, a very even one. Umpires, Luck and Wright.

Day 2

The Surrey wickets fell so fast on the renewal of play yesterday that the aspect of the match underwent a complete change. The four first wickets realized 57 runs, while the fifth added nothing to the over-night score. Mr Calvert contributed two singles, and was bowled by J C Shaw, who was perpetually at the wicket. Bristow and Southerton stopped at a single each, the former caught at short slip, the latter, like two other Surrey men during the innings, playing a ball on to his wicket. The total for the eighth and ninth wicket stopped at 65; the tenth reached 69. The play of the second day, thus far narrated, occupied only 25 minutes . . .

With 60 runs in hand Nottingham commenced their second innings soon after 1 o'clock. Tinley and Bignall received the earliest overs from Southerton and Street. The hitting of Tinley was very productive. He put together 35 runs in half an hour. In order to check this successful careering, Bristow and Griffith were tried, and from the latter Tinley was caught by mid off; first wicket, 46.

Mr Wright failed to effect a run of any kind. Daft at a very early stage of his innings was tempted by Southerton with a slow, while Pooley was stationed at the wicket. Daft missed his object but Pooley did not; three wickets, 69. Wild and Bignall played so vigorously that they became masters of more runs than were totalled by the entire Nottingham party in their first innings. Before stumps were drawn for the day the second innings of Nottingham had received its completion, and Surrey were presented with a "set" of 263, which is the work cut out for them this day.

Day 3

The triumph of Surrey in July last at the Oval was a very puny one in comparison with that justly obtained by Nottingham on Saturday last. Few persons anticipated a result so adverse to Surrey on their last visit to the banks of the Trent. It may be remembered that up to the close of Thursday's transactions, the match had proceeded with more than ordinary evenness, four Surrey wickets being down for 57 runs, while Notts had completed an innings for 129.

Friday's play was remarkable for the rapid manner in which the Surrey wickets fell. Only 25 minutes were expended in the overthrow of the remaining six wickets, and with a total little more than half that obtained by the opposition. Nottingham began their second innings shortly after 1 o'clock of the same day, and at nightfall had completed it for 202 runs; thus affording Surrey a fine opportunity of exhibiting the defensive attributes with which report had endowed them.

At 12.15 on Saturday the two most redoubtable chieftains in their land appeared at the wickets to blunt the bowling of J C Shaw and M'Intyre. The third ball of the latter gave Humphrey a chance of getting a run to leg, and from the third over he made an off drive for four. Jupp began with a single from Shaw. Each batsman played with great skill and caution, and appeared to be quite equal to the bowling, good as it really was. At 37 Wootton was put on for the first time during the match. From his second ball Humphrey experienced a let off at the hands of Mr Wright, who represented cover point. After a single from Shaw was fielded, a cut for four in the slips was accorded to Jupp. Here his race for runs ought to have ceased, but it did not. At 46 Shaw caught Humphrey off his own ball, and Pooley came.

The fifth ball received by Pooley was played high over the bowler's head. Summers, stationed at mid on, flew to the probable place of descent and secured it. The second succeeding ball was played by Jupp in precisely the same way, and with a like result. Stephenson put one up to point, where it was secured. Thus four wickets were lost for 47 runs. Mr Calvert played his first ball to leg and scored a single, but from the second ball of the third succeeding over he was caught at point. Five wickets, 48. Southerton and Griffith brought up the total at luncheon time to 58.

All real interest in the match had by this time entirely vanished. The sixth wicket (Southerton's) fell for 59, and the seventh (Griffith's) for

71. Buckle abandoned the stumps at 72 and Street at 77. Sewell was the "last man" and left "no sign." The Surrey innings closed at 3.25, for 78 runs, thereby admitting Nottingham winners by 184 runs . . . The last five overs of Shaw were all maidens, and these included two wickets. Although the weather was gloomy and a brisk wind prevailed, the attendance to witness the last county match of the season was unusually large . . .