

THE TIMES REPORTS, 1870

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16 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1624.html)

Day 1

Notwithstanding the prevalent opinion that the above match, which commenced yesterday at Lord's, would prove a hollow affair, there is yet a chance for Surrey, seeing that several of the batsmen whom Marylebone looked for heavy scores have not realized the expectations formed of them. The match, so far as it has proceeded, may be characterized as one of surprises. Some of the most noted run-getters scarcely scored at all, while others came out much stronger than was expected.

The weakness of Surrey in the bowling department manifested itself at a very early stage of the game; 59 runs were obtained by Marylebone before the first wicket fell, and 124 were recorded for the fifth. Then came a change, for the remaining five wickets added but 29, thus making a total of 153. In order that the Surrey bowling may be properly estimated, the following analysis is given: . . . A heavy shower interrupted the play, and the innings was not concluded till a quarter-past 4.

The innings of Surrey occupied only one hour and three-quarters. It began with three extras. From the second ball of the eighth over Jupp's mid stump was struck. Vince, caught beautifully in the slips, left hand high up, by Mr Boyle, and Humphrey, caught at wicket for a total of five runs, took most people present by surprise. Nor did the two succeeding batsmen do much to solace the friends of Surrey. Five wickets, 13 runs.

With Mr Akroyd and Griffith the score advanced considerably, for at the fall of the sixth wicket it had reached 30, towards which Griffith, in his usual free and determined style, contributed 15. Mr Akroyd played a masterly, though not a correspondingly successful, innings; and Mortlock, after being twice missed, brought out his bat with the Surrey total at 76 . . .

At 6.20 Marylebone commenced their second innings, and at the time agreed upon for drawing stumps three wickets were down for 36 runs . . . Umpires, Farrands and Price.

Day 2

According to announcement, play was resumed yesterday at 12 o'clock. Mr Walker joined Mr Buller. The latter added three to his previous score from the second ball delivered to him, but in the next over he was clean bowled. Four wickets, 39 runs.

Mr Green came, and 13 runs were added before Mr Walker was stumped off Southerton. So trifling a score from the five batsmen now disposed of kept the hopes of the Surrey bowlers alive. Mr Boyle hit with great force and freedom. When the bowler caught him from his own ball 75 runs were telegraphed. His chief hits were an off drive for five to the bat stacks, a cut for three and an on-drive for the same number. Mr Green was bowled by "a bailer," and Shaw succumbed to the third ball received by him. Eight wickets, 83. Biddulph, by steady play, was enabled to score eight, and Wootton, the last man, soon brought the Marylebone innings to a conclusion.

Mr Brune proved the invincible, with the third best score of the innings, which totalled 102. Neither of the bowlers was changed throughout . . .

At 1.30 Surrey commenced the final innings of the match. They required 179 runs. Mortlock and Jupp were the first at the wickets, opposed to Mr Grace and Wootton. When five runs had been obtained, Mortlock retired and Pooley came. The batting at both wickets, with two or three exceptions, was now very fine, and 39 runs were totalled, when Shaw went on at Mr Grace's end. At 49 Pooley fell to a shooter. Humphrey stayed till 56 were registered; he was then bowled by a break back, and Street was disposed of in a similar manner by the next ball.

As half the wickets were now down and not a third of the requisite number of runs obtained, all public interest in the match began to decline. The seventh wicket realized 73 . . and the last 80, thus leaving Marylebone winners by 99 runs . . . Considering the beauty of the weather and the supposed interest taken in the progress and result of a match in which two teams were brought together, the attendance was by no means large.

19 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1625.html)

Day 1

This important annual match at Cambridge commenced yesterday under very favourable auspices. The weather was fine, the ground, known as Fenner's, in first-class condition, and the "Two Twelves" well balanced. Play began at 11.45 with Messrs Dale and Preston at the wickets and Marylebone in the field.

Wootton bowled the first over; from the first ball of it Mr Dale made an off drive for two, but the second bowled him clean. Mr Money came and soon put the field into full exercise. Thirty-three runs were recorded when Mr Wilkinson relieved Wootton, and at 36 Mr Preston's leg stump was bowled down by Shaw. Mr Yardley then joined Mr Money, and the score-sheet soon received accumulations of large figures. At 57 Shaw sent the ball completely through Mr Money's wicket, and Mr Fryer went to the support of Mr Yardley. At 80 Wootton resumed bowling, and Mr Fryer, who had appeared to be getting well set, was badly run out. Between Mr Thornton and Mr Yardley the score advanced with rapid strides; threes and fours were so common that within two hours of the commencement of play 122 runs were totalled for four wickets.

At 126 Mr Yardley retired, and Mr Thornton at 138. Mr Wilson also played a very fine and successful innings, in which were recorded a splendid drive for five off Shaw, a hit to leg over the palings from Mr Walker, and another drive for four off Wootton. To show the general character of the hitting, it may be sufficient to say that six bowlers were engaged, and that some of them were thrice changed . . . Duration of innings, four hours and a half.

Marylebone began their batting with Messrs Wilkinson and Winter. At the close of the day's play the latter was out for 19, bowled Mr Cobden; the former not out for 40. Mr Tobin bowled Money 18; and Mr Filgate not out 5. Byes 3. Total 85. Umpires, Grundy and Smith. Play will be resumed to-day at 11.30.

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday at 11.30. It may be well to say when the stumps were drawn on Thursday evening Messrs Filgate and Wilkinson were not out, and two wickets lost for 85 runs. Messrs Ward and Wilson continued the bowling, and from the 13th ball Mr Filgate made the first run of the morning, and from the 15th Mr Wilkinson was finely caught at point.

Mr Walker went in, and Mr Filgate almost immediately after was caught by longstop. Four wickets, 91. The batting of Mr Walker commended itself for its masterly and effective style. The gentleman saw seven of his companions come and go, while he defended his wicket to the last and made the largest score of the match, so far as it had proceeded. Hearne was caught at long slip and Price at point for insignificant figures. At 118 Mr Cobden went on to bowl in lieu of Mr Ward. The changes soon produced the intended effect. Other changes were had recourse to . . . Duration of innings, three hours and a quarter.

Day 3

So unlooked for a change as that of Friday in the above-named match at Cambridge rarely occurs; 390 runs had been totalled for the first innings of the two sides. Nearly eight hours were consumed in obtaining this number, and it was contemplated, not without reason, that the match would be left "drawn" for want of time to play it out.

Shortly after 3 o'clock, Messrs Dale and Mackinnon commenced the second innings of the University, who had 31 wickets in hand. As on the first day, Wootton and Shaw led off the bowling. The scoring began with four byes. Mr Dale in the third over hit Wootton to leg with such force that the ball was lost in the hedge, and six runs were accordingly claimed. Mr Mackinnon drove Shaw for four. This promising start was soon interrupted by Shaw, who bowled the latter off his leg.

Mr Money then joined Mr Dale, and 28 runs were recorded, when Mr Dale's mid stump was struck by Wootton. Next came Mr Yardley, on whom great reliance was placed, but the second ball settled him. Mr Fryer also received a speedy dismissal from Wootton, now getting into great form. Mr Preston's stay was unexpectedly brief - bowled for two singles. Five wickets, 49. With Messrs Thornton and Money the hitting promised to be more lively and successful, but the latter was not destined to remain long - caught at mid on. His contribution of 30 was the result of really fine defensive cricket. Six wickets, 52. At 67 Mr Myers, well caught at cover point, made way for Mr Nixon, who, with two others, was found altogether unequal to the attacks of Wootton and Shaw, who bowled throughout the innings. At 71 Mr Thornton's wicket fell to the attack of Wootton, and the innings shortly after closed for 79.

Marylebone now required 111 runs, and Messrs Walker and Sutton commenced the supposed easy task at 20 minutes past 5 o'clock. Messrs Cobden and Money were the bowlers at starting. In the fifth over Mr Sutton was caught at cover point off the slows when but three runs were scored. Mr Wilkinson retired with the second wicket at 15, and Mr Filgate left the third with four singles added. Messrs Winter and Walker brought on the first change of bowling - viz. Mr Ward for Mr Money.

From the first ball of the new comer the fourth wicket, viz., Mr Winter's, went. Mr Tobin appeared next, but soon retired, and Mr Walker, who was lucky in getting the hit, realized 52 out of the 77 for six wickets. Thirty-four runs were now required, and every man played his very best in order to get them, but when the eleventh wicket fell at a quarter-past 7 it was stated by Bell and Smith, the scorers, that six runs were yet wanting, and the University were in consequence declared winners . . . Umpires - Grundy and J Smith.

23 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1626.html)

Final report

This important match was played at Oxford on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and afforded the Oxonians some excellent practice for their forthcoming matches with Marylebone, Cambridge &c., the bowling of Mr Buchanan being of a different character to that usually encountered in practice, while it enables the University to test the quality of their bowling against some of England's best gentlemen players. The result, as will be seen from the subjoined score, was highly satisfactory to the "dark blue," who were victorious with 129 runs to spare, the fresh public school players acquitting themselves well in all departments of the game.

The Oxford bowling was particularly good; in fact, some of the All England Gentlemen were evidently afraid of it, especially of Mr Belcher, whose pace is faster than usual. The result has increased the confidence of the Oxonians as to their chance in the Inter-University match to be played at Lord's in June next.

26 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1629.html)

Day 1

This great annual match commenced yesterday at Cowley Marsh. The University won the toss, and at 12.40 Messrs Hadow and Fortescue went to the wickets. Mr Grace and Wootton began the bowling. Both batsmen were out in the 18th over. Messrs Ottaway and Pauncefote then put the bowling to a severe test. Several changes were had recourse to, but nearly two hours elapsed before the third wicket (Mr Pauncefote's) was captured.

Mr Tylecote contributed freely to an already rich score. Mr Ottaway's innings was a very fine one; so also was that of Mr Townshend, who only gave one chance, which, fortunately for him, was not taken . . .

Day 2

Play began yesterday at 11.20, and in the course of 20 minutes the two outstanding wickets were taken. Five bowlers were engaged with varying degrees of success . . .

Messrs Grace and Churchill began the Marylebone batting to the bowling of Messrs Belcher and Butler. The score advanced rapidly. At 38 Mr Francis relieved Mr Belcher, and in the second subsequent over Mr Churchill was clean bowled. Mr Evetts came, and the Oxford bowling was severely tested. Mr Grace hit in his accustomed style, and scored 54 runs during the 70 minutes he occupied the wickets. Hit chief hits were a cut for seven and another for five. Hearne and Shaw were also in great force. The first four wickets realized 177 runs; the fifth 205 and the tenth 281. Time, 5.30. Play will be resumed this day.

Day 3

Notwithstanding the very close results shown at the completion of one innings each, Marylebone eventually won the match with ease – viz., by six wickets. It may not be amiss to recount some of the incidents of the three days' play. Oxford won the toss and went forthwith to the wickets, which were very lively and tolerably true. At the finish of the first day's play 259 runs were scored for eight men out. The remaining two added 12 runs on Friday morning, thus giving a total of 271.

Messrs Ottaway and Pauncefote especially signalled themselves. They put together 100 runs before parting. The latter got his runs twice as quickly as the former, but Mr Ottaway, though apparently slow, exhibited a beautiful and effective style of defence. The batting of Mr Townshend throughout the match may be characterized as faultless. Marylebone scored to a man. Ten out of the 11 obtained double figures, a circumstance not to be recorded every day. A difference of ten runs only existed when the last wicket of the first innings fell.

Saturday's play contrasted widely with that of the previous days. Oxford followed the order of going in adopted at the start. Wootton and Shaw proved very destructive bowlers. Messrs Ottaway, Pauncefote and Townshend were the only persons capable of offering much resistance to it. Singular

enough, Mr Townshend was caught at short slip twice, both catches low down. Mr Ottaway was badly run out. The third wicket fell for 62 . . tenth 123.

Marylebone required 114 to win. Messrs Grace and Churchill began the batting. The latter was well caught at wicket in the third over. Four out for 63, all from catches. After this Mr Higgins joined Mr Grace, and the hitting increased in earnestness. Mr Grace, twice missed from two consecutive balls, very soon after brought up the score to the winning hit, and at 5 o'clock Marylebone, as before stated, won the match by six wickets. As the weather was very fine, the Magdalen Ground was well attended. Umpires, Grundy and Palin.

30 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1630.html)

Final report

One of the best matches played at Lord's for a long time concluded yesterday in favour of Yorkshire by one wicket. At the conclusion of Monday's play Marylebone had scored 73 in their first innings and Yorkshire 91. There were also five wickets of the second innings of Marylebone down for 126 when "time" was called; 35 runs were added before the tenth wicket fell. Greenwood played the up-hill game for Yorkshire with great spirit and success. On his retirement the scores proclaimed "a tie." Emmett made the winning hit.

2 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1631.html)

Final report

A match between the above counties was played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, on the ground of the Clifton Cricket Club, Durdhamdown, Bristol, and terminated in favour of the Gloucestershire Eleven by 51 runs. The play on both sides was very good, particularly the fielding, and the batting of Messrs Filgate and W G Grace, and of Jupp and Griffith, was a great treat. The attendance each day was large, on Friday it was computed that nearly 5,000 persons were present.

6 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1632.html)

Day 1

By far the largest gathering at Lord's this season occurred yesterday. Whitsuntide has for many years been provided with a match of more than ordinary attractions, and the profits have been, and still will be, devoted to benevolent purposes in connexion with cricket. Play began yesterday soon after 12 o'clock. Mr Grace and Jupp were first at the wickets, opposed to Wootton and Emmett as bowlers in chief.

Thirty runs were scored before the first wicket (Mr Grace's) fell, and 43 were scored for the second (Jupp). The three next wickets fell with the total at 45. After this the hitting became much freer, and 90 runs were accredited to the South for seven wickets. At 106 J C Shaw went on at Wootton's end, and at 120 Emmett and Shaw changed positions. At 133 M'Intyre relieved Emmett, and at 126 the eighth wicket fell. The innings closed at 2.30 for 138 runs . . .

On the part of the North the chief batsmen were Daft, Parr, Carpenter and M'Intyre. The last-named was missed by Mr Yardley at deep field on when he had scored but 11. Parr, who had not appeared at Lord's for many years, gave several successful specimens of his old style of batting, especially as regards leg hits. Carpenter was missed at short slip with a contribution of 36, which was afterwards doubled. The Southern bowling underwent a greater variety of changes than the Northern, but it was nearly 7 o'clock before the tenth wicket fell with a total of 214 runs . . .#

It may be as well to observe that Mr Buller was run out by his substitute. Mr Tennent fielded admirably in place of Mr Buller. Mr Thornton also came in for a large share of applause for his efficient fielding at long leg &c. Umpires, Grundy and Royston.

Day 2

With 76 runs in arrear the South commenced their second innings yesterday at five minutes past 12. Jupp received the first over from J C Shaw, and Mr Grace the second from Wootton. A single run resulted. Then followed two maiden overs; but from the last ball of the ninth over Jupp was clean bowled by Shaw. Pooley came, and in his third over was also bowled by Shaw. Two wickets, 8 runs.

Mr Yardley then joined Mr Grace, and the hitting, though brief in its period of discontinuance, brought the score to 27, when Mr Yardley retired, b Wootton. His hits were a square leg for four, two off-drives for three each and a single. Mr Buller, who selected Southerton to run for him on this occasion, soon grew busy, and at 48 M'Intyre went on in lieu of Wootton, who had bowled two wide balls in two successive overs. The change proved to be a disastrous one, so far as it concerned Mr Buller - bowled first ball.

Silcock next appeared, and played the best innings of the South side. At 62 Mr Grace yielded to M'Intyre. Hearne tried all he knew, but proved altogether unequal to his assailants. On his retirement Mr Thornton was announced by exceedingly ill-timed plaudits. He was not permitted to get a

run, and soon left a vacancy for Lillywhite, who by vigorous and successful hitting assisted materially in rubbing off the arrears.

At 90 Emmett went on at the Pavilion wicket in place of M'Intyre. Fifteen runs had been scored by Lillywhite when Hayward failed to take advantage of an easy catch at mid-off. In the next over Silcock's wicket fell to Shaw, and Lillywhite retired quickly after. The remaining portion of the innings possessed little interest . . .

Smith and M'Intyre commenced the last innings of the match with a "set" of 38 runs. Willsher and Southerton started the bowling. Smith put 15 runs together by five hits, but was caught at point with the score at 22. Oscroft remained at the wicket till 28 were totalled, when Daft joined M'Intyre. The bowling at this period equalled any during the match, and M'Intyre's wicket was captured at 35. Hayward next appeared, played one over and was stumped without adding a jot. Four wickets, 36.

Carpenter and Daft then contributed a single each, thus making a "tie," and a gentle drive to the off by Daft brought the match to a conclusion about half-past 4 o'clock, and the North were acknowledged winners by six wickets.

9 June: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1633.html)

Day 1

This, the first county match at the Oval, began yesterday, and was carried on in great spirit. Nottingham won the toss and went to the wickets. The innings occupied three hours and a quarter, and produced 161 runs. At the close of the day Surrey had lost six wickets for 105 runs.

Day 2

Yesterday the brothers Humphrey, the "not outs" of Thursday evening, resumed their batting soon after 12; they put on 16 runs when R was caught at short slip. There was nothing in the subsequent portion of the Surrey innings worthy of special remark. As the difference between the first totals of each party proved to be a very slight one, an additional interest was imparted to the match.

The bowling of Surrey not being so well "up to the mark" as on Thursday, a much larger score resulted. Daft, one of the most accomplished batsmen that Nottingham ever produced, was nearly three hours at the wicket, and scored 80 runs without giving a chance.

Day 3 - no report found

13 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1634.html)

Day 1

Play in this match yesterday, at Lord's, commenced with Notts at the wickets. Marylebone had four substitutes in the field at starting. The first wicket fell for 29 runs. A long stand was made by Summers and Daft, and all the bowling of Marylebone underwent a severe trial. Daft was three hours and a half on his defence and have but one chance. His score of 117 comprised one six (on drive), two fives (driven), six fours, 13 threes and eight twos.

The Notts innings occupied five hours and wound up with a total of 267 runs. The most successful bowler was Mr Dale, who got two wickets in nine overs for 17 runs. Platts obtained three wickets in 48 overs for 73 runs. All the other bowling proved to be very expensive.

Messrs Grace and I D Walker began the Marylebone batting within a few minutes of 6 o'clock. J C Shaw and M'Intyre had charge of the ball. The batting was so free that 40 runs were scored in the first half-hour, and when stumps were drawn 27 were added without loss of wicket. Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock. Umpires - Grundy and Royston.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

After three days of hard work in hot weather the above match at Lord's ended in favour of Notts by two wickets, according to the published card, but in reality by three. At the close on Monday's play Notts had completed an innings for 267 runs and Marylebone had scored 67 without loss of wicket. This good beginning could not be sustained. Mr Grace saw all his companions leave; five without scoring at all, and four with the scant contribution of ten. A total of 183 was the consequence, and Marylebone being in a minority of 84 had to "follow on."

The second innings occupied the remaining portion of Tuesday, and realized 240 runs, towards which Messrs Dale and Walker contributed very liberally. The "set" for Wednesday was 157. Play began at 12.30 with Bignall and Oscroft opposed to the bowling of Mr Cobden and Platts.

At 23 Oscroft left and Summers came. From the first ball bowled to the latter he received so severe a blow on the temple that he left the ground and did not again appear. [Note: this led to his death a few days later.] Bignall was bowled at 30 and Mr Beevor at 37. Daft and Wild brought on several changes of bowling; 92 runs were attained when Wild, attempting a fourth run, failed to accomplish the required distance in time.

The task of winning seemed now to devolve on Daft and M'Intyre. Both, however, were caught before the object was attained. Eventually Biddulph made the winning hit . . .

16 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1635.html)

Day 1

A good company was attracted to the Oval yesterday to witness the above annual match of several years' standing. Cambridge won the toss and proceeded at once to the wickets. The principal hitting was effected by Messrs Money, Fryer and Dale. Mr Money got 134 runs in excellent style and without a chance. One hit made from the pavilion wicket travelled nearly the whole length of the ground, and seven, all run out, were scored for it.

At the fall of the fifth wicket 241 runs were totalled; the remaining five added but 37. Five bowlers were engaged; three only were successful . . . At the close of the day's play Surrey had lost three wickets for 53 runs. Umpires, Luck and Caesar.

Day 2

At 12.15 yesterday, T Humphrey and Griffith, the "not outs" for 11 and 6 respectively, resumed the batting, opposed as before to the left-hand bowling of Messrs Bourne and Ward. Before a separation could be effected 68 runs were totalled. Stephenson joined Humphrey, and at 73 the latter was bowled. Half the wickets down.

R Humphrey and Street made a determined stand and brought up the total to 121, when Street was caught at wicket. R Humphrey played in capital style and brought out his bat. At 100 the first change of bowling occurred - viz., Mr Fryer for Ward, and at 110 Mr Cobden [for] Mr Bourne. When the last man retired Surrey were 145 in arrear, and consequently had to "follow on."

The second innings, so far as it has proceeded, was chiefly remarkable for the fast underhand rustic bowling of Mr Thornton. He took three wickets in five overs without a run. Jupp and R Humphrey, who went in first, were not separated till 111 runs were scored, when the former was cleverly caught. At the close of the day's play six wickets were lost for 240 runs, as shown by the accompanying score . . .

Day 3

At 6 o'clock on Saturday evening the above match was brought to a close in favour of the University by eight wickets. It may be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Friday, the second day of play, Pooley and Mr Mayo were the "not outs" for 60 and 19 respectively. The first ball delivered to Pooley on Saturday silenced him, but Mr Mayo played a fine defensive innings, having scored 11 singles in succession. Altogether 34 runs were added to his overnight score, when he ran himself out. The innings wound up with a total of 310.

Cambridge required 176 to win. The first wicket fell for a single and the second for 27. Mr Yardley and Mr Fryer then got well "set." The former scored 42 runs from nine hits - viz., one seven (on drive), three fives (drives) and five fours (cuts and drives). The latter played well up to

his partner, and the result of the match was pretty clearly seen a full hour before its actual termination . . .

Tuesday 21 June 1870

THE FATAL CRICKET ACCIDENT

Mr Browne, the Nottingham coroner, held an inquest yesterday on George Summers, the celebrated Notts cricketer, who died from the effects of a blow on the head while playing at Lord's, on Wednesday, in the great match between the County of Notts and the Marylebone Club. The room was crowded with gentlemen interested in cricket, the deceased, who was the son of a hotel-keeper in Nottingham, and only 25 years of age, being greatly respected, not only for his cricketing talent, but as a well-conducted man.

It appeared that Platts, a Derbyshire bowler, was bowling against him, when one of the balls, delivered with terrific force, rose up and struck him on the head. He fell to the ground stunned, and soon became so exhausted that he had to be removed and taken to bed. He remained in London till Friday, when, having expressed a desire to see his parents, he was conveyed to Nottingham on a bed in a saloon carriage. The best medical skill was called in, but he rapidly became unconscious, and at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon expired. It was shown that the force of the ball had fractured the deceased's skull and brought on concussion of the brain, and a verdict to this effect was returned. Deceased was one of the eleven selected to play this week in the great county match between Notts and Yorkshire.

20 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1636.html)

Day 1

The annual meeting of these representative bodies at Lord's is always accompanied with special interest to University men. About a month since Marylebone went to Cambridge, and returned beaten by the narrow majority of six runs. Although the players of yesterday differed materially from those concerned in the match at Cambridge, it did not appear to the ordinary observer that one side was much, if any, better than the other.

Marylebone won the toss and elected to bat. From the sad misfortune to the young man Summers on Wednesday last, the wickets were subjected to a severe scrutiny. Messrs Grace and Winter received the early overs from Messrs Cobden and Bourne, the former starting at the lower or gate wicket. From the second ball for the sixth over Mr Grace was caught in the slips. Mr Boyle came and lost his position from causes precisely similar to those which led to the retirement of his immediate predecessor. Shaw, after a narrow escape in the first over, with difficulty obtained six runs, and the three next batsmen received so summary a dismissal that six wickets totalled only 33 runs.

Mr Rowley made a fine drive for four off the first ball delivered to him, and at 43 Mr Winter was clean bowled by Mr Cobden. The subsequent hitting was achieved by Wootton, but at the fall of the tenth wicket the total proved to be very insignificant . . . Duration of the innings one hour and ten minutes.

Messrs Dale and Tobin were first at the wickets on the part of Cambridge. Shaw commenced the bowling and delivered six maiden overs in succession. After this both batsmen began to feel their way, and Wootton, at the pavilion wicket, got punished to such an extent that Farrands was brought on. Mr Tobin, who played a very fine innings, after being let off at wicket, was bowled at 44, towards which he contributed three-fourths. Mr Dale happening to fall 'twixt wickets was unable to recover in time. Mr Money, bowled by a break back from Shaw, and Mr Fryer by a shooter from the same hand, notified four wickets down for 54 runs.

After Mr Scott came and put together the score placed against his name in a style that commended itself to the assemblage, which was large and critical. Notwithstanding five chances given, Mr Thornton handed in an acceptable 15, and on his retirement the seventh wicket realized 94. Of the remaining portion of the play it is not necessary to speak. Tenth wicket, 104 . . .

The second innings of Marylebone proceeded in the order of the first, but with widely different results; 75 runs were scored at the fall of the first (Mr Winter's) wicket and 110 for the second (Mr Grace's). At 7 o'clock stumps were drawn, the score standing as under: . . . [M.C.C. (2) 116/2.]

Day 2

At the close of Monday's play each party had completed an innings, and two Marylebone wickets were also down for 116 runs. Mr Boyle, the "not out" for 28, recommenced the batting in conjunction with Shaw. Mr Bourne

delivered two balls of an uncompleted over; the first of these took Shaw's wicket. Mr Balfour then came forward, and Mr Boyle retired almost immediately after; caught in the long slip. Four wickets, 117.

Mr Middleton survived two overs, but Mr Fellowes was caught in short slip off the first ball. Nor was this indifferent beginning of the morning's work very much benefited by Mr Rowley. After two hits of three runs each he gave a chance to cover point, and thus seven wickets were disposed of for 135 runs. Biddulph next appeared, and the bowling soon began to manifest symptoms of weakness. Thus at 150 Mr Money relieved Mr Bourne, and nearly at the same time Mr Fryer went on at Mr Cobden's end. At 168 Mr Balfour's wicket fell, and Wootton joined Biddulph.

The batting had now so complete a mastery over the bowling that three changes were resorted to in three consecutive overs, but with no effect. Mr Thornton tried his "grubs," and Mr Yardley adopted the somewhat novel style of bowling one ball with the right hand and another with the left. 120 runs were scored by these men of "the ground" before Biddulph was thrown out by the long stop. Farrands failed altogether, and Wootton brought out his bat with one of the longest scores he has ever made. The only successful bowlers out of the seven tried during this innings were Mr Bourne and Mr Fryer . . .

Cambridge required 254 to win, and at 3.30 the uphill task was commenced by Messrs Tobin and Yardley. The first wicket (Mr Yardley) fell for 27 and the second (Mr Tobin) for 34. At 61 Mr Dale was clean bowled by Farrands, and Mr Fryer received but one ball, which silenced him. Mr Thornton also had but one ball. With five wickets down for 70, all interest in the match ceased.

Mr Cobden hit very freely, and contributed the score affixed to his name by one five (drive), two fours (drives), three twos and a single. He was eventually caught at point, and when the tenth wicket fell Cambridge who, singularly enough, obtained 104 in each innings, were in a minority of 149 runs . . . Umpires, Royston and Grundy.

20 June: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1637.html)

Final report

The above match at the Oval, which began on Monday and terminated at 6 o'clock yesterday, produced 857 runs. Pooley scored 94 in his second innings, as also did Mr I D Walker, the latter not out, when Middlesex were declared winners by four wickets.

23 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1638.html)

Day 1

A return match between the above commenced yesterday at Lord's, at a quarter-past 12, all the University men being then present except Mr Hill. Oxford won the toss and sent Messrs Hadow and Fortescue to the wickets. Wootton bowled from the Pavilion and Farrands from the gate wicket.

In Wootton's fifth over Mr Hadow made an off-drive for five and a leg-hit for four. Wootton was, in fact, so punished by both batsmen that at 29 he changed ends. This device suited his purpose, for the very next ball shot down Mr Fortescue's leg stump; eight runs were added by Mr Hadow when Farrands bowled him clean. Messrs Ottaway and Pauncefote got their runs quickly. The latter pulled a ball, apparently wide, on to his wicket. After this very little stand was made against the bowling until Mr Butler appeared. This gentleman's contribution came very opportunely, as only 70 runs were scored when he began to bat. The innings occupied about two hours and realized 114 runs . . .

Marylebone commenced with Messrs Grace and Wilkinson at 2.25. The bowlers were Messrs Francis and Butler. From the first ball of Mr Francis's second over the middle stump of Mr Wilkinson fell, with only one run as yet recorded. Mr Green then joined Mr Grace; a single was recorded by the former, and immediately after he ran himself out in a way not contemplated by the public. Mr Boyle co-operated with Mr Grace to better purpose. At 38 the first bowling change was made - viz., Mr Belcher went on in place of Mr Butler. From the first ball Mr Boyle's off stump was struck. Although Mr Grace found his companions leaving him at a rapid rate, he proved himself equal to the occasion, and thus, in a great measure, atoned for their shortcomings. Mr M'Kenzie and Wootton also pulled the score up considerably. The sixth wicket fell for 74, the seventh for 109 and the tenth for 144. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

At the close of the day's play Oxford had lost three wickets of their second innings for 41 runs . . .

Day 2

A welcome shower about noon yesterday delayed the resumption of play till nearly 1 o'clock, when Messrs Townshend and Ottaway, the two "not outs" for 20 and 7 respectively, appeared again at the wickets. The bowlers at starting were Farrands and Wootton, and the former silenced Mr Townshend from the first ball.

Mr Marriott was caught at point with the total at 53, and Mr Hill, after making two consecutive drives for three each, disappointed his friends by running out. Mr Francis made no sign. Six wickets fell for 65. Mr Butler began with a cut for four; two singles followed. Mr Stewart drove Wootton for four, but Farrands too his bails in the third subsequent ball. During the time that these rapid falls occurred, Mr Ottaway was playing a fine defensive innings, and when Mr Belcher joined him the score travelled with greater rapidity than during any previous stage of the game.

At 103 Wootton changed his end, and at 108 Farrands made way for Mr Grace. Notwithstanding these devices 30 runs were added, with the promise of as many more, but Mr Belcher fell to a capital catch at wicket, and the innings was, in consequence, brought to a close. Mr Ottaway was nearly two hours and a half at the wicket without giving a chance, and brought out his bat. His chief hits were one five (drive), one four and four threes (all cuts . . . Mr Grace was not successful.

The last innings of the match was commenced with Messrs Mackenzie and Grace; the first wicket fell for 12 runs. Mr Green came, and at 31 Mr Grace was caught at short leg, left hand high up. Mr Boyle then joined Mr Green, and as the foothold was very unsure, in consequence of a heavy downpour of rain, the fielding, which had hitherto been well up to the mark, declined, and the score sheet was not very thickly marked with maiden overs. Several changes of bowling were resorted to, but more than half the runs necessary for winning were obtained by Marylebone when their third wicket fell. The change, however, proved to some extent beneficial, as only nine runs resulted from the next three wickets.

At 5.30 the seventh wicket brought up the total to 108, when Mr Tritton was bowled. Biddulph had no opportunity of making a run, as the desired hit fell to the lot of Mr Wilkinson, and Marylebone were pronounced winners with three wickets to spare. Umpires - Grundy and Hearne.

23 June: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1640.html)

Final report

A few incidents in the above match are worthy of notice. It was played at the Oval and occupied the last three days of the past week. Surrey went in first. Three wickets were taken by Southerton in the first over. T Humphrey and Pooley made some compensation for this singular start, and Street played well for the 28 runs accredited to him. The fielding of the Sussex eleven showed a great advance on that of last year, the wicket keeping of Phillips being especially one of great promise. When at the wickets Read and Charlwood exhibited a defence that called forth much deserved applause.

At the close of the second day's play Sussex required 127 to win. This number occupied full three hours in obtaining. Eight wickets were down for 123. Charlwood, however, was missed by cover point at 120. His batting manifested powers of a high order, and in his "not out" innings of 59 were included three on-drives for six each. Eventually Sussex got all the runs necessary for winning with two wickets to spare – a circumstance noteworthy from its being the first match won by this county at the Oval for several years. Umpires, Wiltshire and Luck.

27 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1641.html)

Day 1

The origin of this important University match dates from the year 1827, but was played at irregular intervals up to 1851. Since then meetings have been held annually at Lord's. During this period Cambridge have won nine matches and Oxford ten. Yesterday play began at 10 minutes past 12 with Messrs Dale and Tobin at the wickets on the part of Cambridge, who were fortunate in the toss. Messrs Francis and Belcher were appointed to the early bowling, the former from the Pavilion and the latter from the eastern or "gate" wicket. Mr Tylecote was stationed at point, Mr Townshend long stop, Mr Butler short leg, Mr Pauncefote mid-on and Mr Hadow mid-off; Messrs Ottaway and Fortescue long leg and cover point; Mr Stewart kept wicket.

From the 19th ball Mr Dale made the first big hit - viz., an on drive for four. This was followed up by two others of a similar character. It happened, however, that the 75th ball took Mr Dale's off stump. Mr Money joined Mr Tobin, and at 40 the latter was clean bowled. From the second subsequent ball Mr Money played into his wicket, and at 46 Mr Yardley was caught at short leg. Mr Scott came, and with the score at 62, Mr Hadow went on vice Mr Belcher, and Mr Francis crossed over. The bowling was well sustained, for at 65 five wickets were down.

Mr Thornton played vigorously during the short period of his stay with Mr Scott. His hits were two fours, two threes, one two and a single. Six wickets, 93. Mr Mackinnon next appeared, and in two hours just 100 runs were recorded. As both batsmen seemed inclined to stick, the bowling underwent a variety of changes. The longest Cambridge score was effected by Mr Scott in a style that commended itself to every close observer. At length Mr Belcher took his off stump, and with the retirement of Mr Scott the contributions exhibited weakness. The innings closed at 3.45 for 147 runs . . .

Oxford started the batting with Messrs Hadow and Fortescue. The first over was bowled by Mr Cobden, the second by Mr Bourne. At 28 Mr Hadow's off stump fell and Mr Ottaway came forward. When 42 were obtained Mr Bourne changed ends, but the hitting so beat the bowling that 60 runs were placed on the telegraph in three-quarters of an hour. At 72 Mr Fortescue fell to the "slows" of Mr Money, and at 88 Mr Pauncefote was caught at point. On the fall of the fifth wicket 111 runs were totalled.

Changes of bowling from this stage of the game to its close were very frequent; in fact, during the innings Mr Cobden was on four times, Messrs Ward and Money three times each, Messrs Bourne and Fryer twice. As the innings neared its close Mr Cobden began to triumph. The ninth wicket realized only 19 runs more than Cambridge totalled, but the tenth placed Oxford 28 ahead. As usual there was a very large attendance, but the absence of sunshine throughout the day detracted materially from the beauty of the scene.

Day 2

Viewed in all its bearings, the above match, which was concluded last evening at Lord's, is perhaps the most remarkable since it was first played 33 years ago. To explain this a few brief remarks are necessary.

Yesterday Cambridge commenced their second innings at 12.15, with 28 in arrear, and with a prevailing opinion that Oxford were the more effective eleven. First to appear at the wickets were Messrs Dale and Tobin, as on the day previous. Messrs Francis and Belcher followed Monday's programme in respect to bowling. From the 22nd ball Mr Tobin played on, when 6 runs only were scored. Mr Money succeeded, made six singles and played on also. Mr Fryer lost his wicket from the first ball presented to him; Mr Thornton joined Mr Dale, and cut the second ball into the slips for four. Other runs of less note followed, till 40 were accredited to Cambridge. Mr Thornton then tried the steeple hit, which Mr Hadow surveyed with great calmness and judgment. On the retirement of Mr Thornton came Mr Scott, but his stay was unexpectedly brief. Five wickets were now down for 40 runs.

With Mr Yardley this dull aspect of affairs changed in an extraordinary manner. The leading bowlers were displaced by Messrs Butler and Hill, but, as no beneficial effect to Oxford was manifest, Messrs Hadow and Fortescue were brought forward. Then cross overs were had recourse to. Mr Dale occupied his wicket for two hours and a half for 67 runs, and was at length most wonderfully fielded at long leg, very deep, by Mr Ottaway. His chief hits were six fours (drives), two threes and six twos. Mr Mackinnon next joined Mr Yardley, but soon deserted him. Nearly all the subsequent interest centred on Mr Yardley, who got just 100 runs – a feat which has rarely, if ever, been accomplished in a match of this kind. The innings culminated in 206, thereby leaving Oxford 178 to tie. Seven bowlers were engaged . . .

At 4.10 Messrs Hadow and Fortescue commenced the final innings of the match, Mr Cobden, as before, choosing the "gate wicket" and Mr Bourne the pavilion. Mr Hadow was caught mid on from the second ball of the third over before a run was scored. Mr Ottaway, in conjunction with Mr Fortescue, advanced the total to 72 before the second wicket (Mr Fortescue's) fell. Mr Pauncefote, not being very successful, left at 86 and Mr Tylecote took his place. The bowling appeared now to be nearly used up, but by frequent changes and the judicious application of the means at hand for the ends desired, every chance was made the most of. In two hours and five minutes 100 runs were scored; this number was enlarged to 153, when the fourth wicket fell.

Mr Townshend came forward as the clock was striking 7, the time for drawing the stumps, but as the game was considered lost to Cambridge, it was suggested by some that it would be well to finish it. Mr Ottaway was caught close to the ground after being at the wicket three hours. Mr Townshend was caught next over in short slip for the smallest contribution possible, and Mr Francis was given out l.-b.-w. in the succeeding over. There were now seven wickets down for 176.

Mr Butler came and was caught mid-off without scoring. Mr Belcher had but one ball, which bowled his leg stump, and Mr Stewart, the last man, who was only required to make three, failed most signally – bowled also from the first ball, and thus at 7.35 Campbell were declared winners by two runs. Messrs Cobden and Ward were the only successful bowlers out of the seven engaged . . . Umpires, Grundy and Hearne.

27 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1642.html)

Day 1

The above match commenced yesterday on the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield. The toss was won by Surrey, and they went forthwith to the wickets. Owing to the heavy clouds and smoke of the neighbourhood the light was very bad. Freeman and Iddison could not play for their native county on account of other engagements. Surrey made a very indifferent beginning, but Pooley and Griffith brought up the score more creditably. The bowling of Yorkshire was, however, too good to make many runs from.

Day 2

The last necessary ball was bowled by Southerton at 6.15 last evening, when Yorkshire were declared winners by seven wickets. Full score attached. As before stated, the match was played at Bramall-lane, Sheffield.

30 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1643.html)

Days 1 and 2

The above match commenced on Thursday and was continued yesterday at Kennington Oval. Up to the present time it appears to be a run-getting match, as 578 have already been obtained for the loss of 22 wickets. As in the great University contest in the early part of the week, Mr Ottaway batted in admirable style, while not one of the Surrey eleven failed to contribute in their first innings. As the game is unfinished, we will leave the reader to gather other important facts from the following: . . . [scorecard given.]

Day 3

After a contest of three days' duration Oxford has been declared victors by two wickets. Nearly 900 runs were scored. It may not be amiss to state briefly a few facts in connexion with the progress of the play.

When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening, Surrey had completed an innings for 227 runs, and one wicket only of Oxford was down for 66 runs. On Friday morning Messrs Ottaway and Hadow, the "not outs" for 25 and 37 respectively, resumed their batting and completed each a brilliant innings, notwithstanding occasional showers. Mr Ottaway was two hours and a half on his defence. Several of the batsmen who succeeded his displayed feebleness. At the fall of the tenth wicket, however, the University score exceeded that of Surrey by seven runs. At the close of the second day's play Surrey had lost but two wickets for 117 runs.

Mr Howell, the "not out" for 68, was joined by Jupp. So slow was the latter that Mr Howell scored 22 against his single run. With the total at 156 Mr Howell retired. Griffith was the only remaining batsman who manifested any daring. Three had the misfortune to play "on," and one deserted his side in the time of need. The innings closed at 2.25 for 218 runs, leaving Oxford a "set" of 212. Six bowlers were engaged, but by far the most successful was Mr Francis, who in 43 overs and two balls (20 maiden) took five wickets for 66 runs.

Oxford commenced their second innings with Messrs Hadow and Fortescue to the bowling of Street and Griffith. In the eighth over Mr Fortescue was beautifully stumped, and in the selfsame over Mr Ottaway was bowled off his toe. The fifth wicket (Mr Tylecote's) fell at 93. Mr Hill joined Mr Pauncefote, and the bowling was so knocked off that 142 runs were scored before Mr Hill, by a masterpiece of fielding, was thrown out. At 172 Mr Nepean retired, with 40 runs yet wanting. The Oxford captain seemed quite equal to the occasion, and at 20 minutes to 7 a leg hit to the scoring box announced the match completed in favour of Oxford.

A large number of persons attended the Oval on Saturday afternoon to witness the play as it approached completion. Umpires, Mortlock and Caesar.

4 July: UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND ELEVEN v UNITED NORTH OF ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1645.html)

Day 1

Several years have elapsed since two such powerful teams, composed chiefly of professionals, assembled at Lord's as those of yesterday. The match was promoted for a two-fold laudable purpose – to heal the longstanding breach among the players and to assist at the same time the "Cricketers' Fund." The public backed the movement most heartily.

The North won the toss and began their batting with Bignall and Plumb. The latter retired early, but when Lockwood came in the hitting at both wickets yielded runs so rapidly that 60 were recorded in less than an hour. Then the bowling predominated for a while, and half the wickets were down for 72. Coward played a fine innings of 35, composed largely of singles. The sixth wicket realized exactly 100 runs . . . tenth, 158 . . .

Mr W G Grace and Jupp appeared first on the part of the South, opposed to Freeman and Howitt as bowlers. Neither batsman was able to stand long against these Northern chiefs. In fact, three wickets were lost for 19 runs. Wootton then went on in lieu of Freeman. The fifth wicket fell for 27 runs. Mr G F Grace and Silcock brought up the sixth to 51. The rest of the Southerners may be dismissed without further comment than that they all failed to obtain a run. The innings lasted one hour and a half . . .

As the South were 166 behind, they had to follow on, and when play for the day was discontinued the score stood thus (umpires, Royston and Hearne): . . . [United South (2) 43/6.]

Day 2

In consequence of rain yesterday, play in the above match at Lord's was not resumed till 10 minutes past 3 o'clock; and half an hour sufficed to bring it to a conclusion in favour of the North by an innings and 40 runs. Howitt, in the second innings for the South, bowled 19 overs for 18 runs and took seven wickets. Wootton, in the same number of overs, took three wickets for 44 runs.

14 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1647.html)

Day 1

The Gentlemen won the toss and went to the wickets, which were in excellent condition. Wootton bowled the first and second overs. It took an hour to score 38 runs; two wickets were lost meantime. The innings of Mr Money occupied three hours. He had five bowlers against him. The seventh wicket fell for 145. Mr Green also played a fine innings and brought out his bat with the total at 198.

The Players began with Humphrey and Jupp. With the score at 13 Humphrey was caught on the slip, and at 17 a beautiful catch by the bowler disposed of Jupp. During the first hands only 28 runs were scored; this arouse in a great measure from the effective bowling of Messrs Appleby and Absolom, and the superior character of the fielding all round. At 7 o'clock the play for the day ceased with the score as under: . . [Players 58/4.]

Day 2

Play in the above match at the Oval was resumed yesterday at the stipulated time. It may be remembered, when stumps were drawn on Thursday evening, Daft and Shaw were the "not outs" for four runs each. The former was 90 minutes at the wickets for 27 runs. Wootton scored the same number in 30 minutes. At 2 o'clock the Players' innings closed for 148. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

The second innings of the Gentlemen is remarkable for enormous scoring - 164 runs were obtained when the first wicket fell, and when the day's play ceased 100 were added without the loss of another wicket.

Day 3

The attendance at the Oval on Saturday was a very large one. In the first over Mr Ottaway, one of the "not outs," was bowled, but Mr W G Grace added 40 to his overnight score, making his total 215. This was compounded of an on drive for eight, three fives, 14 fours, nine threes, 25 twos and singles. He was at the wicket just five hours.

On his retirement three only of the Gentlemen were out and 329 runs recorded; 116 were added before the fourth wicket (Mr Pauncefote's) fell. Mr I D Walker put together 26 very quickly. Five wickets, 488. From the next ball Mr Green was caught at square leg - a really fine piece of fielding. Mr G F Grace was dismissed summarily by the wicket-keeper, and Mr Absolom was the only batsman who assisted Mr Money to any extent. Eighth wicket, 504; ninth, 511; tenth, 513. Mr Money brought out his bat after being on his defence nearly four hours. Eight bowlers were engaged, but the really successful one was A Shaw, who took six wickets in 62 overs and three balls, for 99 runs. Southerton's "slows" did not pay, as from 52 overs 138 runs were obtained and only one wicket taken.

The Players required 564 runs to win. Shortly after 5 o'clock Humphrey and Jupp commenced the impossible task. With the score at 46, Jupp was caught at the wicket. Silcock joined Humphrey and both hit hard. With the score

at 90, Humphrey was disposed of by the wicket-keeper, Pooley retired at 98, and Silcock was caught at mid on shortly after. At the time agreed upon for drawing stumps, the Players had lost four wickets for 109. Thus, after three days' play, the match was left unfinished. The umpires were Mortlock and Stephenson . . .

18 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1648.html)

Day 1

The above annual match at Lord's commenced yesterday at a quarter past 12. The Gentlemen won the toss, and sent in Messrs W G Grace and Dale to the bowling of Farrands and Shaw. With the score at five Mr Dale was given out leg before wicket, and Mr Ottaway, who succeeded him, was caught at the wicket from the tenth ball delivered to him. Mr Yardley next joined Mr Grace and made a good stand. At 52 Silcock relieved Shaw, and soon after Mr Yardley was caught at leg. Three wickets, 59.

Further changes were had recourse to before Messrs Green and Walker were disposed of. Mr G F Grace joined his brother at 178. From this point the game was marked by very unexpected results. Thus, Hayward took three wickets in three successive balls, and the remaining two wickets scored but two runs. The innings closed for 187 runs. Time, 4h 30m. Six bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Farrands . . and Hayward . . .

Smith and Jupp commenced the Players' innings. From the first ball of the 13th over the latter was clean bowled. Silcock came, and 25 runs were totalled when Smith played "on." Hayward was caught at point, left hand high up. Three wickets, 32. Nearly all the subsequent hitting of note was achieved by Carpenter and Pooley. The first change of bowlers was Mr Absolom at the gate wicket. Mr Appleby maintained his bowling throughout. At one period of the innings this gentleman bowled 13 consecutive maiden overs.

Day 2

This well-contested match at Lord's was finished at 7.30 last evening, when the Gentlemen were declared the winners by four runs. It may be remembered when stumps were drawn on Monday the Gentlemen had completed an innings for 187 runs, and six wickets of the Players were lost for 85. Carpenter, one of the "not outs" for 24, and Lillywhite for 3, resumed batting yesterday at the stipulated time.

Mr Appleby bowled the first over from the Pavilion wicket. No runs resulted from it. Mr Francis was hit in the second over, and 105 were totalled when Lillywhite was caught off the first change bowler. Carpenter played very carefully, and a long time elapsed before his wicket could be taken. The other contributions were insignificant . . .

Messrs Dale and W G Grace recommenced the Gentlemen's batting shortly after 1 o'clock. Hayward and Farrands were the early bowlers. The former had but three overs permitted to him, as these produced no less than 24 runs, and Southerton occupied his post. The slows proved very effective. Six wickets were lost for 44 runs. Mr Francis was caught at deep field from a lofty hit. Seventh wickets, 66. Mr Walker exhibited great freedom and elicited frequent applause. He was finely caught at short slip with the score at 81 for eight wickets. The innings closed at a quarter to 4 o'clock, leaving the Players a "set" of 154 runs to win . . .

Smith and Jupp began the final innings of the match shortly after 4 o'clock. Mr Appleby selected the gate wicket to start the bowling from.

At 21 Smith was caught at mid-on. Silcock came, and the score advanced with such freedom that Mr Absolom relieved Mr Appleby. The change, however, did not answer the desired object, and Mr Appleby resumed at the Pavilion end. The second wicket (Silcock's) resisted all attacks until 20 minutes after 5. Hayward's visit was remarkable - as in the first innings - for its brevity. Three wickets, 62.

Carpenter then joined Jupp and the total reached 81, when the last comer was bowled off his leg. Pooley had little opportunity afforded him to score, being caught at cover point in his second over. At 110 Mr Francis went on for the second time at the gate wicket. The first ball bowled to Jupp was a side one, but the next took his leg stump. Jupp was at the wicket two hours and a half. Shaw and Lillywhite were some time partners, and 139 runs were reached when the latter lost his wicket. Price was hitting to purpose when Lillywhite left him. Farrands obtained a single, which brought up the ninth wicket to 144.

Southerton appeared as "last man," and at 7.30 Price was splendidly caught by Mr Absolom, with the total at 149, thus leaving, as before observed, the Gentlemen winners by four runs . . .

No further cricket reports found until -

8 August: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1669.html)

Day 1

The 28th anniversary was inaugurated yesterday at the St Lawrence ground by an annual match between two elevens entitled "The North of England v The South." It cannot be said of the company that it was as large as usual. Probably this arose from the threatening state of the morning weather, but as the day wore on the attendance materially increased.

No ground can possibly be in better condition for cricket purposes than this. The oft-mentioned ridge proximate to the spot on which the Press tent is usually erected has recently been pared down, and the abrupt declivities reduced to the least dip practicable. Deep-fielders have now a better chance of compassing with effect the space allotted them. The narrow and rugged entrance from the old Dover-road has also been widened and very much improved. Two carriages can now travel abreast without the former inconveniences of danger and collision.

Play was announced for 12 o'clock. More than an hour was, however, frittered away in waiting for absentees. Daft pleaded domestic affliction, Silcock a sprained ankle, as justifiable excuses for not attending at all. The North won the toss and went forthwith to the wickets, which, though pitched very far up, could not be surpassed in excellence. Considering their situation, many of the "fourers" recorded in the books were not worth the number.

Mr Dale and Smith received the early overs. The first hit was effected by South off Mr G F Grace. Four overs were bowled for ten runs. Mr Dale afterwards made a hit to leg for four, and in the subsequent over a cut for the like amount. From the second ball of the thirteenth over Smith was clean bowled by Willsher, and 25 runs totalled. Oscroft joined Mr Dale. By this time Southerton had arrived, and went on at Mr Grace's end. The slows were patronized. At 46 Willsher bowled Mr Dale. This gentleman's hits were five fours, one two and three singles.

Carpenter's stay proved briefer than was contemplated. A splendid catch by Mr Thornton disposed of him, and Mr Mitchell filled the vacancy. The new comer soon began to display his old form, and though missed early, he achieved the most brilliant innings of the day. Oscroft also played a very fine innings, both as regards correctness and finish as well as success. Four wickets, 130 runs. Hayward played three overs, scored two runs and was stumped easily. This opened a vacancy for A Shaw, and the hitting at both wickets became very free and productive. Various changes of bowling were had recourse to before the sixth wicket (Shaw) was obtained. This was done by an excellent catch at cover point.

Biddulph next appeared, and several further changes of bowling were necessitated. The substitution of Mr Thornton for Willsher at 229 was a remarkable feature in the match. From his second ball Mr Mitchell, who had been three hours and a half at the wicket, was caught at cover point. His innings comprised eleven fours, three threes, nine twos &c. Wootton and Howitt were disposed of in two overs. Nine wickets, 230. Innings closed at 5h 38m . . .

The South commenced at 6 o'clock with Mr Grace and Jupp. From the first ball of the sixth over the former was caught at mid-off - a well-judged catch. Mr Ottaway next came, and 18 overs were now bowled for three runs. The bowling was commenced by the two Shaws, but at 18 Howitt relieved J C Shaw, and play for the day was discontinued at a quarter to 7, the light being anything but favourable. Umpires, Mortlock and Royston.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

The first three days of the week have been expended upon the North and South match, which, nevertheless, remains unfinished. This arises from the late commencement of the first day, coupled with occasional interruptions from rain. The rapidity of the run getting as the match neared its close was something wonderful, but it was impossible to get the number necessary to determine the question of winnership.

Carpenter, the "not out" for 44, accompanied by Mr Dale, commenced yesterday's play at 11.45 a.m. Southerton and Willsher had charge of the ball. When 14 runs were obtained rain came on and stopped the play for a quarter of an hour. Carpenter patronized the slow bowling to some purpose, as also did Mr Dale. At 2.49 Mr G F Grace went on at Southerton's end and the hitting received a check. Carpenter was very dextrously stumped off Willsher in his 49th over. There can be no question about the value of Carpenter's innings. His score of 75 included thirteen fours, three twos and singles, without giving a chance.

A Shaw failed signally. Fifth and sixth wickets, 261. Biddulph also made but a feeble resistance. At 263 Southerton returned to the wicket he had left. The second ball was sent back to him by Mr Dale, but he declined to accept it. Shortly after, Mr Dale ran nearly half way across the wickets to meet a slow. He failed, however, in his intended object, and the ball passed uninterruptedly to the stumps, which fell. Very little transpired after this to call for remark. The tenth wicket reached 278, or just 70 runs in two hours . . .

The South began the fourth and final innings of the match at 2 o'clock, with Messrs W G Grace and I D Walker. The two Shaws, as on the first day, were the bowlers at starting. Mr Grace got only one four, a three and three singles. First wicket, 10 runs. Mr Ottaway then joined Mr Walker. A separation, however, was soon made. The former, in following up a hit made by the latter, got too far across the play to retrace his steps in time. Two wickets, 12. Jupp came next and the score moved with speed, but its continuance was short. In the 26th over Jupp hit a ball to square leg, which being well fielded by Norley, a substitute, brought up the total to 56 for three wickets.

Mr Yardley joined Mr Walker at 10 minutes to 5. Rain threatened and fell, for a short time, heavily. Several bowling changes were resorted to before Mr Yardley was caught at long slip. Mr Walker was previously caught at cover point. Pooley and Mr Thornton played with extraordinary freedom and success. Six overs in succession yielded 33 runs, 56 were scored in half an hour, and in 17 minutes more 33 runs were added thereto. Six overs from Hayward produced 22 runs. At 231 Pooley was for the second time during the match run-out after a fine and spirited innings.

Messrs G F Grace and Thornton played up to time, when the South were 55 runs in arrear, with four wickets to fall. Mr Thornton's innings is noteworthy for its steady play and excellent defence. Umpires, Royston and Mortlock. Full score added. The match of the day will be Gentlemen of M.C.C. v The County of Kent.

11 August: KENT v GENTLEMEN OF MARYLEBONE CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1660.html)

Day 1

Although this is not regarded as the most important match of the weekly series, Thursday is always the day, above all others, which "the Upper Ten" of the city and neighbourhood patronize. No such scene presents itself elsewhere to the habitual frequenters of cricket matches as that shown by the St Lawrence-ground on the day in question. Of course very much depends upon the state of the weather, and as nothing was left to be desired yesterday on this score the attendance proved equal to any similar occasion since the week's play was first promoted. The wickets were pitched on a more central portion of the ground than in the preceding match. This movement afforded greater satisfaction to the on-lookers, and was withal better when regarded from a cricket standpoint. Expert fielders had a fairer chance of reducing "fourers" to their proper value.

The success in the toss fell to the lot of Kent, and within five minutes of 12 o'clock Henty and Mr Morris took their stations at the wickets. Mr Rutter bowled the first over, from which Mr Morris made a leg hit for four and a single cut; but from the second ball of the fourth over he played into the hands of slip. Mr Ottaway made a single from the first ball presented to him; from the fourth Mr Rutter bowled him. Nor did Mr Yardley redeem this indifferent beginning. He made an off-drive for four, and with that his batting career closed. Thus far three wickets were lost for ten runs.

When Mr Harris joined Henty symptoms of improvement began to manifest themselves. The score had advanced to 27 and both batsmen appeared to be feeling their way; a ball, however, from Mr Cobden went direct to the wicket which Mr Harris was defending and prostrated his mid stump. Worse luck followed, for Mr Thornton received but six balls, the last of which bowled him. Mr Rodger effected three hits, which realized four runs. In the 30th over Henty was missed at short slip, but caught at point from the next ball. Seven wickets, 37.

Willsher and Bennett exhibited a much stiffer defence than any of the foregoing. 58 runs were totalled when Bennett played into the hands of cover point, but the catch was not turned to account. Willsher also gave two chances to the bowler, both of which were declined. Mr Rose went on at Mr Cobden's wicket, and from the second ball of his fourth over Bennett was caught; eight wickets for 73. Willsher shortly after gave a chance to the deep field which was duly accepted.

Croxford, a young professional of considerable promise, brought back Mr Cobden, who, however, failed in getting his wicket, although he experienced but little resistance in his combat with Mr Wormald; tenth wicket 87. Mr Lipscomb, "the last man," made a straight drive to the ropes for four from the first ball received; the second went bounding up the bank for another four; then came a single, and then a catch from a "potty" hit, which brought the innings to a close at a quarter-past 2 o'clock for 96 runs . . .

At 3.30 Messrs Dale and W G Grace first appeared for Marylebone. From the well-known batting capabilities of both gentlemen many were induced to think they would of themselves rub off the comparatively tiny score of

their opponents. Willsher led off the bowling at the city wicket; the first ball Mr W G Grace played, from the second he realized four runs, but from the third he was caught from a lofty hit. This sudden surprise, which to many was likewise a great one, is only another illustration of the uncertainty appertaining to cricket, even when its greatest men are concerned in playing the game.

Mr Dale also fell short of anticipation. Bowled in the 16th over, Mr Wilkinson's stay was too brief to be very productive. He retired from with wicket with the notion that his leg did not obstruct it, although the umpire decided otherwise, a decree invariably attended with dissatisfaction. Mr I D Walker, missed at mid-off early, completed a full average innings. Meanwhile two changes of bowling occurred - viz., Mr Lipscomb for Bennett at 42 and Mr Wormald for Willsher at 69. Upon the retirement of Mr Walker the wicket was occupied by Mr Akroyd, who made two drives of four each and was then bowled. Five wickets, 96.

Mr Tennent came next, and Willsher at this stage resumed bowling, as did also Bennett shortly after. Three wickets fell for 13 runs, but Mr Mitchell, who went on at 21, was not out for 50 when stumps were drawn for the day. The band of the 19th Hussars attended and played a programme of really excellent music.

Day 2

Messrs Mitchell and Rutter, the "not outs" for 50 and 7 respectively, recommenced the Marylebone batting yesterday at the stipulated time. It may be remembered, when Thursday's play ceased, eight wickets were down for 135. Each of the above-named batsmen added a single, when Mr Mitchell was taken at point and Mr Rutter well caught at the wicket. Mr Cobden made two drives of four each, and then played the ball "on." This concluded the innings . . .

Kent, with 49 in arrear, commenced their second innings at 12.25. The order of going was pretty much the same as on the preceding day. So also with regard to bowling. From an early over Mr Morris made an on drive for three off Mr Rutter. Shortly after he was well secured at wicket. Mr Ottaway joined Henty. Eight runs were added when the latter played "on" - two wickets, 11 runs. This indifferent beginning was atoned for to some extent by Mr Yardley, who put together 12 runs quickly. In Mr Cobden's ninth over Mr Yardley played so tamely that he put the ball back to the bowler, who held it - three wickets, 30 balls.

Mr Harris, the Eton captain, was now Ottaway's partner. The hitting improved, and 14 runs were added when the fourth wicket fell. Bennett failed altogether. Mr Thornton made up for the shortcomings of the day previous. His hits were most emphatically of the all-round character, and very productive withal. He made five fours and a two from three Cobden overs. He was eventually caught of the first and only changed bowler during the innings, which culminated with 131 runs.

Marylebone were thus left with a "set" of 84. Mr Dale contributed two and ran himself out. The necessary number of runs for winning were obtained by Messrs Grace and Walker, and the match was consequently won by Marylebone at 5.25, with ten wickets to spare.

15 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1663.html)

Final report

The weakness of Kent, or rather its absence of unity among its cricketing chiefs, was never more apparent than on the two early days of the present week at the Oval. The match was a return to one played in July at Maidstone, when the contest proved a very close and interesting one. Kent were fortunate on Monday in the toss, but not so with their innings at any stage of it. The first and second wickets fell for two runs; the third reached nine; the fourth and fifth ten. The largest individual score was five and the total 20. Southerton bowled nine overs (two maiden) and took five wickets for 16 runs. Anstead, a colt, eight overs (6 maiden), four wickets, 4 runs.

Surrey began batting with Jupp and Humphrey; the latter gave way to a "slow" before time permitted him to score a figure, but the next five wickets, all clean bowled, brought up the total to 104; the tenth fell for 100 . . .

Kent commenced their second innings with Mr Yardley - absent in the morning - and Willsher; both were out when Monday's play ceased. On the following morning Mr Morris and Henty, the "not outs" for a single each, renewed their batting but were soon disposed of. In fact, Bennett was the only man who showed any defence worth speaking about. The innings in consequence closed early, and with an insignificant result. Surrey won by an innings and 43 runs.

15 August: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1664.html)

Day 1 - no report found

Day 2

This match was resumed on the Bramall-lane Cricket-ground, Sheffield, yesterday, in the presence of a great number of spectators. When our parcel was despatched, at half-past 5, the score stood as under: . . .
[Nottinghamshire (2) 66/5.]

Day 3 - no report found

18 August: GENTLEMEN OF THE NORTH v GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1665.html)

Day 1

This great and highly interesting match commenced yesterday at the Cricket Ground, Beeston, near Nottingham. The weather was very fine, and the ground, considering the long drought, in good condition. Considerable interest was excited and the attendance of spectators was numerous. The crack batsman, Mr W G Grace, had never been in this neighbourhood before.

The toss was won by the North, who sent in Messrs Dale and Hornby to the bowling of Messrs Day and Rutter. At the commencement of the game runs were made freely, and both bowlers were soon changed for Mr W G Grace and Mr Strachan. At length Mr Dale was exceedingly well caught by Mr Day for 19 – one wicket for 44. Mr Beevor followed, but was speedily bowled for 1. Mr C Smith then went in, and he and Mr Hornby made a long stand at the wickets, runs being made with rapidity. When the dinner-bell rang shortly before half-past 2, 116 runs had been scored for the loss of three wickets, Mr Smith having been bowled by Mr Grace for 43.

After dinner the game was resumed by Mr C W Walker going to the wickets with Mr Hornby. After a pretty good stand, the former was bowled for 19 – four for 148. The next two wickets fell for small scores – 5 and 7 – the bulk of the runs being made by Mr Hornby. Mr Cobden was next in and hit freely, his 19 being made in a very short time – seven for 210. After a very long and splendid innings Mr Hornby was bowled by Mr Strachan for 103. Mr Riddell and Mr Appleby played very well together for some time, and the former was well bowled for 36 – nine for 285. Mr Ashwell (substitute for Mr Williams) was the last in, and the entire innings closed for 287.

The South, after a short interval, commenced their innings by sending Mr W G Grace and Mr Thornton to the wickets. Only three runs were made when the stumps were drawn.

Day 2

This great match was resumed yesterday (Friday) at the Cricket-ground, Beeston, near Nottingham. A heavy shower of rain fell early in the morning, which rendered the ground in rather better condition. The two not-outs of the previous evening (Mr W G Grace and Mr I D Walker) went in to the bowling of Messrs Appleby and Cobden.

Both men batted in fine form, and the ball was knocked into all parts of the field. The score rose rapidly and the bowlers were frequently changed, but without success. At length Mr W G Grace was well caught by Mr Hornby from a ball by Mr Mackinnon for 77. Mr G F Grace then joined Mr Walker, and some splendid cricket was exhibited. At dinner-time 212 had been scored for the loss of only three wickets.

Play being resumed, both batsmen continued to trouble the bowlers, and 300 were soon telegraphed. The score still continued to rise rapidly, and at half-past 4 it stood at 360, Mr Walker's score standing at 145 and Mr G F Grace's at 136, both not out. The bowling and fielding of the North were by no means first-rate, and the score soon rose to 400 without the loss of any further wicket. After some further excellent batting Mr I D Walker was

well caught at cover-point for 179 by Mr Smith, off Mr Hornby's bowling - five for 430.

Mr Strachan followed, but shortly afterwards he was caught and bowled by Mr Hornby for 2. Mr Fillingham went in next, and was caught without scoring. Mr Rutter, who followed, was bowled by Mr Hornby for 2. The South were eventually disposed of for the large total of 482, Mr G F Grace carrying out his bat for 189.

Day 3

This match was resumed on Saturday at the cricket ground Beeston, near Nottingham. The immense score made by the South in their first innings seemed to point to the issue of the game. The uncertainty of cricket, however, kept up the spirits of the Northerners.

18 August: KENT v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1666.html)

Day 1

This return match was commenced yesterday on the cricket ground of the Crystal Palace. Notts won the toss, and at eight minutes past 1 o'clock Bignall and Oscroft were at the wickets. Before a run was obtained Bignall was caught at point off Willsher. A mere youth named Butler next appeared, but he soon gave evidence of extraordinary talent in batting, especially with respect to big hits.

Oscroft left with the score at 10. Wild took his place, but was soon run out through a fine piece of fielding on the part of Remnant. Three wickets, 12 runs. The disposal of three really great batsmen for so inconsiderable a number inspired the hopes of the Kent party, although, to the independent observer, the chances of the home county winning are of the faintest character.

Daft joined Butler, and at this stage all the real interest in the day's play centred. Daft pursued his usually cautious style, while his companion hit the ball everywhere, and during the first half hour scored six runs to Daft's one. After a while Daft began to bat with more freedom; 102 runs were scored when he strained a muscle of his leg so severely that he was carried off the ground. It is feared that he will not be able to play any more this season. The subsequent players, with the exception of Alfred Shaw, achieved nothing worthy of special mention. At 6 o'clock stumps were drawn. Butler's hits were five fours, three threes, seven twos and 17 singles . . . Play will be resumed to-day at 2 o'clock.

Day 2

Play was resumed yesterday at 12.10. Kent selected Willsher and Henty to commence their batting, opposed to Howitt and J C Shaw. The latter bowled the first over, from which Willsher made a hit to leg for three. In the twelfth over Henty received so severe a blow on the hand as to cause a temporary retirement.

Mr Penn came and played by far the best innings of the day. Among his most noticeable hits was a straight drive for five off J C Shaw, also two fours (cut and leg hit) and three threes from Howitt. On his retirement five wickets were down for 56 runs. Strange to say, the remaining wickets fell for two runs only . . .

Kent had to follow on, but their second innings proved worse than the first; thus the first, second and third wickets fell for 20 runs . . . ninth, 43. Henty did not go in. The bowling was divided between J C Shaw and Wootton . . .

It will be remembered that Kent were beaten on Tuesday, in their match with Surrey, by an innings and 43 runs. In the contest under consideration they sustained a still more significant defeat - viz., an innings and 66 runs. The Crystal Palace ground was certainly not in very first-rate condition, and at times the wickets were slow and at others played false. These drawbacks arose in a great measure from the damp state caused by artificial watering. Umpires, Tinley and Caesar.

18 August: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1667.html)

Final report

After a contest of three days' duration Surrey were on Saturday last proclaimed victors by 14 runs. The match was played at Brighton on the Hove ground, which, though recently narrowed, is in some respects improved. The old flinty wall has been demolished and a park paling constituted for a boundary. As the weather was fine during the three days in question, there was an unusually large attendance.

22 August: UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND v UNITED NORTH OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1668.html)

Day 1

Two of the most efficient elevens that England can boast of were brought together yesterday at the Oval. The North won the toss and play began at about half-past 12. One of their most dependable batsmen (Smith) was caught from the first ball presented to him; but all the rest scored. A Shaw, unfortunately, got his leg in front of the wicket before an opportunity presented itself of hitting to purpose.

Seven wickets fell for 125 runs. Freeman played an fine innings and obtained the top score. His hits were six fours, one three, three twos and a brace of singles. The eighth wicket realized 133 runs. Wootton and Plumb were in when rain stooped further play.

In consequence of this great drawback to a benefit match, it is purposed to begin much earlier this morning. Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, the attendance during the day was estimated at nearly 5,000 persons. Umpires, H H Stephenson and E Stephenson.

Day 2

Wootton and Plumb, the "not outs" of Monday for 15 and 16 runs respectively, brought up the total to 169, when the former, caught at point, made way for Howitt, the last man. As the hitting was free, it took but a little time to add 19 runs to the foregoing. Plumb, however, being then caught at wicket, the innings closed . . .

W G Grace commenced the South batting. Freeman bowled the first over and A Shaw the second from the Pavilion wicket. When 21 runs were scored they changed ends, but as no benefit resulted from the movement Wootton went on in pace of Freeman. At 67 Mr Grace gave a chance to the wicket-keeper, which was accepted. Silcock then joined Jupp, and another cross over was had recourse to. Silcock retired at 75 and Charlwood came in. He made 15 runs to his partner's one, and was then badly run out. The bowling from this stage almost to the close of the day's play was so good that at one time it took half an hour to get three singles. Jupp's patience underwent the trial of four hours and a quarter, and resulted in the largest score of the match thus far played.

The attendance at the Oval yesterday was almost as large as on the first day. There is but little chance now of the match being thoroughly played out.

Day 3

When play ceased on Tuesday evening the North had completed an innings for 185 runs, and the South had lost nine wickets for 168. To these were added nine by two hits, when Willsher was caught at point . . .

The North started their second innings feebly. Three wickets were lost for 14 runs. The fifth advanced to 41 and the seventh for 55. Lockwood, Rowbotham and Wootton batted vigorously and with judgment. But for the

timely help of this trio the North would have been, so to speak, "nowhere." The innings lasted two hours and a half, and culminated with 122 runs . . .

The South commenced the fourth innings of the match with Mr G F Grace and Charlwood. Neither made any stand worth speaking of. When Mr W G Grace and Pooley got set runs came apace, and had time permitted there is little doubt they would have been able to obtain the necessary number of runs for winning; 130 were wanting at the commencement of the innings, and only 98 scored when stumps were drawn, and the match declared drawn also.

25 August: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1669.html)

Day 1

A return match between the above-named counties was commenced yesterday at the Crystal Palace Ground. Kent won the toss and proceeded at once to the wickets. Lillywhite and Southerton alternated the bowling up to 39, when Shoesmith went on in pace of the former. In the second over of the change, Fryer was bowled. No incident of importance occurred during the innings, which lasted two hours and a quarter, for 80 runs . . .

The Sussex innings began at 4 o'clock and continued till a quarter to 6, for 59 runs. Reed displayed the finest batting of the day. Play will be resumed this day.

Day 2

At the conclusion of Thursday's play an innings by each party was completed, and one Kent wicket of the second innings lost for seven runs. The batting in the early stage of yesterday's play predominated, and 54 runs were obtained when the second wicket fell. Bennett, though suffering from a wounded finger, made the largest score of the match thus far played. His hits were four fours, ten threes, nine twos and 11 singles. The tenth wicket fell for 197 runs.

Sussex commenced their second innings at half-past five, with a bad light. When stumps were drawn one wicket was down and 55 runs scored. They now require 164 runs to win. Play will be resumed this day at 12 o'clock.

Day 3

One wicket of the last innings of the match in question was down on Friday evening when stumps were drawn. Mr Mare and Killick, the "not outs" for 33 runs and 22 respectively, rescued their batting somewhat late on the following morning. 164 runs were yet wanted by Sussex to win the match.

Ill-luck attended the start, and continued with slight variations up to the close of the play. Mr Mare, who promised well overnight, added two runs and was then caught in the short slip off his glove. Killick, in the next over, was also taken in the slip. Thus three good wickets were lost for 62 runs. Charlwood prolonged his stay until 14 were contributed by him. Payne and Mr Cotterill also showed resistance to the first-class bowling brought to bear upon them; but when these were disposed of the game was up.

Only 61 runs were obtained during the two hours that the play lasted . . . It will be seen from the full score attached that Kent won the match by 102 runs. The attendance at the Crystal Palace ground on the three days of play was by no means a large or demonstrative one.

29 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1671.html)

Day 1

Some really first-rate cricket was exhibited at the Oval yesterday by the two elevens, representing the above-named counties. The match was a "return" to one played at Sheffield towards the close of June last, when Yorkshire won by ten wickets. From the heavy rainfalls of Sunday the ground was heavy, and the wickets, in the early part of yesterday, played slow.

Yorkshire having won the toss sent in Lockwood and Iddison at 12.20. Southerton commenced the attack, and Anstead followed it up with so much success that in the fourteenth over Lockwood was compelled to vacate his post with the score at 9. Rawlinson came, and for a while the bowlers were kept at bay. Twenty runs were added when Iddison's off stump fell. Thewlis succeeded the retiring batsman, and very soon after Rawlinson was caught off a slow. Rowbotham presented a sterner front, and eventually effected the longest score of the innings. At 47, Street rested Anstead. This stroke of policy was soon rewarded by the capture of Thewlis off the change bowler. Four wickets, 49.

Freeman was a full quarter of an hour before he could get the ball away. With the score at 66 he retired. Pinder was stumped off the third ball received, and Ullathorne also failed to figure . . . Clayton and West brought up the tenth to 114 . . .

Surrey commenced their innings with Jupp and R Humphrey at 4.35. Only a single was registered when Jupp's mid stump fell. Such was the character of Freeman's and Emmett's bowling that 34 overs were delivered for 19 runs. These performances occupied just one hour, during which half the Surrey wickets were captured. Pooley made a determined stand and played up to time with by far the best score of the day.

There was a capital attendance, and withal a critical one; this was evident from the expressions of approval when merited, and, truth to speak, they were frequent. Umpires, Mortlock and Greenwood. Score affixed. Play will be resumed to-day, but as the stated time is rarely adhered to, it had better not be announced.

Day 2

Play was commenced yesterday punctually at 12 o'clock. It will doubtlessly be remembered that when stumps were drawn on the previous evening Yorkshire had completed an innings for 114 runs, and seven Surrey wickets had fallen for 46.

Pooley, one of the "not outs" for 22, added four, and then lost his wicket by a trimming ball from Freeman. In the meantime Stephenson, the other "not out," played the bowling with such judgment and determined as to produce expressions of regret that he did not go in earlier. Neither Street nor Southerton was equal to a run, and the innings in consequence terminated with a total much less than was generally anticipated - 35 minutes sufficed to dispose of the three players just mentioned. Freeman

bowled 35 overs (27 maidens) and took six wickets for 15 runs, a great feat . . .

At 12.55 Iddison and Lockwood recommenced the Yorkshire batting. Southerton led off the opening attack, but nothing came of the opening over. In fact, four overs were bowled for seven runs, when Lockwood was caught at mid-off. Rawlinson played the slow game, being 65 minutes at the wickets for 12 runs. Rowbotham required less than half this time to score 20. At 81 Street rested Anstead. In the fourth over of the change Street took Rowbotham's leg bail by as fine a ball as ever was delivered. Three wickets, 95, involving the curious fact that all the men scored precisely the same number of runs in each innings.

Thewlis joined Iddison, and the batting became very free and productive, At 118 Anstead went on again, and at 126 Griffith relieved Southerton. After a career of three hours and a quarter Iddison was caught at point. In his long score were five fours, six threes and four twos, with but one slender chance. Freeman was first bowled from a "no ball," the next ball delivered broke his middle stump. Nothing during the remainder of the innings occurred of special moment . . . Play will be continued this day.

Day 3 - no report found

5 September: NORTH v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1672.html)

Day 1

The last great match of the season was commenced yesterday at Dewsbury, Yorkshire. As some of the best players in England have undertaken to play, there is good reason for believing that the game will be well contested, although the results of the first day seem to predict otherwise.

The South won the toss, and began their batting with Mr W G Grace and Charlwood. Misfortune attended the South at the start, for they lost two of their best men for eight runs, and the third man only brought up their total to 12. This circumstance arose mainly from the bowling of J C Shaw, who was in fine form throughout the innings. Thus in 30 overs (17 maiden) he took seven wickets for 32 runs . . . The innings closed for 79 runs. Iddison and Smith were first at the wickets on the part of the North, and they kept possession of them until time arrived for closing the day's play.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3

The above match at Dewsbury was concluded yesterday, when the South were beaten by an innings and 150 runs. Iddison and Smith, on the part of the North, scored more runs in a single innings than all the South eleven in their double "go." The bowling of J C Shaw on one side and that of Willsher on the other was of a first-class character.