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15 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1797.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 16 May, page 14)

This, by far the most important match of the present season, commenced yesterday at Prince's-ground, Chelsea, and was attended by a large number of persons who really understood the game and could appreciate the character and merits of the play. The South won the toss, and at 12.35 Mr W G Grace and Jupp were at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of J C Shaw and M M'Intyre.

In the seventh over Mr Grace was caught in the long slip for 13 runs. Jupp continued a long time at the wicket for two runs, and Humphrey was caught at point for four. Mr Yardley began cautiously, and took 20 minutes in preparing for his first run; but Mr fryer exhibited less reserve. The honours of the day, however, were justly awarded to Mr Hadow, who played a masterly innings of 47 and brought out his bat . . .

On the part of the North, Lockwood batted magnificently. He went in first and came out third, with the score at 63. At the close of the day four wickets were down for 89 runs. The match was promoted to benefit the "Cricketers' Fund," and the scheme promises to be a very successful one. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 17 May, page 12)

Play in this great match at Prince's Ground was resumed yesterday by Oscroft and Carpenter, the not outs for 9 and 0 respectively. Howitt and Southerton had charge of the early bowling. From the last ball of the third over Oscroft was caught at short leg; Greenwood came next and put together 24 runs quickly. His chief hits were five fours (various).

Emmett succeeded, and the play all round was slow. An easy catch in the slops [sic] led to his dismissal. Pinder then joined Carpenter, and the latter, who had been at the wickets little short of two hours, had to retire; 160 runs were now registered for eight wickets. The two succeeding batsmen received but four overs, and the innings came to an end for 164 runs.

The second innings of the South was opened by Mr Grace and Jupp. Sixty-five runs resulted from 21 overs; Jupp then played "on" and Humphrey took his place. The batting then increased in liveliness, and free hitting characterized the entire innings. Mr Grace ran himself out. His chief hits were - 12 fours, three threes and a two. The second wicket fell for 108; . . tenth, 220. The chief bowlers on this side were M M'Intyre and Lockwood . . . Play will be resumed to-day at 2 o'clock.

Day 3 - no report found

15 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1796.html)

Final report (from Monday 19 May, page 13)

This important match was brought to a conclusion at Oxford on Saturday afternoon, after three days' play, which throughout was in favour of the Oxford men, who set the formidable score of 321 in their first innings . . .

19 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SURREY CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1799.html)

Final report (from Wednesday 21 May, page 12)

Less than an hour yesterday sufficed to bring this match at Lord's to a conclusion. It will be seen from the subjoined score that Surrey were defeated by nine wickets.

19 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1798.html)

Final report (from Wednesday 21 May, page 12)

This match was begun and finished upon Fenner's on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday the University obtained 56 and England 248. On Tuesday the University put together 221. After that England won in less than half-a-dozen overs.

22 May: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1801.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 23 May, page 10)

This important match commenced yesterday at Prince's Ground, Chelsea, soon after 12 o'clock. As the day wore on a large ring of spectators was formed to witness it. Yorkshire had choice of innings, but they started indifferently. The wickets did not play so well as could be desired. This circumstance is to be attributed chiefly to the heavy downpour of the previous day. Three wickets fell for 17 runs. Afterwards the scoring increased rapidly. Greenwood, Hall, Pinder and Emmett were mainly instrumental in bringing up the score to 150 when there were three wickets to go down.

No less than four wickets were engaged with widely contrasting results. Thus Howitt delivered 48 overs at the cost of 70 runs, and took three wickets, while Mr R D Walker obtained a like number of wickets in seven overs, for eight runs.

Middlesex began their innings very successfully. When stumps were drawn 92 runs were obtained for three wickets. Play will be resumed to-day at 1 o'clock. Umpires, E Stephenson and Thoms.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 24 May, page 12)

Play in this match at Prince's Ground was resumed yesterday, somewhat earlier than the public expected – a circumstance worthy of note. The score of Mr I D Walker, one of the "not outs," was soon enlarged from 41 to 64, and that of Mr R D Walker from six to 33. During the subsequent portion of the Middlesex innings the batting of Mr Gilbert attracted considerable attention. On the completion of an innings by each party the palm was awarded to Middlesex as superior, both at the wickets and in the field.

The second innings of Yorkshire possessed but really few features of interest. Lockwood and Emmett were the only parties who made scores worthy of the great districts they represented. Six wickets fell for 56 runs; the tenth realized 118. The most effective bowling brought against them was that of Messrs I D Walker and R D Walker . . .

Day 3 – no report found

22 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1800.html)

Final report (from Saturday 24 May, page 12)

This annual match began on Thursday on the ground once known as Fenner's, and ended yesterday in favour of Marylebone by 53 runs. It left few things to be remembered, saving the great service rendered by Mr Thornton to the winning side, both at the wickets and in the field.

22 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1801.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 27 May, page 10)

Had there been no interruptions caused by rain, the probability is that this important match at Lord's yesterday would have been played out before sundown. Yorkshire commenced the batting, and lost three wickets for five runs. Smith and Rowbotham were the only two who made a stand against the severe bowling brought against them . . .

Marylebone sent in Messrs Grace and Walker. These batsmen were parted at 18, but the sixth wicket advanced to 133. Mr Yardley was the chief scorer of the day. He made one hit for six runs, two for five each, one four, two threes and 20 singles. Hill and Lockwood led off the bowling. At 56 Hill changed ends and Garnet took Lockwood's place. It was, however, quite evident by this time that the Yorkshire team was no match for Marylebone; at the close of the innings there was a difference of 76 runs in favour of the latter.

The light at this time was very bad, and the second innings of Yorkshire was a spectacle not at all calculated upon even in the early part of the day. Stumps were drawn at a quarter to 7 o'clock, when five men were out for 15 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 28 May, page 8)

The five wickets left standing at Lloyd's [sic] on Monday evening were disposed of yesterday in about one hour, and Marylebone were pronounced the winners of the match by an innings and 12 runs. Umpires, Wootton and Hearne.

29 May: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1804.html)

Final report (from Saturday 31 May, page 5)

Play in this match commenced on Thursday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, and came to a close last evening in favour of Yorkshire by nine wickets. The chief feature was the bowling of Emmett, who obtained seven wickets in 24 overs for 29 runs.

2 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1806.html)

Day 1 (from Tuesday 3 June, page 6)

Nearly 8,000 persons assembled at Lord's yesterday to witness the above match, promoted by the Marylebone Club as a testimony of respect to Wootton, a ground bowler of about 12 years' standing. The sides were certainly not composed of the best elevens which England - thus geographically defined - can produce; but the play was, notwithstanding, in many respects very interesting and remarkable too.

The North began the batting with Lockwood and Oscroft, opposed to Southerton and Howitt. During the first hour the wickets fell rapidly. Lockwood was missed early at short leg by Clayton, who fielded for an absentee. After this escape he ran up a fair score; but Carpenter, M'Intyre, Pinder and Mr Crawford contributed but six altogether. When A Shaw joined Mr Booth runs came far more easily; in fact, from the seventh wicket to the close of the innings the game seemed endued with a life not very strikingly displayed before. Changes of bowling were had recourse to; runs, however, still came, and not a few from defective fielding. Total, 147.

The innings of the South began at 3.25 with Mr Grace and Jupp. Twelve runs resulted from A Shaw's first over and 10 from Rylott's; 50 runs in 25 minutes. M'Intyre then went on at Rylott's end, and the work of destruction at once began. Mr Grace was caught off him, and Mr Yardley obtained but four when his dismissal came through an adroit piece of wicket-keeping. The bowling of M'Intyre was so severe that he took six wickets for six runs. Jupp alone was not able to withstand it, and he triumphantly brought out his bat with a score of 50, amid great and generous applause. Duration of innings, one hour and a half . . .

The North resumed batting with Oscroft and Lockwood. The contrast between the start of the first and second innings was unusually wide, and at the close of the day's play 118 runs were scored for the loss of two wickets. The match will be severely contested, and although the North stand at present high in public favour, there are those who believe that there is strength enough in the opposite party to "pull through." Umpires, Hearne and Price.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 4 June, page 10)

When play in this match at Lord's ceased on Monday each side had completed an innings. The North had 163 runs in hand and only two wickets of the second innings down. Yesterday Mr Booth and M'Intyre, the "not outs" for 10 and 60 respectively, resumed the batting soon after 12 o'clock. Owing to the heavy downpour about sunrise, the wickets were soft. For a time runs came slowly, but in less than two hours the innings was brought to an end for a total of 193, of which an unusually large number belonged to the "extra" class. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

The South had to get 243 to win, and they sent in Mr Grace and Jupp to rub off a large number. Unfortunately, however, neither of these great batsmen stayed very long, and the game was considered as lost when they retired. Both were clean bowled for very insignificant scores. The hopes of the

South revived somewhat by the finished and successful batting of Mr Yardley, but he, by some unaccountable blunder, was run out. Five wickets fell for 94 runs.

Subsequently, Charlwood contributed liberally to the score. Lillywhite and Howitt had but one ball each. Mr Bissett, the "not out," received about three overs, which he turned to good account. Four bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were J C Shaw and Alfred Shaw . . . It will be seen from the full score annexed that the North won the match by 84 runs.

5 June: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v PLAYERS OF THE NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1808.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 June, page 6)

The novelty of this match induced many persons to visit Price's Ground yesterday; but, independent of novelty, the players on both sides were men of mark and distinction in the cricketing world, and the match possessed a more than ordinary amount of interest in consequence.

The Players were first at the wickets. Oscroft was caught from the third ball. Greenwood, Carpenter and Wild brought up the score to 55 before the first separation was effected. The innings closed for 182. Six bowlers were engaged. Only two wickets on the other side were lost when time was called.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 June, page 12)

As the play in this match advances, its interest increases. An unusually large number of persons presented themselves yesterday at Prince's before the actual business of the day began. When stumps were drawn on Thursday the Players had completed an innings for 182, and two wickets of the South were disposed of for 68.

The batting of Mr W G Grace was the chief feature of the second day's play. He was at the wickets nearly four hours and a half, and scored 145 runs, without giving a chance save that which was taken. His chief hits were 11 fours, 12 threes and 12 twos. The innings closed for 237 runs. five bowlers were engaged . . .

In the second innings of the Players Emmett showed good form, although he ought to have been taken in the long field at an early stage. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock, and there is every probability that the match will be sharply contested.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 June, page 14)

The result of the third-day's play in this match at Prince's exhibited cricket in its changeful and uncertain character. Most people thought the victory, whichever side might obtain it, would have to be stoutly fought for. Such, however, was not the case.

On Saturday, soon after 12 o'clock, Greenwood and M'Intyre, the "not outs" for 0 and 7 respectively, resumed the North batting, with four wickets down for 152 runs. Messrs Brice and Bray had charge of the ball, but the former was soon displaced by Mr E M Grace. Runs came fast notwithstanding, but Mr Ridley's slows were had recourse to with surprising effect. In a very short space of time the innings closed for 228.

The Gentlemen now required 174 runs to win. Mr W G Grace and his elder brother commenced the last innings, but M'Intyre bowled E M Grace in his second over. Mr Yardley was bowled in Shaw's fourth over, and Mr W G Grace in his sixth, and this three great scorers were cleared from the list for six runs. The Gentlemen's game was, in consequence, virtually gone, and from this period of the match to its close Mr Green alone seemed able to

cope with the bowling. None of the rest obtained double figures, and the tenth wicket fell for 62, thus leaving the Players victors by 111 runs . . . The collapse was very disappointing to the assembly, by far the largest ever witnessed on the Hans-place ground. Umpires, Willsher and Davis.

5 June: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1809.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 June, page 6)

In consequence of unfavourable weather, play in this match at the Oval yesterday did not commence till nearly 2 o'clock. Surrey won the toss and sent their opponents in. No large scores were made, and the innings occupied little more than two hours. Southerton and Street bowled throughout. Surrey lost two wickets for 17 runs, four for 24 and seven for 52. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 - scorecard but no significant report from Saturday 7 June, page 12

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 June, page 14)

It did not take a great deal of time on Saturday to dispose of the nine Surrey batsmen who took their second innings. Five were caught off Fillery, and two were clean bowled by him. Sussex were therefore declared winners of the match by 27 runs.

9 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1811.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 June, page 12)

In this match, which commenced yesterday at the Oval, Mr W G Grace and his elder brother made a most efficient start with the bat. The bowlers were Southerton at the Pavilion wicket and Mr Boulton contra.

Seven runs resulted from the first over, eight from the second and 30 [sic] from the sixth. At 45, Street displaced Mr Boulton. So active were the batsmen that they caused 50 runs to be placed on the register in 30 minutes, and 92 within the first hour. At 136, Mr Boulton resumed bowling, but not with immediate success, as seven runs resulted from the first over. With the total at 146, Mr Akroyd relieved Southerton; ten runs were added hereto, when Mr W G Grace was caught by the long-stop. This great batsman had been on his defence for 90 minutes, and scored meanwhile 83 runs, in which was a leg hit for six, four fours, five threes, seven twos and singles.

Mr E M Grace fell to Mr Boulton almost immediately after. His chief hits were seven fours, four threes and ten twos. Nine batsmen in succession reached double figures, and the ninth wicket realized 287 runs. The innings occupied scarcely four hours and closed for 290 runs. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Jupp and R Humphrey began the Surrey batting; these excellent players were soon parted. T Humphrey then joined his brother, and for a time they resisted the wily attacks of the Messrs Grace, but they were evidently unable to stand against them long. Three wickets fell for 32 runs; Pooley was let off by a long fielder with his individual score at 10, but was soon afterwards run out in attempting to get more than time or circumstance would admit of . . .

Day 2 – no report found

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 June, page 12)

At the close of the second day's play in this match at the Oval, Surrey had completed two innings for a total of 424 runs. Gloucestershire then required 135 to win. This number was obtained in about two hours and a half yesterday at the cost of five wickets. Umpires, Mortlock and Pullin.

9 June: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1810.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 10 June, page 12)

The first county match at Lord's this season commenced yesterday. The scoring was small and the attendance to witness it by no means large. Several of the players received ugly blows in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the ground between wickets. At the close of an innings each the totals were far wider than might reasonably have been expected.

The bowling of Coles on the part of Kent proved very destructive. Only one change in this department of the game was made throughout the day. Although Kent are at present the favourites, there yet remains a chance that . . . Sussex will get all the runs required for winning the match.

Day 2 (report from Thursday 12 June, page 12)

The last innings of this match at Lord's came to a close on Tuesday somewhat earlier than was anticipated. Few persons were present. The chief incidents were the bowling of Mr Coles, and the "painful" results accruing therefrom. Three-fourths of the batsmen were more or less "touched up" by it, and one was totally unable to complete his innings. Kent were declared winners by 52 runs. Umpires, Hearne and Biddulph.

12 June: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1814.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 5)

Owing to a heavy and long continued fall of rain at Brighton yesterday, this important match was severely checked. Gloucestershire completed an innings for a trifling score, and Sussex lost three wickets for 38 runs, when play for the day ceased.

Days 2 and 3 – no report found

12 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1813.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 5)

In this match, which commenced yesterday at the Oval, two good Surrey wickets fell when but one run was scored. The fifth realized 89, of which number Jupp claimed two-fifths. His chief hits were three fours and three threes. A sound innings throughout. Four bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Messrs Sims and Jeffery . . each got four wickets.

Cambridge started boldly and scored fast. Before Messrs Longman and Tabor were parted, 51 runs were recorded. Just one hour was occupied in getting 84 runs, at which period the second wicket fell. Mr Latham exhibited good batting capabilities. In short, the match, so far as it has proceeded, has been full of interest and is likely to continue so in its stages towards completion. Umpires, Mortlock and Street.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 14 June, page 12)

When play in this match ceased at the Oval on Thursday each party had completed an innings. The progress of the game was slightly retarded yesterday by two heavy showers. Surrey resumed the batting at 12.15 and occupied the wickets rather more than four hours. Seven obtained double figures. It ought, however, to be observed that neither the bowling nor the fielding of the University came up to the standard of expectation. Messrs Sims and Jeffery were again prominent among the four bowlers . . .

The innings closed for 246, thereby leaving Cambridge a "set" of 175. Four Cambridge wickets were lost for 10 runs when the second day's play ceased . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 16 June, page 12)

It required but little time on Saturday to bring this match at the Oval to a definite issue. Surrey were declared winners by 117 runs.

12 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1812.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 June, page 5)

This great county match commenced on the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, yesterday, in beautiful weather, the attendance of spectators being large. At 6 o'clock the score stood as under: . . [Notts 162/4.]

Days 2 and 3 - no reports found

16 June: MIDDLESEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1816.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 12)

A large company was attracted to Prince's Ground yesterday, where the above match was played. Oxford won the toss and went in soon after 12 o'clock. They kept possession of the wickets for three hours and averaged 86 runs per hour.

The innings of Mr Wallroth was the most conspicuous feature. He made 15 fours, seven threes, six twos and 16 singles. The last three wickets fell in one over from Mr I D Walker's "slows." Six bowlers were engaged, but they were all put in the shade by this individual stroke of success . . .

Middlesex started well with Messrs R D and I D Walker; 76 runs were obtained before these gentlemen were separated. Only 11 were added by the three next in succession . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday June 18, page 14)

When play in this match at Princes ceased on Monday evening, Oxford had completed an innings for 258 runs and four Middlesex wickets were down for 102. Messrs Ratcliff and Julius, the "not outs" for six and eight respectively, received the early hours of yesterday from Messrs Boyle and Maude.

The resistance offered to the bowling of these gentlemen was, with one solitary exception, of an amazingly weak description. Mr Boyle, whose pace is severe, took three wickets in three consecutive balls, and 18 overs sufficed to complete the innings, which contrasted so widely with that of the other side that they had to "follow on."

Five wickets of the Middlesex second innings were lost before the arrears - viz., 139 - were rubbed off. Towards this number Mr I D Walker contributed liberally by 11 fours (chiefly leg hits), two threes and three twos. The only chance given by him was to long leg, which the fielder made no attempt to avail himself of. Mr Julius, after being missed at 13, made the second best score of the innings, which totalled 203, and thus left Oxford a "set" of 65.

Now came the most exciting part of the entire match. The first and second wickets fell without a run in two consecutive balls from Howitt; the third reached 15, when Mr Campbell was caught off an underhand slow. At 33 Mr Francis was stumped, and Mr Nepean was caught by Mr I D Walker off his own ball when four more runs were added. Mr Butler retired at 38, Lord Harris at 41 and Mr Garnier at 43. Mr Ottaway, however, proved equal to the emergency, and, by the slight help of Mr Boyle, the University won the match with two wickets to spare. Umpires - Croxford and Inwood.

16 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1815.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 June, page 12)

This was a return match at Lord's to one commenced at Cambridge on the 22nd ult. Play began yesterday at 12.20, when the University sent in Messrs Longman and Tabor against the bowling of Shaw and Rylott.

From the first 12 overs only 11 runs resulted. After this the batting became more lively. At 42 Farrands displaced Rylott, and from the first ball of the change Mr Tabor ran himself out. Mr Blacker joined Mr Longman, and at 63 Rylott resumed bowling, and from his first ball Mr Blacker's midstump was disturbed. In the second succeeding over Mr Longman was bowled by a "shooter." His chief hits were one for five, three fours and three threes. With the exception of Messrs Latham and Jeffery, no other stand of importance was made. The innings occupied two hours and ten minutes, and realized 107 runs . . .

Marylebone lost two wickets for 27 runs - viz., those of Captain Rowley and Mr Yardley. Fifty-one runs were, however, scored in three-quarters of an hour. This brought on Mr Tillard as bowler, in pace of Mr Jeffery. A few overs later Mr Booth was clean bowled, and Mr Balfour gave a chance to the bowler which could not be resisted. A few words will suffice to describe the remaining portion of the innings. The fifth wicket (Mr Coote's) was bowled with the score at 81 . . tenth, 131 . . .

At the close of an innings each Marylebone were 24 runs in advance. Mr Longman gave an excellent start to the University second innings, but was bowled by the last ball of the last over of the day. Three wickets, 83 runs. Play will be resumed at 12.15 this day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 June, page 14)

Mr Fryer, the not out from Monday evening, was joined by Mr Jeffery, at 12.15. Mr Fryer started the score with two fours and one five off Rylott; but this success was not of long continuance, as in Shaw's second over he was clean bowled. Mr Latham came, but lost Mr Jeffery in the third succeeding over. Five wickets, 98 runs. He saw all the remainder of his party out for an average of six runs per man. Three bowlers were engaged . . .

Marylebone had to go in against 105, the winning figure. This cost them five batsmen, including Mr Yardley, who made the largest score during the match. The winning hit was effected by Mr Tomkinson at 4 o'clock. Umpires, Wootton and Price.

19 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1819.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 June, page 8)

Scarcely a ray of sunshine accompanied any portion of the play in this match at Lord's, which began yesterday at 12.15; in fact, it was three times suspended in consequence of rainfalls. The University went in first and lost two wickets for one run.

Mr Nepean, however, atoned for these early misfortunes by a contribution of 49 runs, among which were one hit (on drive) to the shrubbery for six and two fours (on drives). He left with the score at 109 for ten wickets. Mr Law, who started the batting in conjunction with Mr Ottaway, played a lively innings of 20. He made two fours in one over from Rylott, as did Mr Game in the second subsequent over. The last wicket fell with the total at 122. Three bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Shaw and Rylott . . .

Marylebone selected Messrs Coote and Smith-Barry to lead off the batting, but the play during the greater part of the innings was tedious; the principal scorers were Messrs Yardley and Brune. The bowling of Mr Boyle was very destructive. Rylott received but one ball. When stumps were drawn the score reached 95. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock. Umpires, Hearne and West.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 June, page 25)

When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening Oxford had completed an innings for 122, and ten wickets of the other side were down for 95. Play was resumed yesterday somewhat earlier than usual. Marylebone lost the first match played at Oxford on the 15th of May by eight wickets, and the "return" yesterday by 40 runs.

23 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1820.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 June, page 10)

Taken in all its bearings, the "University match" stands out with more attractive prominence than any other in the Marylebone programme. Thirty years ago it possessed scarcely a tithe of the public interest with which it is now accompanied. So great, indeed, is the advance that the executive at Lord's double the ordinary prices of admission to the ground, and take care also to tax the comforts and conveniences within the area in a corresponding ratio.

Thirty-eight matches have been played since its origin in 1827, though not in unbroken annual succession. Of these, Cambridge claim 19 and Oxford 17; two were left unfinished. Last year Oxford sustained a signal defeat, and considering the superiority of the team brought to Lord's yesterday, a widespread opinion existed at the start of the match that the Dark Blues would recover from their humbled position.

Play began at five minutes past 12. Cambridge, having won the toss, sent Messrs Longman and Tabor to the wickets to the bowling of Messrs Butler and Boyle. Each bowled three overs, and in the mean time two wickets were gained for 12 runs. Messrs Fryer and Blacker were not dismissed so easily, and the score advanced to 33 before Mr Fryer was caught at short leg – a fine piece of fielding. Mr Jeffery fell to short slip soon after, and Mr Latham was caught at point from the second ball.

Mr Ford next appeared and played the most successful innings of the day. At 64 Mr Tillard joined him; and at 97 the first change of bowling occurred – viz., Mr Francis for Mr Butler; and in the next over Mr Maude relieved Mr Boyle. With the score at 100, Mr Francis got two wickets in two consecutive balls. The fielding of Oxford during the innings of two hours laid itself open to adverse criticism. Total, 152.

Messrs Law and Garnier started the Oxford batting, opposed by Messrs Jeffery and Sims. The first and second wickets fell for 39 runs. Mr Ottaway joined Mr Law with the score at 50, obtained in 38 minutes. The run-getting was free during the next half-hour, especially on the part of Mr Ottaway. Five wickets realized 105 runs. Mr Game played well up to him. At 128 Mr Fryer went on to bowl at Mr Sims's end, but the score nevertheless reached 162 before they were parted. The remainder were disposed of without much effort, at the innings closed for 182 . . . Neither Mr Sims nor Mr Fryer had any success, but the former proved very expensive, as no less than 74 runs resulted from 22 overs.

Cambridge pulled up admirably in their second innings so far as it had progressed up to 7 o'clock, when play for the day was discontinued. Umpires, Wootton and Biddulph.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 July, page 12)

The interest in this great annual match at Lord's was strikingly displayed at almost every step of its progress yesterday. Oxford were the favourites before the first ball on Monday was delivered, and they continued so to be at the termination of an innings by each party; but at the close of the

first day's play such a change was brought about by the Light Blues, if not taken for choice, were certainly not shaded by the Dark.

Seventy runs were recorded by Cambridge for the loss of one wicket in their second innings when stumps were drawn; and this run of success, which continued up to the seventh wicket, fully justified the change of opinion, at this time pretty generally entertained, that Cambridge had a bright prospect. This, however, the slender help afforded by the three remaining batsmen to a considerable degree dimmed. The scores of Messrs Latham and Tabor resulted in the main from judicious and splendid batting. Five bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Messrs Ridley and Maude . . .

Oxford required 174 to win. Messrs Law and Garnier commenced the task, and before they were parted 36 of this number were recorded. Four wickets realized 74, and from this point the batting of Messrs Nepean and Ottaway again turned the scale in favour of Oxford. The bowling underwent a variety of changes. Mr Jeffery got hit everywhere without acquiring a wicket . . . Mr Nepean scored 50 runs by four fours, three threes, four twos &c; and Mr Ottaway the largest of the match, chiefly by boundary hits. He was bowled with the score at a tie.

The winning hit was, however, soon after effected, and Oxford claimed the match with three wickets to spare. The fielding on both sides was much below that generally witnessed at this renowned meeting, for no less than 70 "extras" will be discovered in the full score attached hereto . . .

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1821.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 June, page 12)

This, the most important match thitherto played at the Oval, began yesterday. Nearly the whole day was occupied in completing the innings of the Gentlemen. Several large scores were made, but that by Mr W G Grace attracted the most attention from a truly cricket standpoint. He went in first and came out seventh. His chief hits were two fives (on drive and a cut), eight fours, eight threes and 12 twos (various).

On the retirement of Mr Grace the pace of run getting was materially increased. No less than seventy runs were obtained in fifty minutes by Messrs G F Grace and Francis. Even this rapid manner of composing a score was eclipsed by the last man in, who was at the wicket only half an hour for 49 runs. The innings closed for 339 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, but four only were successful . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 June, page 5)

Play in this match at the Oval was resumed yesterday at the appointed time, and terminated in little more than six hours, when the gentlemen were pronounced winners by eight wickets. The chief feature in the first innings of the Players was the bowling of Mr G F Grace, who obtained six wickets in 22 overs and three balls for 24 runs. in the second innings the batting of Silcock and Lillywhite, who went in first, produced 94 runs before they were parted.

30 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1822.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 July, page 12)

The weather of yesterday was by no means favourable to cricket, and the attendance at Lord's to witness this important annual match was materially affected by it. Soon after 5 o'clock play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 2 July, page 12)

The five wickets to go down on Monday evening at Lord's when rain prevented a continuance of the play were soon disposed of yesterday morning. Run getting to any extent could hardly be expected from the saddened condition of the ground. About 50 minutes were consumed in adding 37 to the first day's total. The long score obtained by Mr W G Grace composed one hit for seven (on drive), 12 fours, seven threes and 14 twos. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Shortly after 1 o'clock the Players began their innings. Their actual stay at the wickets was little more than two hours. The first three retired for a total of 13 runs. Oscroft and Carpenter were just able to get into double figures. M'Intyre went to work daringly, and but for this the score must have assumed a lamentable want of professional capacity. The incidents were nevertheless too immaterial for special mention. At the fall of the tenth wicket a different of 237 runs was accredited to the Gentlemen, and, as a matter of course, the Players had to "follow on."

The second innings proved more favourable; the first wicket fell for 23 . . . tenth 182. In the double innings Mr Buchanan claimed ten wickets in 67 overs, for 114 runs, and Mr G F Grace five wickets, 44 overs, 74 runs. At 6.45 the match was brought to a close in favour of the Gentlemen by an innings and 55 runs. Umpires, Wootton and Hearne.

3 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1824.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 July, page 7)

A large gathering was attracted to the Oval yesterday to witness the commencement of the 17th annual contest. The hitting of Mr W G Grace was the absorbing feature. Three hundred and thirty runs were totalled by the Gentlemen in four hours and a half. The Players were just one hour in obtaining 34 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 July, page 7)

Shortly before 7 o'clock last evening this important annual match at the Oval was brought to a conclusion in favour of the Gentlemen by an innings and 11 runs. The full score is given below. It may be well to say that since the origin of the match in 1857 the Players have won eight, the Gentlemen six, and three have been left unfinished.

7 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1825.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 July, page 12)

The annual match at Lord's commenced yesterday. Marylebone were first at the wickets. The hitting at the outset was free and correspondingly successful; 44 runs were scored before the second wicket fell. Mr Hornby proved stubborn; he saw four companions come and go. His hits were of the "all-round" description, and realized a total of 52 runs.

Mr Drake put together a good score in quick time. Shaw was bowled by an underhand slow when other means failed. The innings occupied about three hours and a half, and produced a total of 226 runs, in support of which an unusually large number of extras stands recorded. Six bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Howitt and Mr Rutter . . .

Middlesex found two staunch batsmen in Messrs I D Walker and Tabor. Forty-two runs were scored before the first wicket fell, although the bowling of Rylott and Clayton scarcely ever sank to the level of a second-rate character. The fifth wicket (Mr Hadow's) reached 127 and the seventh (Mr Brune's) to 149. at this stage stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 July, page 12)

The three Middlesex wickets left outstanding on Monday evening at Lord's produced just 40 runs yesterday, in little more than half an hour. Five bowlers were engaged during the entire innings, which at its close left Middlesex in a minority of 37 runs.

Marylebone recommenced batting with Messrs Law and Morris; Mr Rutter and Howitt against them. Run-getting appeared to be a task of no difficulty. Boak displaced Howitt at 47, and Mr Law was caught almost immediately after the change. Messrs Marriott and Sutton, in conjunction with Mr Morris, brought up the remaining wickets to a good scoring pitch - viz., 171 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Howitt and Hearne . . .

The concluding innings of the match began at 4.30, and occupied two hours. Middlesex were, generally speaking, looked upon as equal to the number required for winning. Messrs walker and Tabor soon put together 24. Rylott then parted them by a ball that went through Mr Tabor's wicket. After this the bowling triumphed. Neither Mr Wilkinson nor Mr Hadow contributed anything, and Mr Nepean, who came after them, left the score in a similar predicament. Hearne was badly run out, and this five wickets fell for 27 runs.

The match was now virtually settled, although a few hard hits by Messrs Rutter and Walker brought up the total considerably before the latter retired. Eventually the innings closed for 124, and Marylebone were declared winners by 84 runs . . . Umpires, Farrands and West.

14 July: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1828.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 July, page 10)

A return match between these celebrated cricketing counties commenced yesterday at the Oval. Score up to the time of drawing stumps . . . [Lancashire (2) 92/4].

Day 2 – no report found

Day 3 (report from Thursday 17 July, page 5)

This county match, which commenced at the Oval on Monday, was finished yesterday. Lancashire won by 106 runs.

17 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1831.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 12)

The third match of the above class arranged to be played this season commenced yesterday at Prince's Ground, Chelsea. Play began at 12.15 with the Gentlemen at the wickets. The run-getting was not quite so rapid at the start as some persons were led to expect. Mr Yardley left with the score at 29. Mr Hornby then joined Mr W G Grace and a long stand was made. The latter was caught at point for a contribution of 70, made up of one five, six fours, three threes, seven twos and singles.

Several other gentlemen went into double figures, but the innings of Mr Hornby was by far the most successful and magnificently played throughout. The tenth wicket was not captured till near 6 o'clock. No fewer than six bowlers were tried, but the most successful were A Shaw and Emmett . . . Upwards of 4,000 persons were present. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 July, page 12)

A few occasion showers yesterday checked the progress of this match at Prince's. Play began at 12.15, and the first innings of the Players was brought to a close in little more than an hour for a total of 121. three bowlers were engaged – Messrs W G Grace, Ridley and Francis . . .

As the Players were 192 behind their opponents, they had to follow on. The batting of Lockwood, Oscroft and Emmett placed the rest of the eleven in a shady position. It is somewhat remarkable that no fewer than 25 wickets out of the three completed innings fell to catches; only two were bowled. The match was brought to a close shortly after 6 o'clock last evening in favour of the Gentlemen by an innings and 54 runs. Umpires, Barrett and Shoemith.

17 July: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1832.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 18 July, page 12)

Play in this important county match commenced yesterday at the Oval. An innings by each party, saving one wicket, was got through when stumps were drawn for the day. Umpires – Humphrey and Thoms.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 19 July, page 12)

The above-named match at the Oval was concluded yesterday in favour of Surrey by five wickets.

21 July: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1834.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 July, page 10)

The return match between these great cricket counties commenced yesterday at the Oval. Notts went in first, and gave promise of a heavy score up to the fifth wicket, when a reaction occurred. Each party managed to complete an innings within the prescribed time for drawing stumps.

Surrey were chiefly indebted to Jupp for the general success of their scoring. He went in first and came out ninth. Nothing was added after his retirement. Play will be resumed this day at 12.30. Umpires - Luck and Plumb.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 July, page 5)

The position of this match at the Oval when stumps were drawn last evening was favourable to Notts, although they lost four good wickets in the early part of the day for 31 runs. The batting of Daft and Clifton elevated the fifth wicket to 116. Surrey now require 160 to win, with seven men to get this number. Umpires, Luck and Plumb.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 24 July, page 5)

Little more than an hour sufficed to bring this match at the Oval to a conclusion yesterday. Notts were the favourites before a ball was bowled on Monday. They kept the lead throughout the play and eventually won by 119 runs. The bowling of Southerton proved highly successful, M'Intyre's still more so. The latter got three wickets in one over without a run, and during the double innings of Surrey he obtained Townsend wickets in 49 overs for 55 runs.

24 July: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1837.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 25 July, page 10)

Although the above named match has been twice played this season in London, a large number of persons attended the Oval yesterday to witness the third. Mr W G Grace went in first and brought out his bat with a contribution of 192. In compiling this long score he gave three chances, the first with his score at 24, the second at 43 and his third at 143. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

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

At the close of Thursday's play in this match at the Oval, the South had completed an innings for 311 runs and the North lost one wicket for 11. The whole of yesterday was spent by the North in averting, if possible, the indignity of being beaten in a single innings. But they failed, and the South claimed the match by an innings of 58 runs. Umpires - T Humphrey and Griffith.

31 July: SURREY CLUB AND GROUND v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1841.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 1 August, page 8)

A return match between these celebrated clubs commenced yesterday at the Oval. An innings each was completed at the time agreed upon for drawing stumps.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 August, page 12)

Very few matches during the present season have been more singularly contested than the above-named. At the close of Thursday's play each party had completed an innings, when Surrey were 99 runs in arrear. The batting of Mr G F Grace on the following day was mainly instrumental in reducing this number. At 5.20 Marylebone required 55 runs to win, and they sent in Mr Herbert and Rylott.

Seventeen were scored before the first wicket fell. The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh reached 39. Two runs were added, when Mr Anstruther was caught at mid-off. Biddulph then joined Mr W G Grace, but was missed before he obtained a run. After this escape he effected a square-leg hit for three. In the next over he was clean bowled. Nine wickets, 46. Clayton came, and the score soon reached "a tie."

The last man was twice missed, once at mid-off and again at long-on. A run resulted from the last let off, and this brought the match to a termination in favour of Marylebone by one wicket. Umpires - Mortlock and T Humphrey.

4 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1842.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 August, page 10)

This thirty-first anniversary of this notable week opened yesterday auspiciously, and the gathering on the St Lawrence ground far exceeded any that has preceded it at so early a stage in the programme. Doubtless fine weather and a Bank Holyday tended in no inconsiderable degree to this result.

As usual the first day's play was delayed for want of promptitude on the part of a few persons in keeping appointments. Although great attention had been paid to the condition of the ground so far as respects the scythe and roller, the deficiency of verdure excited attention. It was nearly 1 o'clock before the first match on the paper - viz., "North v South" - began. Wild and Emmett then appeared at the wickets on the part of the North, the bowlers selected for the start being Southerton and Lillywhite.

When the score had reached 11 runs Emmett was badly missed by Charlwood. In the sixth over of the match Wild's off stump fell to a trimming ball from Lillywhite. First wicket, 12 runs. Greenwood next appeared, and very soon sent a ball to the "ring" for four. This arrangement, though it served to economize labour and avoid inconvenience, gave to the fortunate batsmen more credit for hits than under other and more general circumstances they deserved. Fours in fact were by no means uncommon; twos were.

The score travelled at a steady pace, all things considered. Forty runs were recorded in a like number of minutes. Greenwood played a good innings, which terminated in a splendid running catch. His chief hits were two fours, one three, three twos and two singles. Oscroft and Mr Mitchell also kept the bowling in such subjection that at 77 it was deemed advisable to change Southerton for Mr G F Grace. The hitting proceeded very freely nevertheless, until at 93 Oscroft was stumped easily. Carpenter played a different game from that adopted by Mr Mitchell; the latter, however, was the first to retire, neatly stumped by Jupp. Five wickets, 117 runs.

Mr Appleby "made no sign." Before another man had time to appear, the scene, as cricket, was quite transformed. Mr W G Grace got possession of a bat and amused himself with a ridiculous sort of by play - a practice that cannot be too severely reprehended, as it is not only bad as an example, but in open violation of the laws of the Marylebone Club.

At 140 Southerton resume bowling. Pinder - who had joined Carpenter when Mr Appleby's short career closed - played up so well to his companion that 184 were totalled when the next wicket fell. Carpenter's score comprised six fours out of his total of 31. Lockwood, announced to appear for the North, was unfortunately suffering from a severe sunstroke, and Mr H M Tennant supplied his place. Alfred Shaw was in rare form, and together with Pinder, the score increased with much greater rapidity than at any previous stage of the play.

At 218 Mr G F Grace went in at his brother's wicket. With the score at 244, Pinder was caught at deep field previous to making the longest innings

of the day. The running continued successfully afterwards; then A Shaw contributed the second best score of the innings by a six, a five, three fours, two threes &c. with his retirement the North innings was virtually closed. Time, 5h 55min.

[At this point, for the first time The Times produced a list of bowling figures in the modern tabulated form.]

The South started their innings with Mr W G Grace and Jupp, opposed to Emmett and J C Shaw. The bowling was twice changed in less than 40 minutes. Runs were stolen by both batsmen at a rapid rate. At 27 Mr Grace had a narrow escape of being run out. Stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 August, page 10)

Although two days have been spent upon this match it is quite likely that it will not be thoroughly completed. At the close of Monday's play the North had completed an innings for 270 runs. Mr Grace and Jupp, the only two of the South who went in, resumed their "not out" innings and 36 and 10 respectively yesterday at 11.30.

A Shaw bowled the first over - a maiden - but from the second ten runs resulted off J C Shaw. Before 12 o'clock the telegraph announced 100 runs. Soon after this Mr Appleby relieved A Shaw, but the change had no effect upon either batsman. Both hit hard and to purpose. Rain stopped play for a short time.

On resumption the first 14 overs realized 29 runs. Mr Appleby then changed his wicket, and Emmett went to the vacated one; 154 runs were posted when Mr Grace's wicket fell to pieces. His chief hits were 12 fours, five threes and four twos. Humphrey, who came next, received but seven balls - bowled off stump. Two wickets, 158. Mr Yardley put up a ball into the neighbourhood of the slips, which a fielder like Mr Grace would easily have reached, but Greenwood could not. After this escape Mr Yardley exhibited batting acquirements of no ordinary character. At 1h 30m the second 100 was displayed on the telegraph.

From the next ten overs, which included another change of bowling, 20 runs were added. J C Shaw then went on in place of Emmett, and in his fourth over Jupp, who had played a long and successful innings, was caught by the wicket-keeper. His score was compounded of ten fours, six threes, two twos &c. Mr I D Walker joined Mr Yardley, but a separation was soon effected. Four wickets, 239. In Mr Yardley's innings were eight fours, two threes and one two. Mr Hadow next appeared, and the play on his part especially was characterized by a masterly command of the bat. Mr Walker seemed hardly up to his usual "form" - cleverly thrown out at deep slip. Five wickets, 279.

Mr G F Grace promised at the start to signalise himself by a large score; 10 runs in his first over. A splendid catch, however, at mid on, high up, brought his career to an unexpected close. Lord Harris joined Mr Hadow with the score at 291 for six wickets. The last comer did not survive six overs; caught at point. Rain fell, and the play was adjourned for half an hour.

On resumption, Charlwood and Mr Hadow soon enlarged the score to 326, when the former was well taken at wicket. Lillywhite played so well up to his countryman that it became advisable to make another change in the bowling.

Emmett, however, continued, and eventually caught Charlwood off his own ball. Southerton's stay did not prove to be a very productive one, and the innings terminated at 5.45 with a total of 369. Four bowlers were engaged, with the following results: . . . [Tabulated bowling figures produced again.]

The North began their second innings with Greenwood and Wild; the latter soon fell to the bowling of Southerton. Oscroft came, and 15 runs were added when Oscroft left. Two wickets, 29 runs. Emmett came next, and remained to the call of time. Play will be resumed to-day at 11 o'clock.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 August, page 12)

The second innings of the North was recommenced yesterday within a few minutes of the appointed time. Emmett and Greenwood, the "not outs" for 11 and 20 respectively, left the total unaltered when the latter was caught at short-slip. Mr Mitchell then joined Emmett. The plan adopted by the Yorkshireman was somewhat slow but steady, while Mr Mitchell set the bowlers at defiance, no matter who they were. The fielding was remarkably close and good.

When the score was reached 122, Mr Mitchell was caught at point. The four batsmen now disposed of had wiped out the arrears and put about 20 runs on. Carpenter appeared to be in excellent hitting "form," and the score travelled apace. Unfortunately, at this stage of the match, Emmett got his leg before wicket. Pinder came next, and played a lively innings and assisted in enlarging the total by 47 runs before being caught at point. Six wickets, 182.

A Shaw did not emulate his previous performance, as in running in at a slow he was easily stumped, while, directly after being joined by Mr Appleby, a well-judged catch at deep field disposed of Carpenter. Eight wickets, 187. The end was now near. Mr Tennent returned the ball to the bowler, and the second ball delivered to J C Shaw fell into the hands of short-slip . . .

After luncheon Mr Walker and Lord Harris went in against 94 runs; Emmett and A Shaw started the bowling. Only one run was effected before Mr Walker was caught at the wicket. Lillywhite was quickly disposed of, as also was Mr G F Grace. Three wickets were thus lost for 18 runs. Mr Yardley and Lord Harris were thus companions, and they remained so until the requisite number of runs was obtained . . .

The attendance was far greater than might have been expected, particularly when the change in the condition of the match foreshadowed the result. Umpires - Fryer and Farrands . . .

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1843.html)

Day 1 (report from Thursday 7 August, page 12)

Within half an hour of the close of the previous match, Mr Yardley and Willis were at the newly-pitched wickets as representatives of Kent. The early bowling was entrusted to Messrs W G Grace and Appleby.

At 13 Willis had to leave – clean bowled. Mr W Penn joined Mr Yardley, and the last comer evinced an aptitude for leg hitting. He made ten runs in one over off Mr Grace. With the total at 52, Mr Ponsonby relieved Mr Grace, and in the fourth subsequent over Mr Yardley was got rid of by a fine bail ball. At 61 Mr Penn was cleverly caught, and at 65 Lord Harris was easily secured by Mr Pickering, who fielded alternatively at mid-off and long slip.

Mr Stokes left most of the scoring to Croxford, who, to say the least, hit tremendously hard. A fine ball from Mr Appleby lowered Mr Stokes's mid stump. Six for 84. Although the bowling was again changed, Mr Rodger and Croxford brought up the score to 115 when both left. Henty and Bennett were in when stumps were drawn. Umpires – Fryer and Farrands.

Day 2 (report from Friday 8 August, page 3)

Thursday is always regarded as the great day of the cricketing week, even if the match selected should be inferior to that which precedes or follows it. So far as the Marylebone Club and the County of Kent have proceeded in the contest, it is quite likely to prove as interesting as any in the week's programme, even when considered from a truly cricket standpoint.

The two "not outs" of Wednesday evening – viz., Bennett and Henty – recommenced their batting at 11.40 yesterday. The weather was scorching, and every shady spot from which a view of the play could be obtained was taken possession of. Notwithstanding the apparent barrenness of verdure, the wickets played remarkably true. While the bowlers, who fancied they had found out "the spot," turned their discovery to advantage. In about 20 minutes from the commencement of play, the Kent innings was brought to a close. Total, 141 . . .

Messrs Grace and Griffiths were the first to represent Marylebone. Some delay was occasioned in consequence of the non-arrival of two or three fielders. At length Mr Lipscomb sent down a trimming ball to Mr Grace, which imperilled the great batsman's wicket; a single run was subsequently effected by him; but before a second could be recorded Mr Grace was placed on the dismissed list. This unexpected triumph brought loud demonstrations of applause from the "ring" generally.

The hitting for some time after was voted slow. Mr Howell, who went to the wicket vacated by Mr Grace, found the bowling well up to the mark. He, however, made two or three hits which realized nine runs, and then left. From this stage of the play up to the eighth wicket, the batting gained the ascendancy, and the bowling in consequence underwent frequent changes. Messrs Mitchell, Pickering and Ponsonby proved to be more stubborn defenders of their respective wickets than the three gentlemen who stood more prominently on the list. At 73 Mr Mitchell was clean bowled; at 116

Mr Ponsonby left from a like cause, and Mr Pickering also at 138. There were now eight wickets with a difference only of three runs.

Mr Sutherland passed the total of the other side by a hit which counted four. The innings then proceeded by slow and steady stages until, at 170, Captain Oldfield appeared as last man. Some difficulty, however, was experienced in getting rid of him. Three changes of bowling occurred at 5.25 Captain Oldfield was deservedly stumped . . .

Messrs Rodger and Yardley began the second innings of Kent, opposed to Messrs Appleby and Grace. Mr Yardley was well caught at short-slip with only one accredited to him. Mr Penn hit hard and freely up to 19, when Mr Rodger was clean bowled. Mr Stokes appeared, and the score was doubled when both left - Mr Penn finely caught at long field with one hand, and Mr Stokes well caught at mid on by a substitute. Lord Harris and Mr White were in, with the total at 65, when time was called . . .

Day 3 (report from Saturday 9 August, page 12)

When Thursday's play in this match ceased each party had completed an innings. Lord Harris - one of the not outs for nine in the Kent second innings, and Mr White for 13 - resumed the batting yesterday at 11.30. The first-named gentleman faced the bowling of Mr Grace and Captain Oldfield admirably, while Mr White experienced a quick dismissal.

Willis then went in, and the score advanced by somewhat slow degrees considering how easily fours were to be acquired. Thirty-two runs were put on when Willis returned the ball to its bowler. Six wickets, 97. Croxford next joined Lord Harris, and, as the hitting now increased in force, the bowling was thrice changed before they could be parted. His Lordship was caught at mid-off, after a masterly innings of 42, comprised of five fours, one three, two twos and singles. Seven wickets, 131. Bennett proved a good helpmate to Croxford, but the remainder exhibited no very strong disposition to stick. At 1.30 the innings terminated with a total of 171.

Marylebone required 107 runs to win. Messrs Grace and Griffiths went in to get them, if possible. The bowlers were Mr Lipscomb and Willsher. In the first over Mr Grace had a narrow escape from the hands of mid-on (Mr Penn). The first wicket fell for six runs. Mr Ponsonby, in conjunction with Mr Grace, played up to luncheon time.

One hour later Mr Ponsonby was let off at short leg; but at 43 the latter retired altogether. Mr Howell made a good drive for four from Willsher. At 62 another change occurred - viz., Mr Stokes for Willsher, when 14 runs were added hereto. Mr Lipscomb made way for Willis. The bowlers then changed ends, and very soon after the men in charge of the books pronounced the match won by nine wickets. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

11 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1846.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 13 August, page 7)

The weather of Monday was so ungenial that only a fragment of this match at the Oval was got through. Yesterday Yorkshire completed their first innings, as also did Surrey. The difference between the totals was, however, so great that Surrey had to "follow on" . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 August, page 5)

The third day's play in this match at the Oval exhibited more strongly than before the weakness of Surrey in comparison with their antagonists. At 4.30 Yorkshire were declared winners by nine wickets. Umpires, Martin and Mortlock.

14 August: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1848.html)

Final report (from Saturday 16 August, page 12)

Some surprise was occasioned at the conclusion of this match at Brighton yesterday. The first innings of Sussex was a ridiculously small one for a county team; nor did the second come up by any means to the standard of expectation; and, although Lillywhite proved a host in himself, Notts had very little difficulty in effecting a conquest of ten wickets. The fielding was exceptionally good on both sides, only two "extras" resulting from the two days' play. Umpires - Luck and T Humphrey.

18 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1849.html)

Final scorecard only and no report given on Thursday 21 August, page 6

21 August: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1851.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 August, page 3)

The "return" match between these counties began yesterday on the new Sussex ground, Brighton. Surrey won the toss, and sent in Jupp and R Humphrey forthwith. The wickets played remarkably well, and the scoring proceeded at the rate of a run per minute for about half an hour, when Humphrey retired.

Mr Boulton appeared, and at 53 Stubberfield displaced Lillywhite, who started the early bowling in conjunction with Fillery. At 68 Mr Boulton "played on." Jupp was badly missed with the score at 80. After this he continued a career of triumph until nearly all his companions forsook him. A great many changes of bowling were had recourse to before his wicket was captured. His hits were eight fours, four threes, five twos and forty singles. Surrey completed their innings for 187.

The Sussex wickets fell surprisingly fast. Three excellent batsmen failed to score a run, and at the close of the day's play only 12 runs were recorded for the loss of four wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 August, page 7)

Play in this match at Brighton was resumed yesterday within a few minutes of the appointed time. When stumps were drawn on Thursday Surrey had completed an innings for 187 runs, and four wickets of the other side were lost for 12 only. Mr Cotterill was the only member of the Sussex party who made a stand worthy of mention, and as the innings closed for 91 runs they had to follow on.

The magnificent batting of Mr Cotterill in the second innings changed the character of the match materially. Several bowlers were brought against him, but he kept his wicket intact for two hours and a quarter, and scored meanwhile 65 runs, composed of a hit for seven, six fours, one three, five twos and a balance of singles - caught eventually at point, high up. Before this occurrence the arrears had been wiped off, and at the close of the second day's play 12 runs were put on and four wickets down.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 August, page 6)

Notwithstanding the steady continuance of play in this county match at Brighton from Thursday noon to Saturday evening, it was left uncompleted. Sussex, it may be remembered, had to "follow on," in consequence of being 96 runs in arrear at the close of an innings each.

Better success attended their second innings. Surrey required 112 runs to win, and at 4.30 on Saturday they sent in Jupp and R Humphrey to get this number, if possible, before 6 o'clock. Nearly a run per minute resulted from the first half-hour. The batting soon after so slackened that 14 overs were bowled by Lillywhite and Fillery for one run. Then came another turn in favour of the batsmen. Eventually Humphrey put together 41 runs by a six, a five, three fours, two twos and singles. Jupp meanwhile kept

moving, and when "time" was called 81 runs were totalled without the loss of a wicket. The match was then declared "drawn."

25 August: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1854.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 3)

The match, which commenced at Eastbourne on Monday, was a return to one played at Lord's in the month of June. On the present occasion Kent won the toss and sent their opponents in. Nearly all the day was spent in disposing of five Sussex wickets for 192 runs. Every man scored, and at the close of the innings 302 were totalled.

On the part of Kent M'Canlis was the only batsman who exhibited anything approaching the style and defence which in the last generation made the county famous. He went in first and came out last, with a score of 48, or considerably more than all the rest of his companions. Kent had to "follow on," and at the close of yesterday's play five wickets were down for 53 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 8)

Just one hour yesterday sufficed to bring this match at Eastbourne to a conclusion in favour of Sussex by an innings and 104 runs.

25 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1853.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 27 August, page 3)

Already two days have been occupied in the prosecution of this return match at Clifton, and there is but little likelihood now of its being brought to a definite issue. Play was discontinued yesterday at 4.50 on account of rain.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 August, page 8)

Play in this match, at Clifton, was resumed yesterday at 11.40, and the two outstanding Surrey wickets fell for an additional eight runs. At 6 o'clock 281 runs were recorded by Gloucestershire in their second innings for the loss of two wickets. Messrs W G Grace and Knapp were in rare "form." The match was declared "drawn."

28 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1855.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Saturday 30 August, page 10)

This was also a return match, appointed to commence on Thursday at Cheltenham, but in consequence of unfavourable weather no play was attempted. The whole of yesterday was occupied in disposing of six Gloucestershire wickets, three of which yielded no less than 244 runs. Play will be resumed to-day at 11 o'clock.

Day 3 - no report found