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18 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1864.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 May, page 13)

The attendance at Lord's yesterday to witness the above-named match was not a very imposing one. Play began within a few minutes of noon with the South at the wickets. During the first two hours the batting was well sustained, but from the sixth wicket to the close of the innings the bowlers had it all their own way.

On the Marylebone side Biddulph distinguished himself and got his runs well. A difference of 14 runs existed at the close of an innings each . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 May, page 7)

Mr Walker, the "not out" on Monday evening, found an able partner in Silcock when play resumed yesterday. Seventy runs were added to the over night total for a trifling loss of wickets. Marylebone required 154 to win, not a very formidable number considering the professional strength engaged, but the bowling of Hughes was found to be far more difficult than had been anticipated, as he took five wickets in his first four overs for eight runs. At luncheon time only twelve runs were obtained for six wickets.

On resumption of play the hitting improved considerably, but the game was hopelessly gone for Marylebone, and at 4 o'clock the South were declared winners by 93 runs.

21 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1865.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 May, page 12)

This annual match, at Cambridge, commenced yesterday. The University, having won the toss, selected Messrs Tabor and Patterson to start the batting. Shaw and Morley were the bowlers.

The first five wickets yielded 61 runs. Messrs Longman and Mathwin then got so well set that the score advanced to 111 before they were parted. Three wickets afterwards fell to Clayton in two overs. Messrs Powys and Hamilton put on 50 runs and the innings closed for 192.

Marylebone sent in Messrs Thornton and Jardine, but such was the character of the bowling that four wickets fell in quick succession for 22 runs. Shaw joined Mr Jardine, and each retired for 21. At the close of the innings Marylebone were 85 runs to the bad, and they will consequently have to go in again to-day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 May, page 12)

When play in this match at Cambridge ceased on Thursday, each party had got through an innings. Marylebone, being 85 in arrear, commenced the "follow on" yesterday within a few minutes of the stipulated time. Mr Jardine and Shaw were first at the wickets, opposed to Messrs Powys and Jeffery as bowlers in chief.

The run-getting was chiefly due to Shaw. With the score at 25, Mr Jardine was clean bowled, and shortly after Shaw left. Mr Crooke played a thoroughly sound and, in many instances, brilliant not out innings of 56. His chief hits were one five (leg), two fours (on drives), three threes and eight twos. Mr Greenfield also obtained his 20 in excellent style. No other batsman on this side distinguished himself. The last wicket fell for a total of 131.

Cambridge now required 47 runs to win, and this number was obtained at the cost of two wickets. Umpires, Price and Ford.

25 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1866.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 May, page 6)

Long before the time announced for the commencement of this annual match at Lord's yesterday the atmosphere assumed a look altogether adverse to cricket. At 12 o'clock precisely the North sent in Mr Hornby and Greenwood. The field was admirably posted; Lillywhite and Southerton bowling.

Mr Hornby made six runs from the first over of the latter, but was soon after taken at cover point. Oscroft then came. In the second subsequent over Greenwood was clean bowled, and his place occupied by Emmett. The score increased to 23, when rain fell in torrents; and though it slightly subsided after luncheon time, the Committee of Management decided it advisable to postpone further proceedings until this morning.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 May, page 7)

Few people acquainted with cricket calculated upon seeing a match containing so much talent played out in a trifle less than six hours. The weather at Lord's yesterday was all that could be desired. Play was resumed at the appointed time. Oscroft and Emmett, the not outs for 3 and 5 respectively, added two runs each to their previous score and were then dismissed. In short, the whole eight contributed but nineteen runs to the over-night total of the North.

The South began batting with Mr W G Grace and Jupp, opposed to A and J C Shaw as bowlers and a field trained to the highest point of efficiency. With the score at 5 Jupp retired and Mr Walker filled the vacancy. Before completing an over Mr Walker was driven on to his wicket, and Mr Grace soon after was caught at mid-off - three wickets, 12 runs. The fourth and fifth advanced the score to 15; the sixth, 16; and the seventh, 20. Pooley and Lillywhite made a bold stand and brought up the eighth wicket to 39. eventually 70 runs were recorded for the South.

In the second innings of the North Mr Booth distinguished himself by several masterly specimens of batting, and M'Intyre hit with unrestrained energy. The innings closed at 4.55 for 78 runs. The South now required 50 runs to win, and Messrs W G Grace and Thornton were sent in with an expectation of getting them.

The latter gentleman soon received a dismissal, and Mr Grace fell to J C Shaw at a very early stage of his innings. Messrs Walker and G F Grace soon, however, knocked up the number and the South were declared winners by eight wickets. From the full score attached it will be seen that only one "extra" resulted during the whole match.

28 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1869.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 May, page 7)

This annual match commenced yesterday on the Magdalen Ground, Oxford, and, as the weather was fine, an unusual number of visitors were attracted to the spot. Marylebone won the toss and went to the wickets forthwith.

Mr Townshend, one of the leading batsmen, played a fine innings, as also did Mr Evetts, both being eventually bowled off their pads. On the part of the University Messrs Game and Jones exhibited considerable staying powers and a fine defence. At the fall of the tenth wicket there was a difference of nine runs only in the first innings of each side. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 May, page 7)

Messrs W G Grace and Townshend started the batting in the second innings of Marylebone at 12.45 yesterday. The University had lost six wickets of their second innings for 118, when stumps were drawn. Play will be resumed this day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 June, page 14)

This match was resumed at 1 o'clock on Saturday, the University continuing their innings of Friday, on which day they had obtained 118 runs for the loss of six wickets, towards 169, the number required to win. After the lapse of about 20 minutes the four remaining batsmen were disposed of, an addition of ten runs only having been made to the score of Friday, so that the University lost the match by 41 runs.

28 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1867.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 May, page 7)

Play in this important match was commenced on the University ground yesterday, when the county of Surrey deputed Southerton and Street to bowl to Messrs Tabor and Patterson. After numerous changes the latter obtained the fine score of 36, without giving a chance. Splendid hits were made by Messrs Longman, Sims and Macan, and at a few minutes past 6 the tenth wicket fell for 314.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 May, page 7)

Yesterday the match was resumed by Surrey sending in the two not outs, Swann and Collett, to the bowling of Messrs Jeffery and Powys, who were afterwards changed for Messrs Sims and Tillard. The innings concluded for 192, and though the batting was good, the fielding was better. Consequently only two fours were obtained in the innings, one by Jupp and one by Pooley, both of these professionals playing remarkably well. Being in a minority of 122, Surrey followed their innings . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 June, page 14)

On Saturday Surrey resumed their second innings by once more sending in Jupp and Humphrey to the bowling of Messrs Jeffery and Sims, and after innumerable changes in the bowling, the score was brought up to the grand number of 355. The University had now to obtain 233 to tie, and accordingly they sent in Messrs Longman and Tabor to the bowling of Southerton and Street . . .

28 May: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1868.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 May, page 7)

Play in the first county match of the present season began yesterday at Prince's Ground, Hans-place, soon after 12 o'clock. Messrs Ottaway and Hadow were the only members of the Middlesex side who reached double figures. The latter went in second and brought out his bat. Mr Ottaway played a quick innings and got all his runs well. The principal features in the field were the wicket keeping of Mr Leatham and the bowling of Emmett and Hill.

The Yorkshire wickets fell with unexpected rapidity until Hicks and Hill became partners, but before they were separated they passed the Middlesex total. Among Hill's hits were one five (off drive), two fours (cut and drive), five threes (chiefly cuts), four twos (various). At the close of the innings Yorkshire were six runs ahead . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 May, page 7)

It may be remembered, when Thursday's play in this match at Prince's ceased, each party had completed one innings, with a difference of six runs only, in favour of Yorkshire. Play was resumed soon after 12 o'clock yesterday with Messrs Ottaway and Gilbert at the wickets opposed to Emmett and Hill as bowlers.

At luncheon time 7 Middlesex wickets were lost for 94 runs. On resumption of play the remaining three fell in 12 overs for an additional 17 runs. Yorkshire now required 106 to win.

Iddison and Rowbotham began batting. The latter, as usual, played a very steady game, and scored 20 runs to his partner's one. A fine running catch at deep-slip eventually disposed of him. Greenwood came, and the score moved apace. Mr R D Walker bowled slows. Iddison knew well how to play them, but his younger partner did not. Lockwood stayed till 69 were recorded for three wickets. The fifth advanced to 78, and the remaining runs necessary to win were got by Mr Baker and Hill.

1 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1871.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 June, page 8)

Shortly after 12 o'clock yesterday the abovenamed match commenced at Lord's. The ground was in superb condition, Mr Hornby and Greenwood going first at the wickets. The staying powers of the former were, perhaps, never developed to greater advantage. A Shaw began the bowling from the Pavilion end, and so successful was he that he claimed the whole ten wickets – a feat at Lord's of rare occurrence. 99 runs were scored when Mr Hornby retired. The fifth wicket fell for 147 . . ninth and tenth 175.

Messrs W G Grace and Coote started the Marylebone batting, but the latter gentleman was soon dismissed. First wicket for seven runs. A very fine display of all round cricket occupied the next hour, and the score advanced to 63 before the second wicket fell. After this the fielding got a little loose. The fifth wicket realized 134; eighth and ninth 144 . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 June, page 10)

Play in this match at Lord's was resumed yesterday somewhat earlier than usual. Greenwood and Lockwood were chosen to lead off the North batting, and, contrary to expectation, a wicket fell before a run was scored. Oscroft joined Greenwood, and a very fine display of batting ensued on the part of the former. His chief hits were two fours (drives), one three and four twos. M'Intyre played a very spirited and successful innings, but Mr Hornby is entitled to still higher praise for the manner in which his 21 was put together, though suffering all the time from a contused hand. The innings closed for 106.

Messrs Grace and Coote appeared together again for Marylebone. The latter was caught from the third ball, and the former was bowled in the eighth over. The only subsequent batting of note was that of Messrs Penn and Crooke. With regard to bowling, that of Hill was the most extraordinary – viz., 14 consecutive over for four singles. Eventually the North won by 45 runs.

1 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1870.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 June, page 8)

Play in this match was commenced yesterday on the University Ground at 12.30. Mr I D Walker distinguished himself on behalf of the gentlemen by more than doubling any other score. His chief hits were five fours. On the University side Mr Sims was the chief batsman, one five and four fours being recorded among his principal figures. At the close of the day an innings by each eleven was completed, with a difference of 52 runs in favour of the University.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 June, page 10)

Soon after 12 o'clock yesterday the second innings of the England team was commenced. With the exception of Messrs Thornton and Fryer, none of the batsmen were long able to withstand the attacks of the alternating fast and slow bowlers. Hence eight wickets contributed only 22 runs. The University only required 75 runs to win when they entered on their second innings, but the number cost them eight wickets.

4 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1872.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 June, page 10)

The largest gathering ever seen at Prince's Ground occurred yesterday. The match was promoted to benefit the Cricketers' Fund. Play began shortly after 12, with Mr Hornby and Greenwood at the wickets on the part of the North, opposed to Lillywhite and Southerton; the former bowled throughout, the latter was relieved by Mr Grace at 46, but resumed at 102. The first wicket fell for 9 runs . . . and the tenth 123.

On the South side Messrs W G Grace and Walker obtained the chief scores, though neither assumed their customary proportions. The bowling of Hill was very effective. At the close of an innings by each party a difference of only 10 runs existed. When play for the day ceased two wickets of the North second innings were down for 23 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 June, page 8)

Few really great matches of late have been better contested than the abovenamed, which was played on Thursday and Friday at Prince's. It was, moreover, a match in which the players themselves had a special interest. At the close of Thursday's play each side had completed an innings with the slight difference of ten runs. Two more wickets of the North were down for 23 when stumps were drawn.

Yesterday Lockwood and Wild, the "not outs" for 17 and 5 respectively, resumed their stations at the wicket. Seven overs were bowled for 17 runs, when Wild was well caught by Pooley. After this Hill and Emmett came and retired for a single each. Mr Hornby then joined Lockwood, and 23 runs were put together by the former, consisting of two fours (drives), two threes (also drives), a two and singles; meanwhile twice missed. Six wickets, 93. Lockwood, though hardly at home on the ground, played a somewhat fast game, and obtained the highest score of the innings and of the match. Of the subsequent portion no particulars are necessary. Time, 2h 15min.

The South required 139 runs to win. Messrs W G Grace and Walker made first essay. With the score at 20 Mr Walker was caught easily at cover-point. Jupp, next in, played with less reserve than usual. He lost the company of Mr Grace at 87, and Mr G F Grace, who came in fourth man, retired from the second ball. To the bowling of A Shaw at this and subsequent stages of the game must be attributed the success which attended the North.

The finish was unusually exciting. When Southerton, the last man appeared, ten runs were wanting, and Charlwood by three hits got seven of them. Southerton, in endeavouring to protect the wicket from the ball, struck it with his bat, and the game was in consequence declared won by the North.

8 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1876.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 June, page 14)

The first county match of the season at the Oval commenced yesterday soon after 12 o'clock. Gloucestershire brought a good team, though not quite up to the strength of some previous occasions. The wickets were good but played somewhat low.

Messrs W G Grace and Matthews began the batting. Eleven overs were bowled when the former was easily caught, and only eight runs were recorded. Mr Gordon assisted materially in bringing up the total to 28, when Mr Matthews's wicket fell. Nearly all the subsequent batting was effected by Mr G F Grace, the "not out" for 44. This gentleman's chief hits were two fours, five threes &c. The innings closed at 3.15 for 107. The character of the fielding may be ascertained from the fact that there were no extras.

As usual, the Surrey captain commissioned Jupp and R Humphrey to go in first; the latter was clean bowled after two escapes. Nor did Pooley long resist the bowling, but Jupp maintained his defensive position for two hours, at the rate of 30 runs per hour. On the fall of the fourth wicket Surrey were 23 ahead, and when their innings were completed stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 June, page 5)

Play in this match at the Oval was resumed yesterday at ten minutes past 12. It may be remembered that when stumps were drawn on Monday evening each party had completed an innings, with a difference of 89 runs in favour of Surrey. The batting of Gloucestershire was recommenced by Messrs W G Grace and Crooke, opposed, as before, by Southerton and Street.

In the fourth over Mr Grace was badly missed at long-on, but in the next over Southerton got Mr Crooke's wicket. Mr Matthews received only three balls - caught at long slip. Two wickets, 12 runs. Mr G F Grace then joined his brother and the score advanced to 29, when he was caught over the bowler's head.

Mr Gordon came next, and played what may be properly considered the innings of the day. The hitting now began to tell, as 82 runs were registered before Mr W G Grace gave a chance to Pooley, which this expert wicket-keeper accepted. Mr Monkland, the "not out," saw Mr Gordon caught at mid-off, Mr Ford bowled - off stump - Mr Holford caught near the wicket and Mr Browne caught at mid-on. Duration of innings two hours and a half.

Surrey required 37 runs to win, but this apparently trifling number cost them four wickets . . .

8 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1874.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 June, page 14)

In this important match yesterday at Lord's some very fine all-round play was exhibited. Notts won the toss, and sent Wild and Bignall to the wickets forthwith. Eight runs resulted from the first over, but the severe bowling of Randon led to the dismissal of Wild with the score at 13. As 23 the same bowler obtained another wicket. The appearance of Daft elicited cheers. His score of 28 consisted of three fours (chiefly cuts), three threes, two twos and three singles. St 124 the tenth wicket fell.

Mr Hornby led off the Marylebone batting with great spirit. A finer innings throughout in point of finish and effectiveness has rarely been witnessed. Only one chance presented itself while compiling his long score of 72 against the bowling of the two Shaws, M'Intyre, Morley and Oscroft. Mr Hadow was bowled from the first ball received, and the two wickets at the close of the innings were disposed of in a similar way; at least, they produced nothing. Clayton's runs were, upon the whole, the result of clean and sharp batting.

The wickets in Notts' second innings fell unexpectedly fast; the first (Bignall's) for nothing; second (Oscroft's) for two runs; Clifton and Wild made seven runs each. Only 30 runs were recorded for the fifth wicket. A Shaw and Daft were next together; the latter made a splendid drive for five while the clock was striking 7 and, on completion of the over, stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 June, page 5)

Daft and A Shaw resumed the Notts batting yesterday within a few minutes of the stipulated time, but the latter retired in the third over, after scoring a single. Clark assisted in bringing up the total to 61, when Randon took his centre stump by a trimming ball. Biddulph batted surprisingly, and Daft played a fine innings of 31, until a very bad hit to the off disposed of him. The eighth wicket fell for 70, ninth 86, tenth 88
. . .

At half-past 1 Marylebone entered upon the last innings of the match, with 56 runs to acquire. The scoring was slow, and two wickets fell for eight runs. Mr Hadow made one splendid hit for five. At 27 the third wicket fell. The batting of Mr Hornby, however, seemed to defy all the skill which Notts had at command. Mr Hilton left with the score at 45 for four wickets. Mr Brune came next, and at 2.45 this gentleman made the winning hit. Although the day was very fine, there were not 150 people present to witness the match.

8 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1875.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 10 June, page 5)

The above match was commenced on Monday at the Magdalen Ground. At the close of the day's play the University had completed an innings for 240, and five wickets of the other side were down for 96. When stumps were drawn last evening the score stood thus: . . [Oxford University (2) 243/7.]

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 June, page 10)

Play was continued yesterday in somewhat cooler weather than that of the two preceding days. Messrs Game and Ridley, the "not outs" for 17 and 68 respectively, were unable to increase their scores to any extent. Mr Ridley's contribution was made up of two fours, eight threes, 11 twos and 27 singles. Nine wickets, 266. Mr Tylecote was clean bowled when six runs were added hereto, and this brought the innings to a close. Seven bowlers were tried, but the most successful were Messrs Buchanan and Pearson . . .

England now required 314 runs to win. Messrs Walker and Thornton commenced the task, opposed to Messrs Jones and Lang. Eight were recoded when Mr Thornton gave way to Mr Hadow. The new comer cut Mr Jones twice for four. A change of bowling was then resorted to, and Mr Ridley went on at Mr Jones's end. After giving a chance to slip, not turned to account, Mr Walker was caught by Mr Jones with one hand, high up. Two wickets, 42. When two more runs were added, Mr Hadow fell to the changed bowling. Messrs Ottaway and Fryer were parted at 54, the lastnamed being cleverly caught at wicket. Mr Townshend came and another wicket was soon disposed of. Five out.

Neither Mr Marriott nor Mr Turner assisted Mr Townshend very materially. Seven for 67. At 90 Mr Townshend was clean bowled, and Mr Butler caught at the same figure. Mr Buchanan appeared as last man, and was not out when the tenth wicket fell. It will be seen from a perusal of the totals that the University won by 201 runs. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

11 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1877.html)

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

The first match of the season between these two renowned cricket counties commenced yesterday on the Trent-bridge grounds. A sharp wind blew all day. Yorkshire won the toss and proceeded at once to the wickets. The first realized 60 runs; this number occupied just one hour in getting. Morley's bowling was very successful.

Notts lost three wickets for 22 runs, and at 7 o'clock, when stumps were drawn, their entire innings was nearly completed for a total of 85.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 June, page 8)

Play in this match was resumed yesterday at 12 o'clock. The attendance on the Trent Bridge ground was an unusually thin one for such an occasion, and the result was very disappointing to the Nottingham people. It will be seen from the score that Yorkshire won by an innings and 13 runs.

11 June: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1878.html)

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

Play in this match at Brighton began yesterday on the county ground at Hove. The greater part of the day was occupied by Gloucestershire at the wickets. Mr W G Grace went in first, and came out with the total at 299, towards which he contributed nearly three-fifths. After his retirement the score was liberally increased, for when the tenth wicket fell the total amounted to 381. Sussex started very badly, as will be seen from the annexed score: . . [Sussex 14/2.]

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 June, page 8)

Considering the loss of two wickets by Sussex for 14 runs when stumps were drawn on Thursday, few persons expected to see so large a total as that which resulted from the first innings, but as they were 150 in arrear of Gloucestershire they had to "follow on."

In the second innings they were far less successful. Fillery, who batted admirably in the early part of the day, failed to score anything. In short, the tenth wicket fell for 148, and consequently the double innings were two short of the single innings of Gloucestershire.

15 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES PAST AND PRESENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1879.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 30)

Although the above match was proposed to be played last year at the Oval, it did not come off. Yesterday it began in earnest. The gentlemen won the toss and elected [to] bat, and, with one exception, they all scored double figures. Mr bird batted in his usual style and obtained 71 runs. He saw five companions retire, but he brought out his own bat. His chief hits were one six (square leg), six fours, five threes and six twos. Duration of innings four hours.

In contrast with the total realized by the England party, that of the Universities was weakness itself. Only two obtained double figures, and these to a very limited extent. The first three wickets fell for 15 runs . . eighth, ninth and tenth 58. At this stage play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 12)

When Monday's play in this match at the Oval ceased, each side had completed an innings, and the Universities were 207 runs in arrear on their opponents. This necessitated a "follow on" yesterday. Little more than two hours sufficed to bring the match to a conclusion in favour of England, who won by an innings and 76 runs. Mr Shand took four wickets in six overs for ten runs.

18 June: MIDDLESEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1881.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 June, page 12)

Few persons expected to see the above match at Prince's completed in one day. Yet such was the case. Middlesex began the batting at 10 minutes past 12 yesterday, and all were disposed of in about 80 minutes for a total of 61 runs.

The University lost their three first wickets before scoring a run. Mr Radley and Lord Harris then got together, and 61 were recorded when the fourth wicket fell. Mr Game disappointed by the smallness of his contribution, but Mr Wallroth made up for his shortcomings. Lord Harris made the largest score of the match by four fours (chiefly drives), two threes, four twos and single. At the fall of the tenth wicket the University were 62 runs ahead.

Middlesex lost seven wickets for 39 runs and the last for 47. This innings occupied 70 minutes, and the University were then declared winners by an innings and 15 runs. The fielding of the University was splendid in the extreme.

18 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1882.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 June, page 12)

The return match commenced yesterday at the Oval. The wickets, though somewhat dead, played true. Surrey won the toss and kept possession of the wickets rather more than two hours, and scored 119 runs meanwhile. Several double figures were produced, but the innings of Mr Lucas attracted most attention from the steady and effective style of his batting.

On behalf of the University Eleven, Tabor and Longman were the most successful. At the start Southerton bowled 11 maiden overs and took one wicket. When the day's play ceased the University were 38 runs in advance.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 June, page 12)

The advantage obtained by the University at the close of Thursday's play at the Oval was not followed up yesterday. It may be remembered when stumps were drawn that each party had completed an innings, and Surrey were 38 runs in arrear. Before this number was rubbed off three wickets were taken, including those defended by Humphrey and Jupp.

Then came a turn in the tide, owing, in a great measure, to the spirited play of Messrs Lucas and Chandler. With the total at 66 the former was caught at short leg, and Mr Strachan filled the vacancy. Runs were obtained rapidly, and 94 were recorded for the sixth wicket. From this stage to the close of the innings the batting predominated. Chiefly by large figures the score travelled to 122 before the seventh wicket fell; eighth 152; ninth and tenth 187.

At 4 o'clock the University went in to get 150, but the bowling and fielding of Mr Strachan especially told against them. The fourth and fifth wickets fell for 54 . . tenth, 85. Surrey, in consequence, claimed the match by 64 runs. Umpires - Humphrey and Barratt.

22 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1883.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 June, page 7)

This was the return match at Lord's to one played on Fenner's Ground, Cambridge, about a month ago, when the University won by eight wickets. Usually the ground is well patronized on such occasions as a "return," but such was not the case yesterday, as there was plenty of space to accommodate treble the number of visitors present. Play began at 12 o'clock with Messrs Tabor and Blacker at the wickets, opposed to Morley and Shaw as bowlers-in-chief.

With the score at 3, Mr Blacker returned the ball to Morley. Mr Longman then came, and a stubborn resistance was kept up until 30 runs were telegraphed, when a smart catch at point disposed of Mr Tabor. For a full hour after this the batting was continued with great spirit, until a bad hit by Mr Longman brought his innings to a close, with 93 runs as a total for the third wicket. Mr Macan's contribution consisted of one five (straight drive), three threes, five twos and five singles. Four wickets, 108.

The scoring then slackened. Fifth wicket (Mr Patterson's), 119; sixth (Mr Ford's), 122. Mr Tillard made two sixes in rapid succession. In Morley's 35th over Rylott went on, and this was the only change of bowling, saving a cross over during the innings, which occupied nearly three hours and a half.

The Marylebone wickets fell fast - viz., the first four for 36; fifth and sixth, 59; seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, 63. This was the more remarkable as the fielding throughout was a reproach to University cricket. . . Being in a minority of 104, Marylebone had to "follow on," and at the close of the day's play they had not rubbed off all the arrears.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 June, page 12)

A very few words will suffice to illustrate the manner in which the above match at Lord's was concluded yesterday. Mr Jeffery went on at the Pavilion wicket and bowled Mr Welman before completing an over. Mr Sims immediately after got Captain Watson's wicket. Biddulph was caught at mid-off when he had scored two runs. Rylott in attempting a short run failed altogether, and Morley's mid-stump was knocked full five yards from the wicket he attempted to defend. Only 12 runs were added to the overnight total. Time, 20 minutes.

Messrs Patterson and Bailey then commenced the task of getting nine runs. Shaw led off the bowling, and from his third ball the former was stumped. Mr Sims came, and quickly after three byes. Mr Bailey made the winning hit at 12.45, with nine wickets to spare.

22 June: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1884.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 June, page 7)

Few matches are more popular with the generality of cricket supporters in and around the metropolis than the above, and this fact, coupled with very genial and summer-like weather, fully accounts for the large number of persons assembled yesterday at Prince's Ground to witness it. Good wickets were pitched, and at 12 o'clock play began.

Surrey sent in Jupp and Humphrey first, and these two got more runs than all the rest of the team. A fair total resulted - viz., 103 - but had there been less chances declined, this number would have been diminished by nearly a half.

The Middlesex batting at the start fell very short of the runs expected from it considering the capabilities of the parties concerned. Five wickets realized only 36 runs. Mr Gilbert evinced greater spirit, and was "not out" when the tenth man retired. Duration of innings, 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 June, page 12)

When the first day's play in this match at Prince's ceased, each party had completed an innings, and one Surrey wicket was also down for 62 runs. Jupp and Mr Chandler, the "not outs" for 34 and 9 respectively, resumed their batting yesterday shortly after 12 o'clock.

Runs came rapidly. The second wicket (Jupp's) fell for a total of 110. Swann played a thoroughly sound innings and brought out his bat. He had to contend against a more than usual amount of change bowling. Half the Surrey wickets were down for 157 runs, and the remaining half realized 82, thus making a total of 239. Mr Brune bowled 40 overs for 66 runs and took six wickets.

Middlesex required 247 to win; and Messrs Green and I D Walker went in first and got 25 between them. The batting for a full hour afterwards was very tame, and eight wickets fell for 85 runs. Then came a change. Mr Brune and Bastow got so well set that 58 were added before the ninth wicket fell. Bastow's innings deserves mention for the free style adopted in getting his 35 runs, the longest on the Middlesex side. At 7.30 the match terminated in favour of Surrey by 102 runs.

25 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1888.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 June, page 10)

This return match commenced yesterday at Lord's. On the 28th of May Marylebone went to Oxford and came home victors by 40 runs. The University won the toss and sent Messrs Buckland and Campbell to the wickets. From the seventh ball of the morning the former was bowled.

Mr Pulman filled the vacancy, but had to retire in the fourth over, being well caught at wicket for two runs, and Mr Ridley for a like number at the conclusion of the eighth over. Lord Harris, Mr Wallroth and Mr Lang were the only batsmen who scored double figures, and these to no great extent. The innings occupied one hour and a quarter for a total of 64.

Marylebone deputed Messrs Booth and Duncan to go in first. Only seven runs were recorded when the latter ran himself out. Mr Marriott joined Mr Booth and a very firm stand was made. Mr Marriott saw seven of his party come and go. His own wicket fell with the score at 110. Randon added two, and Morley, the last man, had no chance of scoring. At a quarter-past 4 the innings closed for a total of 112 runs.

The University entered upon their second innings with 48 in arrear, which number cost them five wickets. From this stage of the game to the close of the day, the best and most exciting part of the match resulted. Every run was well merited, and the fielding appeared to be without a fault. Marylebone now require 65 to win.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 June, page 11)

Very little can be said concerning the play of yesterday, which did not commence till 1 o'clock. The ground was slippery and the demands for sawdust were frequent. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening three-fourths of the match had been completed, and Marylebone required 66 runs to win. Messrs Booth and Duncan were deputed to get this number, if possible.

Both, however, failed to accomplish so much of the task as might have been reasonably calculated upon. Mr Ridley soon possessed himself of two wickets for 14 runs. Mr Crooke and Mr Marriott brought on a change of bowling at 20, but Mr Foord-Kelcey proved to be an indifferent substitute for Mr Ridley, as runs came apace. Mr Jones went in and Mr Crooke almost immediately after played a ball into the hands of long-on. Mr Francis then joined Mr Marriott, and the winning hit was made before 2 o'clock; in other words, 67 runs resulted from three batsmen in 55 minutes, and Marylebone won by seven wickets.

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1886.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 June, page 10)

The disparity between the scores of the parties concerned in this match at the Oval yesterday deprived the play of much contemplated interest. The gentlemen won the toss, and contrary to general custom put their opponents in. As the ground was dead it took very little time to dispose of them. Messrs W G Grace and Absolom were the bowlers. Half the wickets fell for 57 runs, and the remainder for 20.

Messrs Green and Walker started the batting of the other side and runs came fast. With the score at 45 Mr Walker was clean bowled by a slow. Mr Fryer played a fine innings, and in conjunction with Mr Grace brought up the total to 218, when stumps were drawn – neither out. The progress of the play was three times checked by heavy showers.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 June, page 11)

The second day's play in this match at the Oval was begun, continued and ended under the disadvantage of rainy weather. Messrs W G Grace and Fryer, the "not outs" of Thursday evening for 128 and 47 respectively, recommenced batting at a few minutes past 12 o'clock.

The former was caught at short slip, with the score of 218. During his long and productive innings he was favoured with two escapes – one by Charlwood and the other by Swann. Mr Fryer gave no chance, save that which the wicket-keeper availed himself of. The remaining portion of the innings was quite devoid of interest. Total, 280 runs.

The Players made a very bad start. Five wickets were captured for 17 runs. At this stage Pooley appeared and played the finest innings of the match. His hits were four fours (three drives and a leg), five threes (chiefly cuts), 14 twos (various) and 18 singles. Southerton and Lillywhite supported him admirably, but not long enough to save a single innings defeat. At 6.25 both were disposed of, and Pooley brought out his bat, leaving the Gentlemen winners by an innings and 40 runs.

29 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1890.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 June, page 8)

Almost every match in the Marylebone programme possesses a certain amount of interest, but the meeting of the Light and Dark Blues is all absorbing, and the reason of this it is not very difficult to discover. As far back as the year 1827 mention is made of a match at Lord's between "the two great Universities," which, however, could not be completed owing to unfavourable weather.

From that period it was kept up at different times and at irregular intervals without exciting much attention till the year 1851, since when it has been viewed as the most finished specimen of amateur cricket that can be witnessed anywhere. During the years from the date mentioned to the present time Cambridge claims 11 victories and Oxford 12.

Before commencing the play yesterday Cambridge were most in favour. The weather was not all that could be desired, as there was scarcely a ray of sunshine from the first run to the last. This, however, did not deter the intending visitors from being in their places early, and full 10,000 persons passed through the various entrance gates. Cambridge won the toss and sent in Messrs Tabor and Jeffery, opposed to Messrs Lang and Foord-Kelcey, the former at the pavilion wicket.

Mr Jeffery led off with a cut for two, to which were added four singles, and in the eighth over his leg stump fell. Mr Longman (the captain) then joined Mr Tabor, who gave a chance at a very early stage of his innings, not accepted. For nearly an hour the batting triumphed, but rain put a stop to the play for a considerable time. Total, 74. This afforded an opportunity for luncheon.

Upon renewal of play, the second stump of Mr Tabor's wicket fell before another run was added. Messrs Blacker and Longman also retired without altering the total. Mr Tabor's score of 52, the longest during the day, was composed of six fours (chiefly drives), one three, six twos and singles. Mr Macan occupied half an hour in putting together half-a-dozen runs. At 83 Mr Greenfield gave a chance to mid-off. With the exception of Mr Sims, the remaining Cambridge batsmen appeared quite unequal to the attacks of the adversary. The sixth wicket fell at 86 . . tenth, 109. Duration of innings, 2h 30min . . .

Oxford began their batting with Mr Law (captain) and Mr Campbell. The first over was delivered by Mr Jeffery from the pavilion wicket and the second by Mr Tillard. At 18 Mr Sims displaced the slow bowler, and at 34 Mr Powys went on at the lower end. Notwithstanding these changes the score travelled at a rapid rate. Mr Law gave a chance, at 20 to cover point, but at 52 this gentleman was caught at mid on. Other changes were had recourse to before Mr Ridley played on. Two wickets, 85.

Lord Harris and Mr Campbell tried the bowling severely; the batting of the former was the chief feature of the innings. Among other hits were three fours in succession. Previous to Mr Campbell's retirement the total of the other side was passed, amid much cheering and counter cheering, three runs further on, when Mr Campbell was run out. His chief hits were five fours, one three and three twos. Mr Wallroth's stay, though comparatively

speaking short, was very productive. At the close of the day Messrs Jones and Game were in possession of the wickets with the total at 247. Umpires, Price and Farrands.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday July 1, page 9)

A week ago the friends and backers of Cambridge had no idea of the marked defeat in store for the Light Blues yesterday. Only two instances of a similar kind are recorded since these Inter-University matches were established - viz., one in 1839 and another in 1872. At the close of Monday's play Cambridge had completed an innings for 109 runs, while for the loss of six Oxford wickets 247 were registered.

For some unexplained reason play began full half an hour earlier on the second day than is customary, and on this account thousands were deprived of the opportunity of witnessing the bowling of Mr Powys, which made such short work of the remaining portion of the Oxford innings. Thus his first ball of the morning took Mr Game's wicket, and from his second Mr Tylecote was caught. Only eleven runs resulted from the bat at the cost of four wickets . . .

Cambridge did not follow their second innings in precisely the same order as their first. This, however, mattered but little in comparison with the order of going out; for instance, Mr Tabor was run out before scoring a run, and for the second only two were chronicled. Mr Blacker did not survive an over, and a marvellous catch by Mr Game at deep square leg, both hands above his head, disposed of Mr Macan. A slight stand afterwards occurred when Messrs Longman and Tillard were in possession of the bat. Of the rest little or nothing can be said. The fifth wicket fell for 44 . . ninth, 64. One man absent . . .

From the full score annexed it will be seen that Oxford claimed the match by an innings and 92 runs. The defeat of Cambridge may be attributed, not to want of defence, but to their deficiency of power in punishing the ball and their underrating the general attainments of their opponents at the wickets, to say nothing of the vast superiority of the Oxford fielding, which, taken as a whole, was never surpassed in any match. Umpires, Price and Farrands.

2 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1891.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 July, page 11)

The first of three matches proposed to be played within a few weeks in the metropolis began yesterday at the Oval, in presence of the largest gathering seen this season at Kennington. Soon after 12 o'clock play commenced with Messrs W G Grace and Hornby at the wickets, which were remarkably good and true.

A Shaw and Hill had charge of the early bowling, and the former continued throughout the innings. In the thirteenth over both batsmen were missed from two consecutive balls - viz., Mr Grace at wicket and Mr Hornby at short-leg. Mr Townsend played a capital innings of 59, composed of six fours, one three, five twos &c. Mr G F Grace, who went in very late, put 28 together quickly and brought out his bat. The innings closed at 5 minutes past 4 for a total of 165.

On the Players' side, Lockwood, who went in first, brought out his bat. He gave meantime three chances. With the score at 27, Jupp was caught in the slips. A long stand was made when Greenwood came, but of the rest little or nothing need be said. At the call of time each party had completed an innings.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 July, page 12)

Play in this great match at the Oval was resumed yesterday within a few minutes of the stipulated time. It may be remembered that each party had completed an innings when stumps were drawn on Thursday; the Players being 50 runs in arrear. Messrs Longman and W G Grace received the early overs from A Shaw and Hill.

With the score at 18 the bowlers changed ends. In the fourth over Mr Longman's off stump fell, and in the second subsequent Hill lowered Mr Grace's leg stump, and thereby obtained the most important wicket when 34 runs only had been totalled. Mr Townsend was not so successful as in the previous innings. Messrs Hornby and Fryer made a determined stand and put on 62 runs before they could be parted, notwithstanding three changes of bowling were had recourse to meanwhile. Both left with the total at 105.

Mr Buller made three hits of four each, and was then caught by long slip. Six wickets, 117. Messrs G F Grace and Tylecote put together 81. This was the longest and most stubborn resistance offered during the innings. The chief hits of the former was a square-leg for five, and the latter two fours. Mr Walker went [in] with the total at 198, as eighth man, and continued up to the close of the innings, which resulted in 256 runs . . .

The Players then went in against 307, a winning number. Seventy-eight of these were obtained in an hour and a half for the loss of one wicket. Play will be resumed to-day at the usual time.

Day 3 (report from Monday 6 July, page 11)

About four hours were occupied by the Players in bringing this match to a conclusion on Saturday. An unusually large number of persons flocked to the Oval to witness the fourth innings. Nine wickets were in reserve to obtain 228 runs. Play began shortly after 12, with Jupp, the "not out" for 22, and Greenwood. The weather was rather fitful.

At 114 Oscroft left, and Humphrey after a short but fortunate innings was, like his immediate predecessor, caught at mid-off. Four wickets, 138. Emmett came next, and Jupp retired top scorer. His chief hits were one six, one four, three threes, five twos and 26 singles. Every batsman contributed something, and the last wicket fell at 5 o'clock for 258 runs. The Gentlemen were consequently winners by 48 runs.

6 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1892.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 July, page 11)

The vicissitudes attending this great annual match at Lord's may be reviewed with interest. It dates as far back as the year 1806, though not played with regularity until 1840, from which period to 1854 success was variable. For ten years afterwards the Players triumphed, but from 1866 to the present they have not been able to win a match. A large concourse of people attended Lord's yesterday, under the impression that the professional element was now quite strong enough to cope with the amateur.

The Gentlemen won the toss and sent in Messrs W G Grace and Longman, to the bowling of Hill and A Shaw. Better wickets were not needed. The scoring of both batsmen progressed freely up to 35, when Mr Longman was well caught off Emmett, the first change bowler. Mr Ridley played a very fine innings, composed of three fours (drives), two threes, ten twos and 19 singles. Mr Hornby was for a long time his companion, and much applause was evoked by their play from a gathering of spectators who evidently belonged to the discriminating class. For full two hours the batting triumphed, and nearly all the available bowling strength was put into force, but to little purpose till 184 runs were accumulated and the third wicket fell.

A change then occurred in favour of the fielders. Mr Yardley disappeared, and Mr Buller was bowled from the first ball received. Messrs Walker and G F Grace brought up the seventh wicket to 228, but the remaining three fell rapidly. Total 231. Duration of innings, three hours and a half. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

The Players started batting with Jupp and Lockwood; the former was clean bowled from the Pavilion wicket in the fourth over for one run only, and Oscroft, who succeeded him, fared worse. Daft appeared, and with the joint performance of Lockwood resulted the finest porting of the day's cricket. One hundred runs were put together in two hours, some of them with great difficulty, owing to the expertness of the field. On the retirement of these accomplished batsmen the bowlers came once more into power . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 July, page 8)

The hope cherished by many with respect to the issue of this match at Lord's is now realized. After seven annual struggles and defeats, the Players claim a fairly won victory, although by the narrow majority of two wickets. At the close of Monday's play the Gentlemen had completed an innings of 231 runs, while on the other side six wickets were lost for 129 runs when stumps were drawn. Pooley the "not out" for two had the support of A Shaw, and before the seventh wicket collapsed the score advanced to 173 . . tenth 185.

Messrs Grace and Walker started the second innings of the Gentlemen in opposition to Hill and Emmett. Nothing of consequence occurred either in the first or second over, but from the second ball of the third, Mr Walker's wicket fell; the next Mr Ridley was caught and bowled, and from the last Mr Hornby experienced similar treatment. Three wickets, seven runs. Mr Longman soon after succumbed to Emmett for three.

The brothers Grace were now together, but not for long, as Mr W G Grace's stump was driven several yards by the force of Emmett's strong arm. In proof of the quality both of the bowling and fielding generally, it may be stated that Mr Grace was more than half an hour in gaining his total of 12 runs. Mr Yardley, who disappointed on the first day, played after his old "form" yesterday, and put together the largest score. At 65 A Shaw went on in place of Hill, and Emmett in the next over completely prostrated Mr G F Grace's wicket. Little or nothing else occurred worthy of special mention. The innings closed for 113; thus leaving the players a "set" of 161.

Much speculation existed as to the result. Every ball was watched narrowly, and the leg-hits were applauded to the echo. Oscroft and Lockwood came in for a full share of patronage, the former being a liberal contributor in the time of need. Jupp played a still longer and more cautious innings. For some time the scoring became tedious. Daft was considerably more than an hour in putting together 19 runs. At the fall of the sixth wicket 99 were visible on the telegraph.

Emmett proved no match for Mr Buchanan, and was compelled to surrender for two hits. After this the score depended chiefly on Pooley, who batted in so bold and effective a style that at a few minutes before 7 the winning hit was accomplished, and the Players were declared victors by two wickets, as previously stated. Umpires, Hearne and Farrands.

13 July: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1895.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 July, page 8)

Nearly five years have elapsed since this match was last played. Its revival yesterday at Prince's attracted an unusually large company. Notts won the toss and went in, but the lower wicket proved refractory at starting, and so continued at intervals throughout the day. The chief incident of the innings was the stand made by A Shaw and Biddulph, who put together 91 runs before they were parted. The fifth wicket fell for 53 . . eighth, 169 . . . At 4.45 the innings closed for 178 runs.

Middlesex lost three wickets for 29 runs. Mr Dale, one of the "not outs" and chief scorer, was "let off" by the wicket-keeper before scoring a run . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 July, page 10)

Play in this match at Prince's was resumed yesterday at five minutes past 12. When stumps were drawn on Monday Notts had completed an innings, and five wickets of Middlesex were lost for 98. Nothing of importance occurred during the remainder of the innings, which closed for 130.

The subsequent portion of the play up to luncheon time was characterized by free hitting. Twenty-two runs resulted from three overs of Howitt. The second Notts wicket fell for 32. Afterwards Daft and Oscroft made a determined stand and brought up the third wicket to 101. The remaining eight fell to the subtle bowling of Mr Hadow, who in 18 overs obtained six wickets.

Middlesex now required 191 runs to win, and they started boldly. Messrs Tabor and Ottaway got 13 by two hits. From the state of the game at its close last night a very exciting finish is expected to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 July, page 12)

Few county matches of late have been better contested, or educed finer cricket, than the above, which began at Prince's on Monday and ended yesterday. From the full score attached it will be seen that Notts were winners by 21 runs.

16 July: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1897.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 July, page 12)

A return match between these counties commenced yesterday at the Oval. The sides were well balanced. Middlesex won the toss and sent in Messrs Tabor and Walker; the former lost his wicket from the second ball, but the latter obtained 60 runs, although at an unusually slow rate – namely, two hours and a half. The chief features of the innings were the bowling of Southerton and the batting of Lambert.

On the part of Surrey the scoring travelled at three times the pace of Middlesex; thus, 45 runs were recorded in 30 minutes. Messrs Gore and Humphrey were the principal contributors; they put together 84, chiefly by cuts and drives. At the close of the day's play eight wickets were down for a total of 142.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 July, page 11)

At the close of Thursday's play Middlesex had got through an innings for a total of 175 runs, and eight Surrey wickets were down for 142. Less than a quarter of an hour yesterday sufficed to complete the innings, seeing that seven runs only were added.

Middlesex re-commenced batting at 1.35, and soon lost three excellent defenders for 12 runs. Mr Buller played with great spirit and to good purpose. He saw three of his party come and go. Six wickets, 73. After luncheon the batting took an unexpected turn. Mr Rutter and Bastow put together 79 runs in 70 minutes. Surrey required 209 to win, and they lost six wickets for 108 when play for the day ceased.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 July, page 10)

The fall of Pooley's wicket from the third ball delivered to him on Saturday morning foreboded the defeat of Surrey. Only three batsmen at this stage of the game remained to get 98 runs. Mr Game joined Mr Gore, the "not out" for 10, and the hitting proceeded vigorously up to 121, when the latter was caught at short leg.

Before another wicket could be taken two changes of bowling were had recourse to. Mr Game eventually played "on," and Southerton's off stump fell with the total of 167. Middlesex won by 41 runs. The most successful bowlers were Mr Rutter and Flanagan . . . Umpires, Messrs Thoms and T Humphrey.

20 July: GENTLEMEN OF THE SOUTH v PLAYERS OF THE NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1899.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 10)

The teams who appeared yesterday at Prince's Ground were far below the standard of expectation. In fact, the Gentlemen were two short of the complement. Such being the case, the match itself was shorn of much interest previously attaching to it.

On the part of the Players, Oscroft distinguished himself by a masterly contribution of 48. The innings closed at 3h 30min for 147 runs. Mr W G Grace obtained seven wickets . . . The Gentlemen led off their batting with great spirit. 166 runs were recorded for the loss of two wickets. Mr Grace's hits included 12 fours, five threes, 10 twos &c. Four subsequent wickets fell quickly, and at the call of time 209 runs were totalled.

A large company – including at one period of the day their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Teck – honoured the match by their presence. Umpires – Willsher and Luff.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 July, page 11)

When stumps were drawn on Monday the Players had completed an innings and six wickets of the other side were down for 209 runs. About 40 minutes yesterday sufficed to capture the remaining four. Mr Bennet, who was brought forward with two others at the last minute, made 31 runs out of the 35. Mr Stokes supplied the place of Mr Penn, who was unable to play in consequence of an injury to his collar-bone. Six bowlers were engaged, but only two were successful.

The Players began their second innings at 10 minutes past 1, and kept possession of the wickets till 5.40. The first 80 runs were made in 50 minutes. Oscroft and Smith made a long and successful stand. They put together 111 runs before a parting could be effected; meanwhile, two chances were offered by Smith, but declined. Oscroft, caught at long on, left the total at 140; and Smith at 178. With the exception of Platts, no other professional who followed reached double figures . . .

The Gentlemen required 124 to win, and at the call of time four of them were disposed of for 57 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 July, page 12)

At the close of Tuesday's play the Gentlemen had six wickets to fall and 67 runs to get. This task was accomplished yesterday in an hour and a half, with four wickets to spare.

20 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1900.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 10)

The first of two projected matches between these counties commenced yesterday on the new ground at Brighton . . .

Day 2 – scorecard but no report on Wednesday 22 July, page 11)

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 July, page 12)

After a contest of three days' duration the above match was left drawn. The seven wickets of the second innings of Sussex occupied Surrey the whole of yesterday in obtaining.

23 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1901.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 July, page 7)

This was the third match bearing the above title played in the metropolis this season. The sides were very differently composed than on the previous meetings. Nearly 6,000 persons were present yesterday at Prince's to witness the play.

The Gentlemen won the toss and went to the wickets forthwith; they lost six of them for 97 runs. Messrs G F Grace and Stokes made a long stand and put on 86 runs, when the latter was caught at short leg. Mr Grace played a faultless innings and brought out his bat. His chief hits were seven fours, five threes and seven twos. Five bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were - Shaw, who took six wickets . . .

The Players began batting shortly before 6 o'clock, and lost three wickets at the call of time for 79 runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 26 July, page 6)

Contrary to expectations, the Players went ahead of their opponents before the completion of an innings each. This was mainly owing to the vigorous action of Charlwood and Shaw at the wickets after being missed by Mt W G Grace. The Sussex chieftain was eventually taken at deep long on. His principal hits were eight fours, five threes and ten twos. Rain prevented play for nearly two hours. The last wicket fell at 4.15 for 243, or 21 runs more than were obtained by the Gentlemen . . .

The parties selected to begin the second innings were Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert. The former was inexcusably missed by Humphrey at leg when he had scored but four runs. At 34 the latter was caught in the slips. Mr G F Grace then joined his brother; an appeal to the umpire with reference to an obstructed ball, which this functionary overruled, created some surprise. Just before time for closing play Mr G F Grace was well caught in the slips, low down.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 July, page 12)

An unusually large number of spectators attended Prince's Ground on Saturday, expecting a close finish to this popular match. Mr W G Grace, the "not out" at the termination of the second day's play for 96 runs, was joined by Mr Buller. Both batsmen soon grew busy, but when 17 were added to Mr Grace's contribution a fine catch by Shaw brought his innings to an end. Nine 4's (boundary hits), five 3's and 15 2's were among his figures. The subsequent wickets fell fast; thus the sixth, seventh and eighth went for 196; ninth, 200; tenth, 209. Five bowlers were engaged, the most successful being Morley . . .

The Players required 189 to win. Jupp and Humphrey started the batting. With the total at 15 the latter retired and Oscroft filled the gap; each batsman played with care and boldness, but Jupp was taken eventually in the slips, and the figures 32 denoted the value of the second wicket. Daft came and left without adding a run, the Notts chieftain being given out

"leg before wicket," to the evident disappointment of the company. At 78 Oscroft's wicket fell from a trimming ball sent down by Mr G F Grace.

The only resistance of note offered afterwards was that by Charlwood and Pooley; the latter brought out his bat at 4.43 with the total at 128, or 60 in arrear of the other side. The brothers Grace got all the wickets . . .

27 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1904.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 July, page 8)

Upwards of 10,000 persons were assembled at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday, to witness the above match, promoted for the benefit of Luke Greenwood, a cricketer of long standing and good repute. Gloucestershire went in first and occupied the wickets throughout the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 July, page 7)

The second day's play in this match at Sheffield was very dispiriting to the Yorkshire party. At the termination of their first innings a difference of 197 runs existed in favour of Gloucestershire, and at the close of the day three wickets of a second innings were lost for 59 runs. The bowling of the brothers Grace did all the mischief.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 July, page 8)

In about an hour the six outstanding wickets of the Yorkshire second innings fell; total, 103. Gloucestershire were then proclaimed winners by an innings and 94 runs.

30 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1905.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 July, page 8)

This was a "return" match commenced yesterday at Trent-bridge for the benefit of Jackson, at one time regarded as the fastest bowler in England. Marylebone went to Nottingham weak-handed, and they completed an innings for 91 runs. Notts passed these figures at the cost of five wickets, and at the close of the day the next wicket brought up the total to 144.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 August, page 8)

For a "grand" match this proved to be a very one-sided affair. Play was resumed yesterday on the Trent-bridge ground at 12.20, and in about five hours afterwards Notts were declared winners by nine wickets . . .

3 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

KENT AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1908.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 7)

So far back as 1840 the "ancient city" became the nucleus of Kentish cricket, and after twice shifting the ground on which all matches of importance were played, the St Lawrence was finally resolved upon as a settlement, and from the year 1846 to the present the business of "the week" has been carried on without a failure.

At times it was found somewhat difficult so to balance sides as to make the contest really interesting. The strength of Kent had long been on the wane, though played with odds it was found that additional numbers were not a proper equipoise. Among the most recent plans for propping up the county it was resolved to form an alliance with Gloucestershire. Hence the match in question.

A large amount of time and care had been expended on the preparation of the ground. It was smooth and true as a billiard-table, but in comparison with other first-class grounds it had the appearance of being a limited one, and as the playing portion was roped in, the more scientific hitters were brought down to the level of inferior batsmen. Anyhow, an easy hit to the ropes for "four" suggested the idea of too liberal a compensation. As usual, the ground was beautifully spotted with tents, varied in device and rich in colours. One great requisite for the enjoyment of the visitors was forthcoming – a fine day, and, according to the statements of officials, a larger company never assembled at Canterbury to start the "week" with.

Play commenced at 12.15, with Messrs Thornton and W G Grace at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of Shaw and Morley. Such was the condition of the ground that the merest touch of the bat produced runs. Mr Thornton obtained nine by a much better system of hitting than that with which his name is too frequently associated. The bowling of Morley, it should be stated, would not admit of anything short of a good defence,

When Mr Thornton retired, Mr Townsend took his place. One ball sufficed. Mr G F Grace then joined his brother and assisted in bringing up the total to 70. Two fine drives for four runs each were accredited to Lord Harris before he was caught at cover point. Four wickets, 87. The short innings of Mr Yardley created some astonishment. Five wickets, 90. A great change for the better occurred when Mr Bennet became the partner of Mr Grace. The fielding, however, was wild, and the sixth man put together 20 rounds in quick time. At luncheon 130 runs were telegraphed.

On the resumption of play the scoring continued to travel briskly, and 190 runs were totalled, when Mr Grace was bowled by a "break back." His innings of 94 comprised twelve fours, five threes, nine twos and singles. Very few batsmen could have played Shaw and Morley so effectively as he did. The contribution of 48 by Mr Bennet was made up chiefly of bulky figures – viz., two fives, five fours, four threes. Also that of Captain Fellowes. At the fall of the eighth wicket 231 runs were totalled; the ninth stopped at the same figures, and Willsher, the last man, did not receive a ball. Morley (unchanged) got eight wickets for 104 runs . . .

The England innings commenced indifferently, nor did it present any interesting features till between the fall of the fifth and sixth wickets. The brothers Grace continued the bowling up to 110, when [Willsher] went on at Mr W G Grace's end. The batting of Reynolds atoned in a great measure for his fielding, which was a long way beside the mark for a professional in such a match as this. His score of 57 contained seven fours (fine cuts), three threes &c. Greenwood made several splendid hits, but was eventually caught by the wicket-keeper. Eight wickets, 179. The match was discontinued at 6h 45m, and it promises to be very closely and well contested. Score appended. Umpires, Fryer and Hearne.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 5 August, page 8)

When Monday's play in this match ceased the two counties had completed an innings, and eight wickets of England were down for 179 runs. Yesterday Shaw, the not out for 13 runs, was joined by Lillywhite; the latter contributed a single only. Morley, the last man, made a fine drive to the boundary line; a similar hit succeeded; then a single. The next ball from Mr W G Grace bowled him, and the innings came to a close for 201 runs. Six bowlers were engaged, but only three got wickets . . .

At 12.30 Lord Harris and Mr W G Grace commenced the third innings of the match. Shaw and Morley had charge of the early bowling. Both got hit so freely that at 56 Lillywhite displaced Morley; but the new comer received no better treatment at first, and the score travelled so rapidly that 100 runs were telegraphed in little more than an hour. Rain then drove the players to their tents.

On resumption of business, 15 runs were added, when Morley caught Lord Harris off his own ball. Mr Townsend was caught at point when nine were added, towards which, however, he failed to contribute. In Mr Thornton's total of 35 were eight fours. The fourth wicket fell for 168 and the fifth for 174 runs. While some of the remaining batsmen were disposed of for very insignificant figures, Mr Grace showed himself as a cricketer equal to the occasion, and among his large hits were two 5's (resulting from overthrows), 15 fours and two threes. The seventh wicket fell with the score at 200 . . . tenth, 247. A singular feature of the innings presented itself in the shape of every batsman being caught - a rare occurrence in any match. Four bowlers were concerned, and all, to some extent, with success . . . Time, 5 hours 25 min.

The weather, which during the day was showery and cold, without a gleam of sunshine, now set in for wet, and the company rapidly dispersed. It will be seen from the subjoined score that 679 runs have already been totalled, and that England require 277 to win the match. Umpires, Fryer and Hearne.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 August, page 8)

The final innings of this match began yesterday at 11.45, with Mr I D Walker and Jupp at the wickets, opposed to the bowling of the brothers Grace. By very free and really good hitting on the part of both batsmen the score reached 81 before the first wicket (Mr Walker's) fell. Lockwood again disappointed his side by the smallness of his contribution; but Jupp, after being missed early, played a masterly and profitable innings and brought up the total to 119, when he was caught at point.

Thus far the game looked well for England, but Oscroft received a blow in the mouth – from a ball delivered by Captain Fellowes – which stunned him, and in falling he dislocated his thumb. As a matter of course, he retired and could not appear again. Shaw played a ball into the long field, and a splendid catch by Lord Harris was the result. Four wickets, 124.

Another favourable turn for England occurred when Mr Mitchell and Greenwood were partnered. The hitting all round could scarcely be excelled by any batsman of the day. Mr Mitchell put together 50 runs by six fours (chiefly drives), three three's, four two's and nine singles. A total of 207 was reached when this gentleman gave a chance – not an easy one – to long off, and a fine running catch on the part of Lord Harris notified his dismissal. An important change in the character and prospects of the match was thereby brought about.

Every fielder appeared thoroughly up to his work and it was difficult to get a ball past. The seventh wicket fell for 215; eighth and ninth, 223. England consequently lost the match by 54 runs. Four bowlers were engaged . . . Time, 4h 15min . . .

5 August: KENT v GENTLEMEN OF MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1909.html)

Day 1 (report from Thursday 6 August, page 8)

After a lapse of 20 minutes fresh wickets were ready for the second match. Kent sent in Willis and M'Canlis to the bowling of Messrs Grace and Butler. No stand worthy of mention was made except by Mr F Crawford and Lord Harris. Stumps were drawn earlier than usual in consequence of unfavourable weather.

Day 2 (report from Friday 7 August, page 10)

When play ceased on Wednesday – somewhat earlier than usual in consequence of unfavourable weather – Kent had lost three wickets for 61 runs. Yesterday Mr F Crawford and Lord Harris, the “not outs” for 18 and 16 respectively, resumed batting at 11.15.

The score moved on at a rapid rate, as 103 runs were totalled for the fourth wicket and 115 for the fifth. Among the figures which went to make up the 58 of Lord Harris were eight fours, three threes &c. on the retirement of Captain Fellowes no double figures were recorded, and the innings closed for 168 runs. Four bowlers were engaged – viz. Mr W G Grace, who obtained five wickets . . .

Messrs Grace and I D Walker first represented Marylebone at the wickets. Willis started with underhand slows, which got punished, although in the end Mr Grace was bowled off him. Fifty runs resulted during the first half-hour, and 61 were recorded at luncheon time. Mr Grace continued at the wicket till nearly 200 runs were recorded. It is needless to say that a large amount of this number consisted of boundary hits, counting four each.

The innings of Mr Bird was a remarkably fine one. Several changes of bowling were had recourse to before the fifth wicket fell, for 243. Both Mr Ponsonby and Mr Mitchell made capital scores, but from the sixth wicket to the ninth the contributions were not large. Thursday is known as the “Ladies’ Day,” and always attracts the largest company of the week. In this respect yesterday was no exception to the rule. Almost every available place, either for sitting or standing, had its occupant.

Day 3 (report from Saturday 8 August, page 12)

Captain Eccles and Mr Butler, the “not outs” of Thursday evening for 6 and 0 respectively, recommenced yesterday at 11.30. The former was caught at wicket from the first ball of the morning. Fifteen runs were put together when Draper went [on] a second time and bowled Captain Meares directly. This brought the Marylebone innings to a close for 362 runs. Seven bowlers were engaged, six of whom were successful . . .

Kent began their second innings with Willis and M'Canlis. These got 51 runs before they were parted, both bowled by two consecutive balls. Messrs F F Crawford and Renny-Tailyour pushed the score along rapidly, and 100 runs were posted as the result of 70 minutes’ play. Lord Harris went in third wicket down and saw the fourth, fifth and sixth go. Mr Crawford made

an excellent stand against Mr Grace and his attacking party, and deserved all the runs recorded for him. He was eventually taken at point; from the next ball Captain Swinford was similarly disposed of, and from the last ball of the same over Captain Fellowes was taken at long on. Such was the way in which Mr Grace got three wickets.

From this stage of the innings to its close all interest in the match ceased, and the tenth wicket brought up the total to 144. according to the score attached, Marylebone were winners by an innings and 50 runs. Umpires - Fryer and Hearne.

6 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1910.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 August, page 10)

This return match to one played at Brighton a short time since commenced at the Oval yesterday in fine weather. Surrey won the toss, proceeded forthwith to the wickets, and at the close of the day only nine of their representatives were disposed of for 348.

Jupp played a lucky, though long, innings. He was missed at point when he had made but five only, and twice subsequently. His chief hits were 2 sixes (on-drive and square-leg hit), 1 five (cut), 8 fours, 5 threes &c. The fielding was very slack. Score at time of drawing stumps (6.30): . . . [Surrey 348/9/]

Day 2 (report from Saturday 8 August, page 12)

No further advance was made in the Thursday night's score of Surrey in this match at the Oval on Friday morning. Swann, the not out for 62, was caught at point from the first ball delivered.

Sussex began batting at half-past 12 and retained possession of the wickets until 4 o'clock. The batting of Lillywhite was the feature of this and the subsequent innings of Sussex, who, being 201 behind, had to follow on. A remarkable incident in connection with the day's play was that three batsmen were thrown out . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 August, page 6)

Contrary to expectation this match was brought to a close very quickly on Saturday. It will be remembered that when Friday's play ceased Sussex, after following on, lost three wickets for 139 runs. The remaining seven added but 60. The batting of J Phillips was very fine, and had his companions followed so excellent an example Sussex might not have found themselves ignominiously defeated by an innings and two runs. Southerton and Street were the most successful bowlers , , , Umpires, Stubberfield and Humphrey.

10 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1911.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 11 August, page 10)

On the 29th of June a match between the above counties was played on the Trent ground, when Surrey were defeated by eight wickets. The "return" commenced yesterday at the Oval, shortly after 1 o'clock. Sixty-four runs were scored by Surrey in the first hour and 36 in the second . . .

The innings of Notts was chiefly remarkable for the number of "ciphers" - total, 44 runs; time, one hour and 20 minutes . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 August, page 5)

Notwithstanding its fluctuations, this proved to be one of the closest matches of the season. Surrey resumed their batting yesterday morning with 56 runs in hand. The Oval visitors expected to see a large addition when Jupp and Swann took their stations at the wickets. Both, however, left without a run. Pooley and Humphrey brought up the total to 31. Only twenty were added by the remainder from the bat. Time two hours . . .

Notts required 213 to win. Before scoring a single run they lost a good wicket (Wild's), but more than half the runs were obtained when the third wicket fell. Then came another change, as the next six men averaged but seven runs each. Thirteen runs were wanting when the last man (J C Shaw) joined Biddulph. While the latter adopted a free style of hitting the former exercised all the defensive capabilities at his command, and at 6h 10m Biddulph made the winning hit, with a wicket to spare. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

13 August: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1914.html)

Day 1 (report from Saturday 15 August, page 12)

This important "return" match, appointed to commence on Thursday at Brighton, was delayed till yesterday in consequence of wet and stormy weather. Sussex won the toss and put their opponents in. From the heavy state of the ground, the batsmen found it a somewhat difficult task to get runs.

Oscroft and Wild were first at the wickets. The latter, twice missed, scored at nearly double the pace of the former; both, however, retired at 35. Scarcely anything occurred during the remainder of the innings worthy of special mention. 73 runs were totalled in one hour and 55 minutes.

A great deal of time was frittered away over the luncheon. The Sussex scoring moved slowly at first. Mr J M Cotterill - missed early at short leg - put together the longest and most spirited score of his side. Considering the great and well-deserved repute of Notts as a cricket county, the fielding of yesterday was not up to the mark.

Day 2 (report from Monday 16 August, page 6)

The weather of Saturday at Brighton was far more favourable for cricket than either of the two preceding days. When stumps were drawn on Friday Notts had completed an innings for 73 runs, and six Sussex wickets were down for 100. Three-quarters of an hour were expended on Saturday in adding 24 to this number.

The second innings of Notts fell short of general expectation, although M'Intyre and Biddulph batted with great spirit and were correspondingly successful. These two obtained nearly three-fourths of the total. Only two bowlers were engaged. Lillywhite got seven wickets . . .

Sussex required 39 to win, and this number was accomplished at the cost of three wickets. This is the first victory of Sussex during the present season.

17 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1917.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 August, page 4)

About two months since a match between the above was played at Sheffield. The "return" commenced yesterday at the Oval, when upwards of 2,000 persons attended the ground during various stages of its progress. Yorkshire won the toss and went in.

The first wicket (Smith's) fell for eight runs. Lockwood then joined Thewlis, and a long and determined stand was made; 64 runs were put together before they could be separated. Lockwood, who went in at the fall of the first wicket, came out last - total, 187. His hits were 5 fours, 5 threes, 14 twos and 33 singles. Five bowlers were engaged and three obtained wickets . . .

Surrey started indifferently. Six batsmen averaged only seven runs each, and Jupp was missed just before the time of drawing stumps. Umpires, T Humphrey and Rowbotham.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 August, page 6)

The "goodly company" assembled at the Oval yesterday were doubtlessly influenced by the knowledge of the match in question being the last of the season in London. At the close of Monday's play, Yorkshire had completed an innings for 187 runs and six Surrey wickets were down for 42. With respect to weather, it was all that could be desired.

Jupp, the "not out" for 17, added 26 to his overnight score and brought out his bat; total, 95. As Surrey were 92 in arrear, they had to "follow on". Emmett and Ulyett were the only bowlers . . .

The second innings of Surrey was noteworthy for the fine defence of Jupp, who again went in first and brought out his bat. His score of 109 comprised three fives (all cuts), nine fours (cuts, drives and leg hits), seven threes and two twos (various). Four wickets fell for 16 . . the remainder advance the total to 193. Four bowlers were engaged, but Emmett and Ulyett were the most successful, as the score will show.

Yorkshire commenced their second innings with a "set" of 102 runs. When stumps were drawn 11 of this number were recorded without the loss of a wicket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 August, page 3)

A few words will suffice to describe the third day's play and the result of this match at the Oval. Yorkshire required 91 runs to win. Half this number was registered when the first wicket fell. Smith gave two chances; the first was a hard one, the second turned to account by Jupp. Lockwood scored a single and was afterwards caught at short leg; three wickets, 57. Thewlis, Ulyett and Clayton left at 97. Greenwood made the winning hit at 2h 20m, with four wickets to spare.

20 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1918.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 August, page 10)

This "return" match was commenced yesterday at Brighton in fine weather, but with a very thin attendance, consequence upon the counter attractions of a regatta. Yorkshire won the toss and went in at 12.30.

Nearly five hours were occupied in getting them out. Emmett proved very stubborn. His total of 65 included nine four's, two three's [and] four two's. Sussex had three wickets down for 46 runs when play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 August, page 4)

The second day's play in this match at Brighton was accompanied by a stronger breeze than is congenial to cricket. Play was resumed at 12.10 with J Phillips and Charlwood, the "not outs" for 18 and 0 respectively.

Only two runs were added when Phillips was stumped. Fillery assisted in bringing up to fifth wicket to 80 runs. Lillywhite made a very brief stay, and Charlwood retired next, after putting together the best contribution of his side. Messrs Jeffery and H Phillips were companioned with the score at 92, and by means of risky running the single innings defeat was saved . . .

Yorkshire began their second innings with 52 runs in hand. Emmett and Smith were confronted by Lillywhite and Fillery. Runs came so fast that Mr Smith displaced Fillery, and the change soon led to the dismissal of Emmett - clean bowled. Both Pinder and Greenwood batted vigorously, but the defence of Thewlis commanded special attention. At the close of the day's play nine wickets were down for 175 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 August, page 11)

The attendance on Saturday at the Hove Ground, Brighton, to witness the finish of this important county contest, was certainly not very large. Three hours sufficed to play the match out, and Yorkshire were pronounced winners by 132 runs. Emmett bore off the palm for Yorkshire in the batting, and Charlwood for Sussex.

27 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1921.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 August, page 4)

On the 11th of June last a match between the above was played at Brighton, when Sussex were defeated by an innings and two runs. The "return" commenced yesterday on the Clifton College Ground, Bristol; 329 runs were obtained by Gloucestershire in four hours and a half. Of this number Messrs G F Grace and Gordon contributed 200, less one. Rain set in shortly before 6 o'clock, and stumps were drawn in consequence . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 August, page 10)

At the close of the first day's play in this "return" match at Clifton five wickets were down for 329 runs. Messrs Cooke and Knapp, the "not outs" for 11 and 0 respectively, resumed yesterday within a few minutes of 12 o'clock. Owing to the rainfall of Thursday evening the ground played dead and runs came with difficulty.

A considerable time elapsed before the sixth wicket fell. Mr Monkland joined Mr Knapp, and before these gentlemen were parted several changes of bowling were had recourse to; the latter was eventually caught in the slips and the former at long leg. Mr Bush, the tenth man in, hit freely, and on his retirement at 1.35 the innings closed for 412 runs. All the batsmen were caught out. Six bowlers were engaged . . .

Mr Cotterill and J Philips started the Sussex batting, opposed to Messrs W G and G F Grace. Only one run was scored when Mr Cotterill retired - caught at deep square leg. Killick came, and for a time the batting had the ascendancy. Mr Lang relieved Mr G F Grace meantime. Nearly 60 runs were registered before the second wicket fell. Charlwood also made an excellent stand. Mr Miles displaced Mr Lang at 70, and in his fourth over he effected the dismissal of Charlwood.

With Fillery the scoring moved with more rapid strides than before. At 141 a catch at point disposed of Phillips. His principal hits were five fours, one three and nine twos. Lillywhite obtained 13, and was the only individual during the two days' play who retired clean bowled. Total, 157. The sixth wicket realized 160; seventh, 161; eighth (Fillery's), 186 . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 August, page 9)

Seeing how faint were the chances of an exciting finish to this match on Saturday, the visitors to the Clifton ground were, comparatively speaking, few. When Friday's play ceased the resident team had completed an innings for 412 runs, and nine Sussex wickets were down for 187. Less than half an hour sufficed to obtain the tenth. Total, 204.

The remaining part of the day was occupied by Sussex in "following." Mr Cotterill atoned for his shortcoming of the previous day by a fine innings of 61. He was ultimately disposed of by a one-handed catch at cover point. J Phillips again contributed liberally. His chief hits were five fours, two threes and seven twos. On the call of time, five wickets only were

down for 234 runs, and the match was then declared drawn. Umpires, Pullen and Stubberfield.

7 September: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/1/1922.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 September, page 8)

The last important match of the season commenced yesterday at Scarborough. The ground at first glance did not appear to be in the best possible condition for the purposes of an important encounter, seeing that the outfielding must of necessity be difficult, on account of slopes and irregularities of surface. The match was a "return" to one played at Prince's, in the last week of May, when Yorkshire were winners.

Play began at 12 o'clock yesterday. On inspection of the lists, or rather by referring to the original contest, it will be found that the sides were differently made up, but they were tolerably balanced, notwithstanding. Yorkshire won the toss and sent in Hicks and Greenwood to the bowling of Messrs Wilkinson and Rutter.

The first wicket fell for 16 runs, second 24; a stand was made by Smith and Lockwood. The third wicket reached 92. The innings of Smith was a remarkably fine one. His chief hits were one five, two fours (legs), seven threes and seven twos. Fourth wicket, 95; fifth, 98; sixth, 108; 37 were added before the next wicket fell. Several changes of bowling were had recourse to before Rowbotham was splendidly caught at long-on. His principal hits were one five, one four, a three and five twos. Baker, after being twice missed, was secured at long-on. Innings closed at 4 o'clock for 172. Five bowlers were engaged; but Howitt distinguished himself . . .

Middlesex sent [in] Messrs Ottaway and I D Walker. The wickets fell unexpectedly fast, four realizing but 24 runs. A stand was made when R D Walker and Hearne were companioned. Bosomworth, the first change bowler, got Mr R D Walker's wicket with the total at 47. When stumps were drawn seven wickets had fallen for 54.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 September, page 9)

Considerable disappointment and surprise resulted from the smallness of the Middlesex total. It may be remembered, when Monday's play ceased, Yorkshire had completed an innings for 172, and seven wickets of Middlesex had fallen for 54. A hope was nevertheless entertained that a favourable change might occur. As the weather proved fine a very large number of persons attended the ground during various portions of the day.

Hearne, the not out for 17, had Mr Smith for his first companion, but such was the character of Emmett's bowling that the eighth wicket fell at the same figure as the seventh; the ninth added 4 and the tenth none. In other words, only 4 runs were added to the overnight total. Emmett bowled throughout the innings . . .

Middlesex being in a minority of 112 commenced to follow on with Hearne and Mr Ottaway. The latter, live several who preceded him, appeared to be under the dominion of fear, and his stay at the wicket was of short duration. At luncheon time 27 runs were obtained for one wicket. On resumption of play two wickets fell for 32 from Emmett's bowling. The fourth advanced to 45; fifth, 47; and the sixth 98. This great leap was

owing chiefly to the fine all round hitting of Mr Smith, who gave but one chance. Mr Walker put together his total of 45 by two fours, five threes, seven twos and singles.

Play will be resumed to-day (Wednesday) at 12 o'clock. Umpires, Thoms and Hill, sen.

Day 3 (report from Wednesday 10 September, page 10)

So heavy was the rainfall from 7 o'clock till noon yesterday at Scarborough that few persons imagined further play in the match could be proceeded with. At 2 p.m. the sun broke out, and just one hour afterwards Mr Walker and Lambert, the not outs for 45 and 25 respectively, took their stations at the wicket. The former added one run to his overnight total and the latter three.

When Messrs Rutter and Turner were partnered the scoring increased with great rapidity, and the ninth wicket (Mr Rutter's) realized 224 runs. Mr Turner also played a very fine innings. The Yorkshire bowling was severely tried. Howitt, the last man, was badly missed by Rowbotham at mid on. This circumstance prolonged the innings considerably; not that he contributed a great deal by the let off, but because it afforded Mr Turner further opportunities of batting to some purpose. At 5.25 the second innings of Middlesex closed for the unlooked-for total of 240. Emmett (twice changed) bowled 74 overs . . .

Yorkshire commenced their second innings with Smith and Bosomworth, but neither made any stand, and when stumps were drawn only nine runs were totalled. The match was thus left drawn . . .