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21 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2085.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 22 May, page 6)

Up to yesterday nearly all the cricket of the present season has been destitute of interest, chiefly in consequence of ungenial weather. The annual Whit-Monday match, promoted to benefit the Cricketer Fund at Lord's, invariably meets with a large share of patronage from holyday folk, as the cricket provided for the occasion is, generally speaking, of a first-class character.

The sides yesterday were well chosen. Play began shortly after 12 o'clock. For more than an hour the defence was stubborn, but when the two leading batsmen fell to the attack of Mr W G Grace, the North innings was virtually over, as only an average of two runs per man followed. The heavy state of the ground suited the slow deliveries of Mr Ridley to a nicety. He got seven wickets in 34 overs for 21 runs.

The South were quite as weak in dealing with Mycroft and Morley as the North were when attacked by Messrs Grace and Ridley. Mycroft in 32 overs got six wickets and Morley four wickets in 31 overs. A difference of only three runs existed at the close of an innings each. The light was very bad when the North commenced their second innings. Seven wickets were down for 60 runs, when play for the day ceased. Umpires, Nixon and Farrands.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 23 May, page 6)

Lord's Ground was sadly out of condition yesterday for continuing this match in consequence of heavy rainfalls just before and after sunrise. Play did not begin till nearly 1 o'clock. Five runs were added to Monday's second innings of the North when Pinder's wicket fell to the attack of Mr W G Grace. After this the score advanced materially, considering the deadness of the ground, and a total of 88 runs resulted.

The South required 92 runs to win. Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert went to the wickets first. The latter retired at 14, caught by short slip; Humphrey also in precisely the same way. Mr Thornton left with the total at 21. Mr Cotterill stayed a long time for a single. Mr Penn was bowled at 52. Then came a determined stand. Mr W G Grace began to punish by hits for four each, and the score reached 77 when he was caught at mid-off. Messrs G F Grace and Green soon approached the winning it, which was made by the latter with three wickets to spare. Umpires, Nixon and Farrands.

28 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2089.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 29 May, page 6)

In many respects the above match – commenced yesterday at Lord's – may be regarded as an eventful one. Judging from what transpired during the progress of an innings each, it seems that the cricketing strength of Derbyshire has scarcely been estimated at its real value.

Play began within a few minutes of 12 o'clock. Marylebone, having won the toss, sent Messrs W G Grace and Russel to the wickets, The latter stayed a long time for ten runs, but the former – missed at point before making a single – soon put together the highest score of the day. Mr Turner made eight singles out of 23, but Hearne, a young professional, exhibited more dash by three fours, and had but one single. Morley excited a little surprise with the bat, while Mycroft astonished by bowling four wickets in six balls. This being the case, the Marylebone total was unusually small. Platts, the fast bowler, failed signally. Mycroft got eight wickets in 46 overs for 45 runs . . .

Derbyshire got 30 runs at the cost of two wickets, and 60 were scored at the fall of the fifth wicket. The stand made by Regan and Platts brought the total up to 100; the latter hit with tremendous force, while the former assumed a quieter style, though with a little too much flourish. For several overs when the last man was in the score stood at a "tie"; Mycroft eventually made an on drive for five and retired immediately after . . .

Marylebone commenced their second innings at a quarter-past 6 under a bad light. Having lost two wickets, the rain came down in torrents, and play was postponed till 11.30 a.m. this day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 30 May, page 10)

Play in this match at Lord's was resumed yesterday at the appointed time, but did not proceed far before rain caused a slight stoppage. Mr Grace soon added 28 to his overnight total, although the ground hardly favoured run-getting, owing to its deadness. With the exception of Wheeler and Hearne, none of the professionals distinguished themselves. The largest single figure on the score-sheet – seven – belonged to Hearne. The innings closed for 123. Mycroft obtained just half the wickets for 57 runs; Hind, four wickets for 9 runs; Jackson's bowling proved costly – one wicket for 27 runs.

For upwards of an hour Derbyshire played so thoroughly well that great expectations were raised of their winning the match, but the skill of Mr Grace in the arrangement of the field and the thorough efficiency of his team in the discharge of their respective duties made it difficult to acquire runs anyhow. The Messrs Smith displayed excellent "form," but when the fifth wicket fell for less than 50 runs the chances of beating Marylebone appeared remote, and when the last man "went" for nothing Marylebone were declared winners by 40 runs. Mr Grace got eight wickets in 41 overs and 2 balls, at the cost of 54 runs; Rylott two wickets . . . Morley's bowling was not effective. Umpires – Hearne and Farrands.

31 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2093.html)

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

In this important match, commenced yesterday at Prince's, only two wickets were taken throughout the day. Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert commenced the batting on the part of the South soon after 12 o'clock. The latter was run out for seven. Mr Cotterill played admirably for 88, and was then caught by Wild off Pinder. When stumps were drawn Mr W G Grace was not out for 252 runs and Mr [G F] Grace not out for 34 runs. Total, 385.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 June, page 9)

The resumption of play in this match at Prince's yesterday was delayed for nearly an hour in consequence of rain, and intermittent showers subsequently operated against a large company. This is to be regretted, as the Cricketers' Fund, for which the match was specially promoted, must suffer in consequence.

Mr W G Grace had made 252 runs on Thursday evening when stumps were drawn, and his brother 34, neither out. The former was caught at long on, with an addition of nine runs to his overnight score. His chief hits were 24 fours (chiefly boundary), 11 threes and 31 twos. Mr G F Grace played a fine innings of 54 and Mr Tylecote acquitted himself equally well, though with but half this number. The innings closed at 4.30 for 459 runs. Eight bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Eastwood, who in 48 overs took six wickets for 68 runs . . .

The North commenced their innings at 5 exactly under a very bad light. Daft and Lockwood were the chief scorers, but neither reached their usually large figures . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 June, page 12)

In weather cold, cloudy and altogether unlike that which characterizes the early days of June, the above match at Prince's was resumed on the 2nd inst. When play ceased on Friday the South had completed an innings and four wickets of the North were down for 70 runs. Lockwood and Wild, the "not outs" for 20 and 5 respectively, continued their batting on Saturday within a few minutes of 12 o'clock.

Considering the strength of the North, their wickets fell with surprising rapidity. Lockwood alone appeared able to cope with the bowling of Messrs Grace and Gilbert, for though Pinder scored 25 runs he was thrice missed; not so with Lockwood, [who] gave no chances. His contribution was made up of one six (two overthrows), four fours, six twos &c. Somehow the fielding laid itself open to censure. The innings closed for 145 runs, a total so small that it involved a "follow on" . . .

In the second innings the North lost five wickets for 80. Daft played well and put his 20 together very carefully and without hurry. Eastwood also waited patiently for opportunities and turned them to good account. The sixth wicket realized 126 runs. As the result of the match was now

foreseen all interest in it vanished. The South won by an innings and 162 runs . . . Umpires — Willsher and Carpenter.

4 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2095.html)

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

A better pair of wickets than those prepared for this match at Lord's yesterday ought not to be desired. Yorkshire at the appointed time sent in Myers and H Lockwood – the latter a young man heard of but little in the metropolis and seen less. These leading representatives of Yorkshire gave Middlesex a large amount of trouble and warm exercise before being placed on the dismissed list. Lockwood, in fact, was so overcome by the solar heat that, with a score of 36, he felt it necessary for a while to retire.

Eighty-seven runs were recorded for the first wicket and 103 for the second. This brilliant start placed Yorkshire in high favour. Then came a reaction. A splendid catch at point, left hand, by Mr H R Webbe disposed of Wright, and for some time after this feat the batting was kept in abeyance; so much so that the seventh wicket fell for 125 runs. The fielding throughout had but little claim to excellence . . .

The Middlesex innings so far as it proceeded was characterized chiefly by the batting of Mr Green and the superb wicket keeping of Pinder. From the first ball of an over Mr Green scored eight runs, and from the third and fourth ball of the same over four each, making 16 (cuts) from three balls, all run out. As the match at present stands, there is every probability of its being a well contested one. Umpires, West and Thoms.

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

Messrs Green and Buller, the "not outs" on Monday evening for 36 and 7 respectively, resumed their batting yesterday at 11.40. On the part of both the score was kept moving by hits alternately great and small. Mr Green added 29 to his overnight figures, and Mr Buller 13. The fifth wicket reached a total of 128.

Before another could be obtained the Yorkshire bowling underwent a variety of changes. Mr R D Walker was driven on to his wicket, and Mr Turner, a long time his partner, eventually retired from the joint action of Lockwood and Blamires, caught at deep square leg. Within a few minutes of luncheon time the tenth wicket fell, signifying a total of 203 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Bates and Blamires. The latter obtained four wickets . . .

Yorkshire started their second innings with Myers and Beaumont. Nearly an hour was consumed in parting them. Myers was missed three times before Mr Friar clean bowled him. Beaumont made a long stay in putting together 24, mainly of singles. He left with the fourth wicket down. To Eastwood the Yorkshire team are indebted for their present favourable position, and the probability of coming out of the contest with honours. His principal figures of yesterday were one five drive to the shrubbery, six fours (cuts) and four threes. The interest in this match has hitherto been well sustained, and will no doubt continue until the last necessary ball be bowled to-morrow.

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

It may be remembered that three wickets of the Yorkshire second innings were left untaken on Tuesday when stumps were drawn. Yesterday morning these yielded 33 runs. Two were clean bowled and one surrendered to a catch off Steele, and young professional brought forward in this occasion to be "tried."

Eastwood, the not out for 66, added two to his overnight total. Clayton then joined Blackburn, the other not-out, and soon grew busy. In fact, the chief part of the scoring resulted from his bat. The innings closed at 25 minutes past 12 for 230 runs. Three bowlers beside Steele took part in the encounter, but the most successful was Mr Friar, who . . . obtained four wickets . . .

Middlesex started their second innings with Mr I D Walker and H R Webbe. The first wicket fell for 16 runs – all made by the latter. The R D Walker scored six runs from three hits and retired. Mr A J Webbe then joined his brother, and the hitting became so productive that 79 runs were recorded, when Pinder took a turn at bowling. His second ball so deceived Mr A J Webbe that it reached the wicket. Shortly after Mr H R Webbe was missed by Eastwood at mid off, but Pinder made up for this defect by bowling him with an additional five runs.

Mr Buller ran up his score in first rate style, although he offered a chance at 19. Some hopes were entertained when Messrs Henderson and Turner were together and batting freely that the needed number might be knocked off; but on the retirement of Mr Turner scarcely the faintest chance remained, as 36 runs were required. A fine piece of stumping on the part of Pinder put all speculation at rest, and Yorkshire were declared winners, the totals being – Yorkshire 412; Middlesex 377 . . .

7 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2096.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 June, page 10)

The above match at Lord's began yesterday at ten minutes to 12 o'clock, with Messrs Webbe and Walker at the wickets opposed to M'Intyre and Watson. At the fall of the third 34 runs were totalled. After this nearly all the interest in the Marylebone batting centred on the Hon A Lyttelton, who, though going in early, came out tenth man with a score of 101, composed of two fives, six fours, eight threes, nine twos and a balance of singles, the greater portion resulting from drives.

Barlow, a left-hand medium, relieved Watson (slow) at 76 total. Taylor (fast right hand) displaced M'Intyre at 83. As the change produced no beneficial effect M'Intyre soon resumed and proved the most successful bowler during the innings, having obtained six wickets in 48 overs for 74 . . . Barlow proved expensive . . .

On the part of Lancashire Mr Hornby started with great spirit, but it was not sustained sufficiently long to make the score anticipated. The wickets fell so fast that seven scarcely averaged a dozen runs each, and the innings closed at 6 o'clock for 110 runs. Mycroft's bowling had much to do with keeping the score in subjection . . . At one time a "follow on" was feared, but the total of 110 came to the rescue . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 June, page 7)

The play of Friday at Lord's was resumed by Messrs Walker and Webbe at the appointed time. The former added 16 to his overnight score and the latter 32. Although a very careful and usually successful batsman, Mr Turner failed to score, nor did the Hon A Lyttelton run up his total at the pace of the day previous. Five Marylebone wickets fell for 117, and at luncheon time seven were lost for 168. Of this number Mr Vernon made 29 by one drive for six, another for five, two fours &c.

Lancashire began their second innings with a balance of 273 runs against them. This number they tried hard to reach, but failed nevertheless. At the fall of the last wicket Marylebone were pronounced winners by 144 runs. Umpires, Nixon and Sherwin.

7 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2097.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 8 June, page 10)

This annual match commenced yesterday at the Oval. The cricket was slow throughout the day. Surrey went in first and occupied the wickets three hours. A little more life was infused by Messrs Grace and Monkland. When stumps were drawn five of the Gloucestershire wickets had realized 140 runs. Play will be resumed to-day at 12 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 June, page 7)

Although this match at the Oval presented no very striking features on Thursday, it was well patronized yesterday. Gloucestershire were 30 runs ahead of Surrey with only five wickets down when the first day's play ceased, but the remaining five placed them in a majority of 116, mainly through the instrumentality of Messrs J A Bush and Cranston; the latter, a very young man, gave promise of future greatness. The "slows" of Barratt proved very effective, as shown by taking five wickets in 36 overs for 67 runs.

In the second innings of Surrey the wickets fell fast. Strangely enough, Jupp retired before a first over in either innings was completed by him, and in both instances l.b.w. Five Surrey wickets fell for 63 runs. Messrs Wyatt and Game cleared off the arrears before they were parted, and when the former left Surrey were 16 "on." Nearly all the subsequent scoring was effected by Mr Game, who with 81 runs brought out his bat. His chief hits were one five, ten fours, three threes &c. Gloucestershire had to go in for 45, a number accomplished at the cost of one wicket.

11 June: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2098.html)

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

Upwards of 1,500 people were attracted to Lord's yesterday by this match. The thoroughly cricket character of the weather no doubt exercised a very material influence. Middlesex, having choice of innings, elected to go to the wickets, which were in a first-class condition.

Messrs Webbe and Walker received the early overs from Barratt and Jones. The first wicket (Mr Walker's) fell at 13 and the second for 46. After this the batting prevailed and reached 80 runs, when Mr Strachan displaced Barratt, and from an early ball Mr Webbe "played on." At the fall of the fifth wicket 103 runs were realized; but the defenders of the remaining half exhibited extreme feebleness when considered as representatives of a great and influential Club.

At the outset of the match Middlesex were generally regarded as the more powerful team, but opinions changed materially at 4 o'clock, when the innings closed for 149 runs. Mr Strachan and Jones did nearly all the effective bowling. The former obtained six wickets . . . Barratt did not pay, seeing that his solitary wicket was purchased at the cost of 37 runs.

Middlesex were somewhat unfortunate in their fielding. From the first ball delivered by Flanagan, a chance to leg was let slip, and the batsmen made 40 runs afterwards. Jupp, too, gave an easy chance with his score at two, but he retired in the next over. For a long time subsequently the batsmen became very active, and 101 runs were recorded in 90 minutes. At the close of the day Surrey were 33 runs ahead of Middlesex, with only five wickets down. Umpires - Hearne and Southerton.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 June, page 11)

Another striking exemplification of the vicissitudes of cricket had been afforded by the two days' play in this match at Lord's, as yet uncompleted. When stumps were drawn on Monday a considerable amount of runs was held by Surrey, with only half the wickets of their first innings, as against the completed innings of Middlesex. A heavy rainfall during the night made the ground less lively than before; still two strong Surrey bats pulled through difficulties of this kind, and left Middlesex 86 runs in arrear.

This circumstance did not seem to affect the spirits of the batsmen at the start of the second Middlesex innings, seeing that 50 runs were put together between Messrs Webbe and Walker just previous to luncheon. Such good fortune did not follow them without halting; the third wicket fell for 93 (or only five runs in hand), and the next added merely a single. Both Mr Henderson and Mr Buckland played a spirited innings. At 5.25 the tenth wicket fell for 181 runs. Five bowlers were engaged. Jones . . . four wickets . . . Messrs Strachan, Robinson and Lucas claimed two wickets each - the latter by far the least number of overs and runs also.

A thick mist came over the ground during a great portion of the time Surrey were taking their last innings. Mr Gilbert left for three runs and Jupp 14. Mr Wyatt hit very hard four times for eight runs - caught at square

leg. At the close of the day four wickets were down for 27 runs. To win 67 are yet wanting on the part of Surrey.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 June, page 8)

A great deal of quiet excitement accompanied the 80 minutes occupied yesterday in bringing the above match at Lord's to a decisive issue. Mr Lucas and Barratt, the not outs for six and four respectively, re-occupied the wickets at a quarter-past 12. Messrs Buckland and Henderson had charge of the bowling, the latter from the Pavilion end of the ground.

During the first half hour the cricket was slow, but it was really and truly cricket. Every run had to be striven for. Barratt added nine to his over-night total before taken at point. Five wickets, 42. Mr Strachan then joined Mr Lucas, and a marked difference in the entire aspect of the game soon presented itself; the bowling lacked variety and both batsmen seemed to have got so well acquainted with its peculiarities that hits for four were not unfrequent.

Before the sixth wicket fell the game was virtually in the hands of Surrey. Mr Strachan played "on" at 91, but the remaining runs necessary for winning were acquired by Mr Robertson in two hits . . . Surrey won by four wickets . . .

14 June: MIDDLESEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2102.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 June, page 11)

A visitors on entering Lord's Ground yesterday could hardly fail being struck at the distance of the wickets. The great demand for spaces to meet the varied requirements of coming matches is assigned as the reason for this. The situation, however, rendered hard hitting dangerous to that portion of the company seated in the locality of the Grand Stand.

Middlesex won the toss and sent Messrs I D Walker and Thornton "in," opposed to the bowling of Messrs Jellicoe and Stubbs. For some time the run-getting fell to the lot of Mr Thornton, who scored 20 before Mr Walker recorded one. With the total at 46, Mr Heath relieved Mr Stubbs. His first ball got very wide of Mr Thornton's wicket, his second went clean into it, and he retired for 34 runs, put together as usual. Mr Green helped the second wicket to approach 80, the third and fourth reached 99.

Mr Stratford, missed by the wicket-keeper at 7, previous to lunch, added a single afterwards. Mr Tylecote went on to bowl in place of Mr Stubbs and he proved an excellent change. Shortly after 3 o'clock the eleventh wicket fell, and 141 runs were announced as the result of the Middlesex innings. Six bowlers were engaged. Messrs Buckland and Tylecote obtained seven wickets for 26 runs. Mr Jellicoe proved expensive - viz., 44 runs and no wicket.

Oxford began batting with Messrs Wallington and A J Webbe. Nearly an hour and a quarter elapsed before they were parted, and only four wickets were taken at 7 o'clock when stumps were drawn. As Oxford has at present done so little and yet so much, it may be well to defer any particulars of their innings till it is completed. Umpires, West and Thoms.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 June, page 10)

To win a match by nine wickets is a feat to boast of - a feat accomplished yesterday by the Dark Blues at Lord's. when the first day's play ceased, Middlesex had completed an innings for 143 runs, and four Oxford wickets were lost for a total of 211. Messrs Buckland and Greene, the not outs for 75 and 58 respectively, continued their batting on Friday half an hour earlier than usual, as the match was limited to two days.

Messrs Cottrell and Gray were entrusted with the early bowling, and when 16 runs were put on Mr Nepean relieved Mr Cottrell. The batting at both wickets was very fine. A splendid right hand catch close to the ground - one that required considerable effort on the part of the fielder - led to the retirement of Mr Buckland, whose long score comprised one six, seven fours, 12 threes, five doubles and 24 singles. Mr Greene 93 (not out) partook also of many large figures.

On the retirement of Mr Buckland the wickets fell fast. Thus from the fifth to the eighth only 20 runs were added, and from this point to the close of the innings about 30. Eight bowlers were engaged, but the most effective were Flanagan and Mr Stratford. The former got six wickets . . .

With the exception of an excellent start by Messrs I D Walker and Thornton, little occurred during the second innings of Middlesex to call for remark. Oxford required 21 runs to win the match, and this number they accomplished at the cost of two wickets . . .

14 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2103.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 June, page 11)

Yesterday the Light Blues paid their first visit to London this season, in order to play their projected series of annual matches. The players met at the Oval. Surrey won the toss, and sent in Mr Clarke and Jupp to the bowling of Messrs Luddington and Patterson.

At the start the bowling triumphed. Mr Clarke left without a run, and Mr Wyatt, usually a very successful batsman, got a single. Mr Shuter then joined Jupp, and a stand of sufficient length was made to advance the score to 36, when Mr Shuter fell also to the fast bowler. At 53 Mr Schultz went "on," but the score still advanced. At 70 another bowling change occurred which checked the run-getting. At luncheon 71 runs were recorded for three wickets.

Jupp, who ought to have been caught shortly after, eventually completed a score of 38. By the excellent batting of Humphrey and a liberal contribution of "extras," the innings realized 198 runs. Time, 5 o'clock. The University were not in "form"; they lost five wickets for 69 runs. Umpires, Street and Sherwin.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 June, page 13)

The third day's play in this match at the Oval, on Saturday, was resumed at five minutes past 12. Just five hours afterwards the University were the acknowledged winners by five wickets . . .

14 June: KENT v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2101.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 June, page 11)

The opening match between these two counties yesterday at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, did not attract so large an attendance as might reasonably have been anticipated. Notts went first to the wickets, but were disposed of in little more than three hours for 157 runs . . .

Kent started their innings with Messrs Mackinnon and F Penn against the bowling of Shaw and Morley. At the close of play the former had lost six companions, and the total realized only 51 runs.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 June, page 13)

At the close of Thursday's play in this match, on the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, Notts had completed an innings and six Kent wickets were down for 51 runs. When stumps were drawn on Friday the score stood thus - Notts, 157 and 269 (seven wickets); Kent, 94. Play was continued on Saturday. From the particulars hereto attached, It will be seen that Kent were defeated by 239 runs.

18 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2105.html)

Final scorecard given on Thursday 21 June, page 10, but no report.

21 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2108.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 June, page 8)

As one great event of the season at Lord's draws nigh, every match having any connection with it possesses a special interest. The results of yesterday's play places Oxford in a very favourable light. Some of the scores were admirably effected, notwithstanding a strong array of professional talent brought to bear against them.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 June, page 8)

The interest in this match at Lord's never flagged from its commencement on Thursday at noon till its close at 6.30 last evening. A difference of only two runs at the termination of a first innings in a contest of this kind is somewhat uncommon. This, however, the Messrs Webbe did, and in consequence gave Oxford an excellent start in their second essay at the wickets. The subsequent scoring disappointed, but Marylebone were left 163 to tie.

This number they were unequal to. They certainly played a man short or in all probability their approach to the needed number would have been far less than 50. The bowling of Mr Tylecote on the winning side excited much and deserved attention. Umpires - Randon and Wheeler.

21 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2109.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 June, page 8)

The third and last match for the present season bearing this title commenced yesterday at the Oval. There was, as usual, a good attendance. The South went in first and occupies the wickets nearly five hours, averaging about 55 runs per hour.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 June, page 8)

As usual this match proved very attractive both on Thursday and yesterday to the visitors at the Oval. The North, it may be remembered, were so much in arrear that they had to "follow on."

In their second innings they recovered. The first wicket produced 97 runs, owing to the fine defence of Shrewsbury and Oscroft. From the score subjoined it will be seen that the greater part of to-day will be occupied in bringing the match to a finish.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 June, page 10)

Those who expected a "long day" at the Oval on Saturday were disappointed. When stumps were drawn on the previous evening each party had completed an innings, and the North had also lost three wickets of their "follow on" for 177 runs. As there were several good batsmen to come, large scores were anticipated, but the seven wickets fell in 50 minutes for 35 runs. The most successful bowlers during the second innings were Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert . . .

The South required but 95 runs to win. Messrs W G Grace and Monkland, who went in first, were supposed to be alone equal to the occasion. Twenty runs resulted from seven overs deli by Mycroft and Eastwood. Of this number Mr Grace contributed three, and was then caught in the slips. Mr Cotterill added a single clean bowled, and Mr Monkland "went" in precisely the same manner as Mr Grace. Other batsmen retired in this rapid and unexpected way up to the seventh wicket, which fell for 61.

A stand was then made by Mr Strachan and Humphrey. These brought up the total to 86, when the former retired, leg before. The ninth wicket reached 91. Four runs were yet wanting, and the first ball received by Fillery produced them. At 4.20 the South were declared winners by one wicket. Umpires, Southerton and Street.

25 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2111.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 June, page 11)

At a rough guess, full 12,000 persons were attracted to Lord's Ground yesterday to witness this all-engrossing cricket encounter. Such a scene presented itself the like of which is nowhere else witnessed. In the opinion of many, the Light Blues were far ahead of their rivals, and large odds were staked in their favour.

They were fortunate with the toss, and sent in the Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Lucas to the wickets forthwith. Oxford intrusted Messrs Jellicoe and Tylecote with the early bowling. Mr Lucas made a single and a four off Mr Tylecote. His partner also made a hit to leg for four, but the next ball bowled him clean. Mr Jellicoe bowled nine maiden overs in succession while Mr Patterson was at the wickets. As this appeared so much wasted time, Mr Buckland came forward; the score reached 46 when the second wicket fell to Mr Tylecote. Considerable reliance was placed in the Hon R Lyttelton, but with the total at 59 Mr Buckland claimed his wicket.

After this several excellent batsmen failed to realize a double figure. At luncheon time only 83 runs were obtained and half the wickets down. But for Mr Lucas the total could have been insignificance itself. He went in first and was out last. Duration of innings, three hours and a quarter. Mr Tylecote bowled throughout. His 58 overs produced 71 runs . . .

Although Cambridge surprised by the feebleness of their batting – saving in the case of Mr Lucas – the Oxford lead off could hardly be accounted for. There was nothing extraordinary in the bowling for such a rapid dismissal, nor anything surpassingly smart and clever in the field to account for the loss of five wickets at an average of six runs each. More than this, six fell for a total of 31 runs. Mr Heath had but one ball, and that bowled him.

At this period there was a talk of a "follow on," but a change – one of those peculiar characteristics of cricket – occurred. Mr Buckland, with Mr Tylecote for a companion, soon brought about an entire alteration in the aspect of the match. The 100 was posted, amid much cheering, and the Light Blue total passed half an hour afterwards. All the bowling that Cambridge had at command was pressed into service, but so punished that before the seventh wicket (Mr Tylecote's) fell the total had reached 173. In Mr Tylecote's contribution of 39 were three fours, one three, five twos and a six – the latter caused by bad fielding. At the close of the day Oxford were 78 runs in advance of their opponents, with one wicket in hand.

Mr Buckland's magnificent not out total contained no less than 19 fours. It is impossible to say what form the play of to-day may take, but there is the probability that many of the defects of yesterday's fielding especially may be lessened, if they do not entirely disappear. Umpires – Farrands and West.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 June, page 10)

It may be said, fearless of contradiction, that no one acquainted with the real merits of these University teams entertained an idea that the match

would terminate yesterday as it did – viz., by ten wickets in favour of Oxford. The unpromising state of the weather did not check to any perceptible extent the flow of visitors to Lord's Ground.

Play was resumed at a quarter before 12 with Mr Buckland (not out 117) and Mr Jellicoe (not out). On over was bowled. This produced a run from the latter and an extra. Then came the end. Total, 214.

For some time play was delayed in consequence of showers. Eventually the Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Lucas led the Cambridge batting for the second time. The former took the first call, which resulted in two runs, and four from the second, both off Mr Jellicoe, but from the last ball of Mr Tylecote's second over a catch on the slip terminated his innings.

It ought to be here mentioned that as Cambridge were 80 runs in arrear the prospect of winning when Mr Patterson joined Mr Lucas was not a very bright one. Only 18 runs were acquired when Mr Lucas – considered one of the best batsmen the University has of late sent up – was bowled for a trifling figure. The Hon E Lyttelton and his captain were partners till 38 were reached; both bowled by pretty much the same kind of ball.

Messrs Jarvis and Steel then began to infuse a little life into the scoring. At 75 the first bowling change occurred – viz., Mr Buckland at the lower wicket in place of Mr Jellicoe. Before either of the batsmen could be disposed of the 100 appeared on the telegraph, not without string party manifestations of delight, seeing that the Light Blues were now freed from a single innings defeat. The fielding was of the most effective and finished character. In fact, all the wickets from the sixth to the tenth were captured by expert fielding. The innings closed at 4h 35m for 126 runs, or 46 "on" . . .

The brothers Webbe were selected by Oxford to go in first and get the required number. This they did at the rate of nearly a run a minute. Among Mr A Webbe's figures was one five, chiefly resulting from an overthrow. 10,300 persons passed the toll-gate yesterday. It is also stated during the two days several thousands entered the Ground by members' tickets . . .

28 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2112.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 June, page 10)

The first match played in the metropolis this season under the above title commenced yesterday at the Oval. Both sides were strong. As usual on such occasions the attendance was large.

Play began with Lockwood and Shrewsbury at the wickets opposed to Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert. With the score at 36 came a change of bowling. Notwithstanding this the score advanced at a rapid rate. Lockwood accumulated 97 runs, Shrewsbury 78. Selby and Ulyett added 31 when the latter was caught at the wicket . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 June, page 14)

Although the tariff for admission to this match at the Oval was doubled, the number of spectators yesterday was unusually large. Play began shortly before 12 o'clock, with Daft and Selby, the not-outs for 14 and 44 respectively. When the fifth wicket fell no less than 312 runs were recorded. From this stage to the close of the innings the scoring averaged 45 runs per hour. Seven bowlers were engaged; Mr Patterson on and off six times; the brothers Grace, Mr Strachan and Mr Lucas four, Mr Gilbert three and Mr Walker once.

The Gentlemen commenced batting with Mr W G Grace and Lucas. Time 4 o'clock. Emmett missed Mr Grace in the slips when he had scored 14, but a second chance given to Morley at short leg proved fatal to the great batsman. By some fatality or error in judgment the two next on the rota ran themselves out. The Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Hornby were joined at 148, and not parted at 7 o'clock, when stumps were drawn. Umpires, Humphrey and Street . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 July, page 10)

Notwithstanding three days were appropriated to this match at the Oval, it was left undecided – not on account of adverse weather, but from the rime fairly consumed in obtaining 951 runs in three innings. The results of the first and second days' play have already been noticed in these columns. On Saturday the Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Hornby, the not-outs for 24 and 38 respectively, resumed batting at 5 minutes before 12 o'clock.

Runs came very fast and reached 278, when Mr Lyttelton was driven on to his wicket. Mr Patterson appeared, and the same free style of hitting continued till nearly a hundred runs were added. Both left at 379. Mr Hornby's score – by far the greatest during the match – had a large infusion of fours – viz., 15; also a six (off drive), four fours, six threes, seven doubles and a balance of singles – 144 in all.

With the exception of Messrs Webbe and Gilbert, every man contributed double figures towards the total of 427. As on the other side, seven bowlers were engaged, but the most successful was Barratt, who took four wickets in 59 overs . . . The innings terminated at 3h 50m.

Nearly half an hour elapsed before the Players commenced their second innings under an unfavourable light. Daft was caught in the slips early; three wickets fell for 35 runs . . ninth, 93. Mycroft, the last man, played vigorously. At 6.45 the innings terminated for 119 runs, and the match was declared drawn. Messrs W G Grace and Patterson bowled throughout; the former obtained five wickets . . . More than 7,000 persons attended Saturday's play . . .

2 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2113.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 July, page 10)

From the wide-spreading application of this title to cricket there exists the danger of its origin becoming somewhat indistinct, if not confused. This certainly ought to be guarded against. More than 70 years have passed away since the match was first promoted, and of necessity many curious expedients were had recourse to in order to keep it going. From the year 1830 the Gentlemen and Players match at Lord's has been continued without a break, and, as a matter of course, has included every phase of character to which the game of cricket is subject.

The prevailing feature of yesterday was slowness – all round slowness. The Players won the toss and started batting with Daft and Lockwood, Messrs Ridley and Patterson being bowlers. From the first ball of Mr Patterson's second over Lockwood was caught at point, and only five runs were totalled. Shrewsbury played "on" at 11. This bad beginning was relieved by the patient and careful play of Jupp and Daft. Only 32 runs resulted from the first hour. The first change of bowling occurred at 20, the second at 44. Just previous to luncheon Jupp was taken at point.

Daft's contribution of 64 – the largest of the day – consisted of two fours, three threes, eight twos and a balance of singles. The innings of Emmett had more life in it than those preceding; so also had that of Morley. The batsmen were joined with the score at 140 for eight wickets, and parted at 191. Emmett's score, in comparison with that of Daft and Jupp, was "rattled together." It included one six – down to an entrance gate; one five, one four, four threes &c. At 6.35 Mycroft was disposed of by a smart catch, and the innings terminated for 192 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, and frequently changed, but the most successful was Mr Patterson, who got seven wickets . . .

A heavy shower delayed play for half an hour previous to the completion of the innings. Some surprise and dissatisfaction were expressed at drawing stumps ten minutes previous to the usual Marylebone time without any substantial reason being assigned. Umpires, West and Clayton.

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

All persons who really take an interest in what are called great matches have a desire to see them played out, no matter which side wins. This idea seems to have prompted the executive at Marylebone to commence play yesterday a full half-hour earlier than on Monday. So slow was the progress made during the first day that only one innings had been got through when stumps were drawn.

The Gentlemen started their batting with Messrs W G Grace and Lucas, opposed to Mycroft and Watson as bowlers in chief. Lockwood kept wicket and Barlow stood point. Mr Lucas left with the score at 21, and Mr Cotterill filled the vacancy. The hitting, by both batsmen now acting together, very soon brought to pass frequent shiftings of the telegraph. With the score at 37 Mr Cotterill was badly missed, and 53 were reached when Mr Grace returned a ball to the bowler. This unlooked-for event let

in Mr Ridley, whose stay was remarkable only for its briefness – caught at point for a single.

Mr Hornby brought on the first bowling change – viz., Ulyett for Mycroft, and he was bowled off his pads in the second over of the change. Mr Webbe made no sign, and to the Hon A Lyttelton and Mr Cotterill nearly all the subsequent hitting worthy of mention must be attributed. Just 100 runs were accumulated from the fall of the fourth wicket to that of the seventh, which totalled 184. Mr Cotterill's score – the greatest hitherto made during the match – consisted of a fine drive for seven, one six of a similar character, seven fours, six threes &c. Mr I D Walker, who went in tenth, did not receive a ball. The innings terminated at 4.50 for 198 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, but Watson got just half the wickets . . .

The closeness of the results from an innings each imparted an additional interest to the match. Daft and Shrewsbury led off the second innings. The latter left early. Wild then joined daft, and the score moved rather sluggishly. Mr 26 Mr Ridley relieved Mr W G Grace, and when four runs were added a fine catch in the long field disposed of Daft. The stubborn defence of Jupp was the main feature of the play subsequently.

When stumps were drawn 100 runs were announced as the result of four wickets. Two heavy showers interfered materially with the progress of the match and the comfort of the visitors, without in the least degree benefiting the condition of the wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 July, page 6)

This the closest and by far the most exciting match at Lord's this season finished yesterday. It abounded with incidents, surprises, chances and changes which kept the imagination on the stretch till the last ball was bowled.

It may be remembered when Tuesday's play ceased each party had completed an innings. One hundred runs were also recorded to the Players, and four men out. In consequence of rain the wickets played falsely yesterday, and the six to go down realized only 48 runs. In fact the last three batsmen contributed nothing. At five minutes past 1 o'clock the Players' second innings terminated with a total of 148 runs, thus leaving their opponents a "set" of 143 to win. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Messrs W G Grace and Walker commenced the batting of the fourth and final innings, opposed to Watson and Mycroft. The former made a single to begin with, but the latter was clean bowled from the first ball delivered to him. Mr Lyttelton was not got rid of so easily. With the total at 32 came the first change of bowling – viz., Ulyett in place of Mycroft, and at 59 Morley relieved Watson. Mr Lyttelton's wicket fell to Ulyett at 64. Mr Grace left at the same figure, but he had scored 41 out of them. Mr Cotterill's contribution took but little time in putting together. Four wickets, 75.

Mr Hornby added nothing. Mr Ridley's eight were not unaccompanied with risks to himself and others, and he eventually ran himself out. Five runs only were added when the sixth wicket fell. The scene now became very exciting; every run was urged and applauded. What was considered a safe thing for the Gentlemen half-an-hour previously had undergone so great a change that the Players seemed to have victory in their hands. Lord Harris

made seven runs, by a hit for four to leg and a cut for three, but in the following over Morley bowled him clean – eight wickets, 94. Mr Webbe, caught at cover point, left the ninth wicket at 97.

As yet 46 runs were wanting and only Mr Patterson left to go in. The hitting between this gentleman and Mr G F Grace soon began to diminish the number, and the cheering increased in strength as the attendants upon the telegraph announced the ascent of the score. The changes of bowling suited, and runs came so fast that, contrary to expectation, the winning hit was made at 4.35. Finer cricket than that, especially during the last hour, of this strife was perhaps never played, and it will be long remembered by those who witnessed it . . .

5 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2114.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 July, page 11)

The third and last match of the series commenced yesterday at Prince's Ground. The lists were not identical with those either at the Oval or Lord's, but they were strong nevertheless and fairly balanced. Excellent wickets were prepared. Upwards of 2,000 persons were present during the day.

The Gentlemen won the toss, and at 12.18 Messrs W G Grace and Read went to the wickets, opposed by Southerton and Mycroft. Three overs were bowled, from which nine runs resulted. From the second ball of the fourth over Mr Grace was clean bowled. Mr Cotterill came, and by six hits he scored 23 runs. He then returned a ball to Mycroft.

A very long stand ensued between Mr Read and Mr G F Grace, and the bowling underwent a variety of changes. 100 runs were scored in 87 minutes. The third wicket fell at 157. Mr Buckland was also a long time partnered with Mr Grace. He began with a single, but very soon ran up 50, caught at wicket. Mr Gilbert's stay was very brief - stumped first ball. Half the wickets were lost for 236 runs.

Mr Monkland made two fours and was given out l.b.w. Mr E F S Tylecote, in conjunction with Mr Grace, brought up the seventh wicket to 312. Mr Strachan received but two balls. Mr H G Tylecote then became Mr Grace's seventh partner, whom he saw out. The retiring batsman gave but one chance while compounding a score of 134. His chief hits were 18 fours, six threes and eight twos. Mr Butler, the tenth man, went in at 359 and was not out when stumps were drawn. Umpires - Willsher and Henty.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 7 July, page 13)

When Thursday's play ceased in this match at Prince's the Gentlemen had lost nine wickets for 385 runs. Only 15 were added to this number yesterday. Eight bowlers were engaged during the innings, but the most successful was Mycroft, who obtained three wickets in 49 overs for 86 runs.

Jupp and Ulyett started the Players' batting, opposed by Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert as bowlers. Runs came slowly. At 30 Mr Strachan went on at Mr Grace's end, and in his third over Jupp was caught off him at point. Lockwood joined Ulyett, and after making 12 by four hits he was caught at wicket. A heavy hail and thunder storm prevented the continuance of play for nearly two hours, and then the ground was in a sodden condition.

Between Eastwood and Ulyett the score received an addition of 47 runs, making 114 for three wickets. Just previous hereto Mr Buckland relieved Mr Gilbert. For a short time the run-getting increased in pace. On the retirement of Eastwood the telegraph announced 129, and six subsequent overs realized 17. At this period Charlwood was caught at mid-off. The hitting then slackened, for the remaining five wickets fell for an average of seven each. This arose in a great measure from the heaviness of the ground consequence upon the storm. The innings closed at 7 o'clock for 181 runs.

Five bowlers were engaged. Mr Buckland, put on late, obtained just half the wickets in 19 overs and two balls for 34 runs. Notwithstanding the unsettled weather, there was quite as large an attendance as that on the day preceding . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 July, page 7)

With the exception of one heavy shower, nothing interrupted the proceedings of Saturday in this match at Prince's. At 12.40 the Players - being in a minority of 219 runs - commenced their "follow on," with Jupp and Ulyett. The early bowlers were Messrs Buckland and Gilbert.

From the first ball delivered Jupp made a hit to leg for four, and three from the second. This bright beginning was clouded with the score at 31, when Jupp played "on." Lockwood then appeared, and the score advanced to 46, when Mr Strachan relieved Mr Buckland. As the batsmen seemed to be getting set, Mr Tylecote went on at Mr Gilbert's wicket. From his second over Ulyett gave a chance to long field, which Mr Read did not turn to advantage. When 92 runs were obtained Mr Butler displaced Mr Strachan, and before the first 100 could be recorded Lockwood was caught in the slip. Eastwood had a narrow escape at long-on at a very early stage of his innings. A good catch at point disposed of him with the total at 155. Charlwood assisted in bringing up the fourth wicket to 178. Mr Gilbert again took the ball, and, with the total at 200, bowled Emmett clean.

An idea was now entertained that a large score would be accumulated - so large, in fact, that the match would, like the first of the three, be left undecided. Only half the wickets were down at 4.30. Then came a reverse. Mr Buckland had returned to the assault. Neither Hill nor Southerton added anything to the score, and Lillywhite merely a single. Ulyett, who went in first, came out ninth, and made the second best single innings of the match. It included fourteen fours, four threes, fifteen twos and twenty-six single. Six bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Mr Gilbert . . Mr Buckland. These gentlemen got nine wickets out of ten. The innings closed at 5h 30m for a total of 234.

The gentlemen required 16 runs to win. Mr Gilbert was caught in the second over. Messrs Strachan and Butler got eight each, and at 6 o'clock the match was decided in favour of the Gentlemen by nine wickets . . .

9 July: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2116.html)

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

Nearly seven hours were expended on this match at Lord's yesterday in procuring seven wickets. Play began at 12.10, with Shrewsbury and Oscroft as batsmen opposed to Messrs Henderson and Buckland. Forty runs were scored when a change at both ends occurred. Oscroft, after a finely played innings of 43, was caught off Mr V E Walker, who officiated for Mr Henderson. One for 67.

Shrewsbury occupied the wickets two hours and forty minutes, and was then well taken at long leg. Wild was bowled in the next over. He had two lives allowed him while putting together 24 – both times by the wicket-keeper; first, soon after he went in, second with his score at 19. Daft arrived somewhat late, but he played up to time. Selby made a short stay – caught in the slip. Four wickets, 146.

A very determined stand was now made by Mr Cursham, the only non-professional on the Notts side. The score advanced to 228 before being caught off an underhand slow. The bowling underwent every variety of change that Middlesex could devise. Shortly before 7 o'clock the figures 300 were exhibited on the telegraph, and when stumps were drawn 25 were added thereto. Considering that the match was promoted for the benefit of Howitt, a deserving player, the attendance fell far short of what might have been reasonably expected. Umpires, Thoms and Nixon.

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

When time arrived on Monday for drawing stumps in this match at Lord's, only seven men were placed in the dismissed list and 325 runs scored, of which Daft claimed 93 and not out. Yesterday he, in conjunction with Hind, continued the Notts batting. After adding three runs to his overnight total, he was given out l.b.w. – a most unsatisfactory close to a patient, masterly and prolific innings. His chief hits were one five (to leg), four fours and six threes. At one time he made 15 singles in succession, another 13, and seven. The tenth wicket fell for 368 runs.

Middlesex selected Messrs A J Webbe and I D Walker to start their batting. This they did to good purpose, as 64 runs were realized before Mr Walker was cleverly stumped by Selby. The beginning, though full of promise, was not sustained, as the second wicket fell for 67. Mr H R Webbe joined his brother, and when another parting ensued the score fell short of 100 runs. A third wicket added but ten. From this stage to the close of the innings the bowling triumphed. They obtained four wickets in 21 overs for 28 runs, Flowers three wickets in 35 overs for 32 runs. At 4h 40m the telegraph announced 149 only as the proceeds of the Middlesex eleven.

Being in a minority of 219, Messrs A J Webbe and I D Walker commenced the "follow on" as soon as the ground became clear of visitors. The first wicket (Mr Webbe's) fell at 58; the second (Mr Lucas's) at 65. Messrs Walker and H R Webbe played up to time, and between them advanced the total so materially as to dispel the idea of a single innings defeat, at one time generally entertained. Play will be resumed to-day, but the match for Thursday between I Zingari v Lords and Commons has been abandoned . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 12 July, page 11)

Two wickets were down and 136 runs scored by Middlesex in their second innings when stumps were drawn on Tuesday. Messrs I D Walker and H R Webbe, the not-outs for 54 and 42 respectively, resumed batting yesterday at ten minutes past 12 o'clock to the bowling of Morley and Barnes.

Runs came so freely that Barnes gave place to Tye, and at 162 Flowers displaced Tye. The score had reached 187 when Morley bowled Mr Webbe for 63. During his stay at the wicket 122 runs were added. His chief hits were one five, six fours and two threes. Mr Buckland then joined Mr Walker, and the hitting at both wickets was anything but slow. Mr Buckland gave an easy chance to a "sub" at 213, but this being declined, he was enabled to get 13 more runs. Morley then bowled him.

The long and splendid innings of Mr I D Walker terminated with a hit to leg, when Barnes caught the ball. Four wickets, 232. Mr Turner received but one ball from Morley, and Mr Green two. All the subsequent scoring worthy of mention resulted from the bats of Messrs Bird and V E Walker. The innings terminated at 3.20 for 290 runs.

Notts now required 72 to win. Daft and Mr Cursham led off, opposed to the bowling of Messrs Friar and Henderson. At 15 Mr Cursham was missed at wicket, and at 29 a double change of bowling occurred - namely, Mr Buckland and Mr V E Walker - for those previously named. The total exceeded 50 when Mr Cursham was caught in the long field. Oscroft came, and the needed runs were quickly got. From the full score appended it will be seen that Notts won by nine wickets.

9 July: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2117.html)

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

A large attendance honoured the first match between the above at Brighton yesterday. The cricket, as a whole, was good. Kent won the toss and kept possession of the wickets rather more than four hours. A good start was effected, and so well sustained that seven batsmen in succession obtained double figures.

Mr Foord-Kelcey, the highest scorer, gave a chance at 34. He afterwards exceeded this number, making a total of 74. The innings of Mr Penn also received much applause. At the fall of the tenth wicket 271 runs were announced for Kent's first total. Sussex started their batting with Mr Cotterill and Humphreys. Four wickets were lost at the call of time for 89 runs.

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

It may be remembered, when play in this match at Brighton on Monday ceased, Kent had completed an innings and four Sussex wickets were down for 89 runs. Play was resumed yesterday at 11.50 with Charlwood and Fillery, the not-outs for 34 and 3 respectively. To show the superiority of Kent in the field, the remaining six wickets were disposed of in 40 minutes. Charlwood – the highest scorer – put his runs together by three fours, one three, seven twos and seven singles. Hearne, the most successful bowler, obtained seven wickets in 31 overs and three balls for 45 runs. Mr Foord-Kelcey claimed the remaining wickets in 30 overs for 59 runs.

Being in a minority of 148, Sussex had to "follow on." In their second venture they made a worse exhibition than in their first. Four good wickets fell for seven runs. It is true better scoring was subsequently sustained, although at 2 o'clock seven wickets were lost for 24 runs. Then came a favourable change. Lillywhite and Charlwood raised the score to 110. Hide added 23, and at 5 o'clock the innings closed for 160, leaving Kent 13 to get, a task of no difficulty . . .

16 July: KENT v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2122.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 18 July, page 8)

The "cricket week" at Tunbridge Wells opened inauspiciously. So heavy and continuous was the rainfall during the whole of Monday up to sunset that no attempt to play was made. Notwithstanding the absence of cheerful weather yesterday, and the many forebodings respecting the condition of the ground, the two elevens assembled early, and Kent having won the toss, resolved to go at once to the wickets.

Messrs Absolom and Mackinnon set the scorers to work before 12 o'clock, and they remained partners for nearly an hour, putting together 42 runs in the meantime. The most remarkable hit of the day was one which sent the ball beyond the canvas boundary, and for which six runs were recorded. Mr Mackinnon exhibited a stubborn defence. Mr Penn played a very free innings throughout. These three gentlemen were all that reached double figures.

The subsequent portion of the play required a great deal of watching in consequence of frequent infractions of the last law, and one of the most important in the Cricket Code. Remonstrance proved useless. Several changes of bowling were of necessity had recourse to, but the most successful was that of Hickton, who took six wickets in 38 overs and three balls for 47 runs. The other four wickets were claimed by W Mycroft and Hind, who led off . . .

Derbyshire travelled through their innings at a quicker rate than Kent, and were thereby enabled to get through it in sufficient time to allow Kent to commence a second innings. The most noteworthy feature on the part of Derbyshire was the fielding of Shaw, than which nothing could be finer or more effective.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 July, page 10)

To avoid as much as possible the disappointments consequent on a drawn match, it was resolved to commence play yesterday at 11 o'clock precisely. Each side had completed an innings on Tuesday, and one wicket (Mr Absolom's) was also down when stumps were drawn. Mr Cunliffe and Wills, the not-outs for 11 and 3 respectively, were at their posts at the time appointed, but had to wait nearly half an hour for the chief of the other side.

Mr Cunliffe was caught early in the slip close to the ground by a splendid piece of fielding. Mr Mackinnon made a very brief stay; Mycroft proved too much for him, as he did to Mr Foord-Kelcey and Croxford. Mr Penn joined Willis, and the score advanced to 42 for six wickets. Lord Harris made the best of his opportunities, but unfortunately for Kent the two men who were unchanged throughout was of a character difficult to control. Hence Mycroft got six wickets . . . At 12.25 the innings terminated for an average of about seven runs per man.

Derbyshire required 118 to win, and they were not long in accomplishing the task. Platts hit with tremendous force, and in one over scored 13 runs from three balls. A fine catch at long-on disposed of Mr R P Smith, and a yet finer by Croxford got rid of Foster. At the fall of the seventh wicket

Derbyshire were within three runs of winning. Hickton came, and by two hits obtained the number. Time, 3.50. Umpires, Luck and Thoms.

16 July: ENGLAND v GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2121.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday July 18, page 8)

The weather of Monday prevented cricket at Lord's as well as at other places. Yesterday a start was given to the above match by Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert at the wickets on behalf of the combined counties; Watson and Barratt bowling. When 25 runs were obtained Morley relieved the latter.

Mr Grace was missed at long-leg by Selby in Morley's seventh over. After this escape he added 25 to his previous score; of this number one hit realized six runs, the ball being struck from the lower wicket into Mr Dark's garden. He was first man out, at 93. Mr Gilbert soon followed with the second best score of the innings. Only three afterwards got into double figures. In fact, six batsmen left for 11 runs. Nine out of the ten were caught. The bowling successes were more evenly distributed than usual . . . Total, 199. Duration of innings, three hours and a quarter.

Messrs Hornby and Walker were first at the wickets for England. Midwinter, a bowler famed in Australia, in conjunction with Mr W G Grace, for a considerable time had charge of the ball. Mr Walker fell in the first over of Midwinter, and Jupp was caught off the same bowler at short leg in his 16th over. Two wickets, 49. Barlow then joined Mr Hornby, and the hitting proceeded as freedom, not unaccompanied by luck. Barlow retired at 132, and Shrewsbury, with only five minutes to play, scored four runs by two hits, the latter of which closed the day's proceedings. Umpires - Hearne and Farrands.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 July, page 10)

There was a great deal of lively hitting yesterday in this match at Lord's. Play began at 11.40 with Mr Hornby and Shrewsbury at the wickets. The former added 16 to his previous total. His chief hits were seven fours, six threes and ten twos. On his retirement 160 runs were registered for five wickets. Selby contributed a five, two fours and a three in quick succession. At 1.15 the innings of the combined counties closed for 213 runs. The bowling was widely distributed. Mr W G Grace obtained four wickets . . .

The second innings of the combined counties brought out also the hitting powers of Mr W G Grace, who put together 110 runs without giving a chance. Among his hits were one five (off drive), one four (straight drive to the top of the Pavilion) and several others of the same size variously distributed. He was first in and eight out - caught at short leg. Lockwood's score of 33 was of a free all round character. Mr G F Grace hit determinedly, there being two fives (drives) out of 26. When the tenth wicket fell at 5.25, it was clearly seen that the match could not be brought to a definite issue . . .

Only one of the England team was out at the close of the day. An opinion was generally entertained that England would have won the match had time permitted to play it out, as the ground was in excellent condition . . .

23 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2126.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 July, page 11)

Mote Park, Maidstone, was not very well attended yesterday on the occasion of this match, although regarded as one of no ordinary importance to Kentish cricketers. The weather, somewhat boisterous, was not wet. Surrey won the toss and went to the wickets forthwith.

Mr Lucas and Jupp made so formidable a stand that nearly four hours elapsed before a parting could be effected, and 189 runs were scored, of which Mr Lucas claimed 110. He was missed by Hearne when he had got two singles only, again at 14 and also at 25. Seven bowlers were brought against him, and five of them were put on twice. Mr Akroyd joined Jupp, and runs came quickly. The new comer hit Hearne out of the ground for six. Jupp was caught eventually in the slips. His chief hits were ten fours, one three, eight twos – a long and patient innings.

Elliott followed, and as a last resort Mr Penn was tried – the eighth bowler. In his third over he succeeded in the capture of Mr Akroyd by a bail ball. Three wickets, 270. Mr Wyatt retired after making four runs from a single hit. At the time of drawing stumps only five wickets were lost for a total of 331 runs. This contrasts strangely with the match at Lord's yesterday between the Marylebone Club and Ground and the County of Essex, when only one over was bowled, in consequence of rain.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 July, page 10)

There was a much larger attendance at Mote Park yesterday than on the first day of this match. Although the Surrey score reached 331 for five wickets, the remainder fell at little more than average of six runs to each.

Kent began their batting with Messrs Mackinnon and Absolom. Both left with the score at 10 and Mr Yardley at 14. Mr Penn and Lord Harris made a stand and brought up the figures to 48, when the former returned the ball to the bowler. Mr Foord-Kelcey was caught at long-on. The subsequent run-getting on the part of Kent was confined to Lord Harris and Hearne. Lord Harris hit in rare style. In his total of 62 were eight fours. The innings terminated [at] 4.30 p.m. for a total of 148.

A "follow on" ensued with less success than that which accompanied the first innings. From the full score attached it will be seen that Surrey won by an innings and 99 runs.

26 July: ENGLAND v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2128.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 July, page 7)

A more than ordinary interest was attached to this match, which commenced yesterday at the Oval. Several eminent players who were expected to take part in it were from circumstances unable to do so. The heavy downpour of Wednesday night caused the ground to be dead and the wickets to play falsely.

Gloucestershire won the toss and sent England in at 12.30. The bowlers at starting were Mr W G Grace and Midwinter; the latter obtained seven wickets in 39 overs and two balls for 35 runs. Three-fourths of the score were obtained by three batsmen. It took two hours and a half to complete the first innings for the comparatively trifling total of 83 runs.

On the other side, Mr G F Grace obtained more runs than either of his brothers. A drive for six by him was the chief hit of the innings, which occupied 95 minutes for 78 runs. Mycroft and Barratt were the principal bowlers. The former in 26 overs and one ball got six wickets for 21 . . .

England, with five runs in hand, commenced their second innings with Lockwood and Jupp. Same bowlers as before. A remarkable catch disposed of Jupp at seven runs. Mr Cotterill joined Lockwood. These played up to time and put together 30 runs. Although the ordinary tariff was doubled, nearly 5,000 persons attended the match. Umpires, Pullen and Southerton.

Days 2 and 3 - no report found.

30 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2130.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 August, page 9)

A strong muster assembled at Brammal-lane [sic] yesterday to witness the above contest. The visitors had choice of innings, and they commenced batting yesterday with Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert. When the former had scored two runs he was missed in the slip. Before, however, the great batsman "got into swing," he fell to the wicket-keeper.

At 41 Mr E M Grace played on, and a good catch in the long field disposed of Mr Townsend. Mr G F Grace put together the longest score of the innings in a faultless style. His chief hits comprised three fours, six threes and four twos. The tenth wicket fell soon after 4 o'clock. Five bowlers were engaged . . . Greenwood and Myers opened the Yorkshire scoring account, and put together nearly 50 runs between them . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 August, page 10)

Play in this match at Sheffield was resumed yesterday at 12 o'clock. Greenwood and Emmett, the not outs for 34 and 13 respectively, kept possession of their wickets against five bowlers upwards of 80 minutes, and put on nearly the same number of runs.

The most curious features of the match occurred towards the close of the Yorkshire innings, when Mr Gilbert, who displaced Midwinter, took five wickets in six overs, three of which fell in the last over. Greenwood was first in and last out, with the highest score of the match.

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

Play in this match at Sheffield was resumed soon after 12 o'clock in weather scarcely suggestive of the 1st of August. Up to luncheon-time it was quite cold.

90 runs were scored by Gloucestershire in the first two hours. Mr W G Grace was caught at the wicket with a score of 84, obtained by six fours, two threes, nine twos and a balance of single. The innings terminated at 3.50 for a total of 189. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Yorkshire had but two hours in which to get the required number of runs to win. At the call of time they had lost nine wickets, and the match was left drawn.

2 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2132.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 August, page 8)

After the drawn match at Sheffield, the Gloucestershire eleven proceeded to Nottingham. The importance of the match drew nearly 4,000 persons to the Trent-bridge ground. Great things were expected of the two leading batsmen, but Mr W G Grace left with the score at five. Mr Townsend, who filled the vacancy thus caused, retired at 10 and Mr Gilbert at 15.

Mr G F Grace saw a considerable advance in scoring, although he contributed but feebly towards the 32 recorded for the loss of four wickets. A great change ensued. Messrs E M Grace and Moberly tested the bowling to a severe extent. When the former's wicket fell – caught at point, as were his brothers – the score had gone up to 180. Mr Moberly defied all the attacks of Notts and brought out his bat. His chief hits were six fours, twelve threes and nine twos. The innings terminated shortly before 6 o'clock for a total of 287 runs.

Notts lost two wickets in a very short time. Only 17 runs were obtained when play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 4 August, page 7)

When play in this match, at Nottingham, ceased on Thursday, the visiting team had completed an innings, and two wickets of Notts were lost for 17 runs. Shrewsbury, the not out for 3, was joined yesterday by Daft. The former parted company without adding anything. Nor did Selby display much skill with the bat – caught at mid on. Four wickets were lost for 30 runs.

Daft found a much more valuable helpmate in Mr Tolley. This pair brought on three changes of bowling, and the score advanced to 85, when Daft retired, caught in the slips. Oscroft, though suffering from an injured hand, played well up to Mr Tolley, whose long score of 53 included five fours, three threes and six twos. The innings terminated shortly after 3 o'clock for 124 runs.

Being in a minority of 163 Notts had to "follow on." Three wickets fell for 16 runs. Daft and Oscroft were then partnered. Fifty runs resulted from the first hour's play. With the score at 52 rain stopped further proceedings.

Day 3 – no report found

6 August: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

KENT v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2133.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 August, page 8)

Seeing how much the success of cricket depends upon circumstances surrounding a match, the state and condition of the weather will perforce thrust themselves into notice. It may at once be said that a finer day for the purposes of cricket could not have been desired than yesterday. The city had its share of holyday-folk; so had the St Lawrence ground, for the enlarged boundary assigned to spectators was thickly fringed long before an innings was half completed.

Of the ground itself, and especially those portions set apart for the week's wickets, the only thing said against them by the bowlers is, "they are too good." Every year some alteration occurs, generally for the better. During the past winter the bank at the south end has been put back fully 30 yards, so that "easy fours" in future may be less frequent.

For two years past Kent, deficient in county strength, has been yoked with Gloucestershire; but, as this system was never in harmony with the general feeling of cricketers in the east, the old plan - that of given men - has been resorted to. Kent, on the present occasion, made choice of Messrs W G Grace and Ridley. Some delay was occasioned by the non-arrival of two or three parties engaged in the match, but Lord Harris resolved on starting the Kent innings at 12.25 with Messrs Ridley and Mackinnon, opposed to the bowling of Lockwood and Mycroft.

Three maiden overs were first recorded. The hitting and runs up to 28 were scored, when Mr Mackinnon - usually a difficult wicket to get - was clean bowled. This let in Mr Penn. Both batsmen seemed fully aware of the tactics adopted by their adversaries, and, as a matter of course, exercised a corresponding amount of caution. With the score at 52 Mr Ridley was caught at point, and when three more runs were acquired Mr Penn gave a chance that could not be refused. Lord Harris and Mr W G Grace played up to luncheon time, when the declared total was 85.

On resumption, the score moved along at an increased pace, until Lord Harris was caught off Emmett, bowling at the city end; total, 150. Mr Yardley then joined Mr Grace, and the hitting at both wickets suggested another change of bowling. For a time the task of parting these redoubtable batsmen seemed a very wearisome one. At length Mr Grace fell to Emmett. This was the most notable incident of the day and excited marked expressions of opinion. Those who anticipated a colossal score were scarce satisfied with 50 runs, although this number involved no inconsiderable difficulty in getting. His chief hits were eight fours and three twos. Half the wickets produced 151 runs.

Mr Foord-Kelcey, in conjunction with Mr Yardley, advanced the score to 176, when Ulyett relieved Emmett. The change suited Mr Yardley well; he made 12 runs from one over. At length Ulyett caught him off his own ball, and Mr Foord-Kelcey retired soon after. Kent were now virtually disposed of. The eighth wicket fell for 215; ninth and tenth, 229. Duration of innings, four hours and a quarter. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

All England started their batting with Messrs A J Webbe and I D Walker, opposed to the bowling of Messrs W G Grace and Foord-Kelcey. When 17 runs had been obtained Mr Webbe was run out through splendid fielding on the part of Mr Penn. Mr Lucas then appeared, and these at 32 brought on two changes of bowling - viz., Mr Ridley at Mr Grace's end and Hearne at the other. Mr Walker was caught at cover-point forward - also a very fine piece of fielding. Two wickets, 60 runs. Lockwood then joined Mr Lucas, and as runs came very fast several changes of bowling occurred. At 91 Mr Lucas fell to Mr Grace. It was half-past 6 when Mr G F Grace joined Lockwood, and these played up to time.

The citizens, in good taste, dispensed with the bunting and flags usually stretched across their narrow streets, the service of which it was difficult to perceive unless to obstruct the sight and shut out the necessary current of air. Neat and appropriate banners were displayed at all the great hostelries and principal cricket stations. It is asserted by some claiming authority that more persons visited the St Lawrence ground than on any previous first day since the institution of the "Cricket Week" in the year 1842, commencing then, as now, with Kent v England. Umpires, Willsher and Morley.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 August, page 11)

The bright and promising prospects of "the week" were clouded at noontide yesterday by shiftings of the wind, an absence of sunshine and intermittent showers of unfavourable omen. According to arrangement, play was to be resumed at 11 o'clock, but a few minutes' delay occurred. Lockwood and Mr G F Grace, the not outs for 28 and seven respectively, took their places at the wickets in opposition to the bowling of Mr Ridley (city end) and Hearne (contra).

From the fourth ball, Mr Grace made an off hit to the limits of the ring, and obtained four runs, followed by a single from the same bowler's sixth ball. At this stage his career was stopped by Henty. Total 110 for four wickets. Shrewsbury then joined Lockwood, and ten runs were added when Mr W G Grace displaced Mr Ridley. Whatever the merits of Shrewsbury as a batsman may really be, he exhibited no very great aptitude in the art of defence. His stay was brief, l.b.w.

For near an hour subsequently the batting seemed to defy all the devices Kent had at command. Wild played a bold and determined innings, and during the time he and Lockwood were partnered all round cricket of the first order frequently displayed itself. A ball of tremendous pace eventually shattered Wild's wicket; the total at this stage of the game was declared to be 162. Ulyett came next, and made nine runs by singles. This slow process was afterwards relieved by three figures of a larger size. Mr Foord-Kelcey gave way to Mr Absolom.

The effects of this change are deserving of mention. From the sixth ball Lockwood was caught at mid-off, after obtaining the highest score of the match so far as it has proceeded. It was a brilliant innings, made up of ten fours, three threes, three twos and eight singles. At 197 Emmett was caught at mid-on from Mr Absolom's bowling. Ulyett was bowled by him at 200, and finally he caught Mycroft in a way that evoked a general outburst of applause, while it brought the England's innings to a close with 20 runs less than the total obtained by Kent. Time, 1h 25min. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

A very large company awaited anxiously to see Kent bat again; but rain "set in," and play for the day was of necessity discontinued. Umpires, Morley and Willsher.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 August, page 8)

Considering the number of hours during which rain fell on Tuesday, the St Lawrence ground was by no means out of condition at 11 o'clock yesterday, the time appointed for commencing the second innings of Kent. Full 20 minutes elapsed before Messrs W G Grace and Mackinnon were prepared to meet the attacks of Mr Lucas and Mycroft. With 12 runs scored, all by Mr Grace, a full-pitched ball took his partner's wicket. This occurred in the ninth over of the morning.

Mr Ridley began with a straight drive from Mr Lucas for a single, repeated from Mycroft for four. Nine maiden overs were next recorded. Mr Ridley, after putting together nine runs, was caught in the slip. Two wickets, 30 runs. A fine display of batting ensued, although it ought to be stated that Mr Lucas missed Mr Grace when his figures were 31. At 59 Emmett relieved Mycroft. The change marked the first ball as a wide, and presently another wide suggested the policy of putting on Ulyett. As the hitting prevailed and the score kept moving in accordance therewith, Mycroft went on in place of Mr Lucas. An off drive by Mr Penn brought the first hundred on the telegraph, a number obtained at the rate of a run per minute. A slight check to this advance was given by Mycroft, who sent down nine maiden overs in succession.

At 111 Mr Grace was caught by Watson, standing some distance at the back of the wicket. His chief hits were eight fours, two threes and three twos. Lord Harris then joined Mr Penn, and these played up to luncheon time, with the total at 145. At this time - 2 o'clock - it was feared that another wet afternoon would follow, a shower then falling, but a breeze sprang up and the game proceeded cheerfully.

Lord Harris stayed but a short time on resumption of play - caught at mid-off. Mr Yardley, perhaps, never played a more dashing and praiseworthy innings. He and Mr Penn brought the score from 148 to 255. A splendid catch at cover-point closed Mr Yardley's career; but Mr Penn, who went in second wicket down, saw the 300 displayed and retired sixth man. He displayed gifts of a very high order, and in his total of 135 were comprised 18 fours, eight threes and eight twos.

It was evident at this period that the Kent and England match could not be played out. Mr Foord-Kelcey was well caught at cover-point for 30, and Hearne was bowled off his leg at 327. A loft hit by Mr Absolom excited some merriment. Henty sent the ball to square leg for four, and having then lost the assistance of Mr Mellor, brought out his bat, when 342 runs were telegraphed as Kent's second total. No less than seven bowlers were tried, some two or three times changed . . .

England commenced their second innings at 5.40, with Messrs G F Grace and Lucas against Messrs W G Grace and Absolom. From the first ball delivered by the latter, Mr Lucas made an off hit for three. From the fourth over of his brother Mr G F Grace got three fours, but from the first ball of the next over - i.e., the fifth of the innings - Mr Grace was caught at long-on close to the chestnut tree. Lockwood came and retired for four, caught by

bowler. Two wickets, 22. Shrewsbury and Mr Lucas played up to time.
Total, 32.

6 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2134.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 August, page 8)

The first contest between these southern counties was commenced at the Oval yesterday. The weather proved fine, and being Bank holiday the company mustered in strong force, and about 6,000 were present. After luncheon perfect order prevailed, and some excellent cricket, especially in batting, was witnessed during the day.

Sussex, who have been very unlucky this season, started the batting at 12.15, Mr Greenfield and H Phillips opposing the bowling of Barratt and Jones (pavilion end). The latter's second over produced two fours and a three by Mr Greenfield and two by Phillips, making 13 runs in all. The first wicket (H Phillips) fell at 21, and six overs realized 29 runs. Messrs Francis and Greenfield then made a good stand, and 62 runs were scored in the first hour. Then a dozen overs were bowled for a single. Mr Francis next retired - stumped at 76. James Phillips followed, and at luncheon time 95 was reached.

Upon resuming the runs came fast, 13 overs realizing 30 runs, when Phillips was well caught at mid on; three for 130. The wickets now for a time went fast - the fourth (Charlwood) at 149, fifth (Mr Greenfield) at 156. His principal hits were a straight drive for five, seven fours, eight threes and 11 twos. The sixth wicket (Fillery) fell at 166, seventh (Mr Curteis) at 167 and the eighth (Lillywhite) at 168. The last two wickets gave some trouble, Mr Brown and Hide hitting well, and when the innings closed at 5.25 the total had reached 230. Four bowlers were engaged. Barratt, the most successful . . .

Surrey lost two wickets for 25 when stumps were drawn at half-past 6. Umpires, Stubberfield and Street.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 August, page 11)

The weather was of far different character yesterday from that of the opening day of this contest at the Oval, and had a great effect upon the attendance. There was very little play, for just before 2 o'clock rain descended for four hours and proceedings were stopped until the morrow. When play ceased on Monday, Sussex had completed its innings for 230, and Surrey had lost two wickets for 25 runs.

Jupp and Elliott, the not outs, only kept possession of their wickets while 13 runs were added, when Jupp was caught at the wicket and Elliott in the slips. Mr Wyatt and Mr Lindsay brought up the fifth wicket to 59, at which total Mr Lindsay was run out and Mr Strachan caught at the wicket. Seven down. Pooley and Barratt, chiefly by singles, added 14, and then the ground was visited by heavy rain, which commenced at half-past 1 and continued with force. A determination to draw stumps was arrived at just before 6 o'clock.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 August, page 8)

Better weather at first attended the above match at the Oval yesterday when play was resumed at five minutes past 12, and in an hour the three remaining wickets of Surrey were disposed of, having added 57 to the score of Tuesday last. Barratt hit two fives, one off Fillery and another off Mr Greenfield. Pooley played well, and Jones gave two chances before he was caught at the wicket. The innings closed at 1.5 for 130. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Being in a minority of 100, Surrey had to follow on, and at 1.30 sent in Jupp and Mr Read to the bowling of Lillywhite and Fillery. In the former's 70 Mr Read's leg stump was struck, and in his eighth Jupp was given out leg before. One wicket for 19, two for 20. After two more singles the luncheon bell rang, and before any addition was made upon resuming Mr Wyatt was caught at cover point. After six runs were made rain stopped play for a quarter of an hour.

Mr Lindsay and Humphrey then resumed batting, and at 44 Mr Brown went on to bowl instead of Fillery. Just as Humphrey was caught at slip, rain fell in torrents, and such a heavy downfall was experienced and so flooded the ground that at 4 o'clock it was found impossible to play, so the match had to be declared drawn.

9 August: KENT v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2135.html)

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

Generally speaking, Thursday is regarded by Canterbury and the neighbourhood as the most important of the week. Not, perhaps, in a strictly cricket sense so much as a holyday, affording the patrons and admirers of the game an opportunity for an agreeable out-door assemblage, for which no fitter place by any possibility be fixed upon for persons of every rank and degree who come to witness the strength of Kent when arrayed against forces collected from other quarters.

On paper the sides were tolerably well balanced, and it only required such a day as yesterday to forecast the probable issue of the contest. Notwithstanding the unfavourable appearance of the weather in the morning, the ladies seemed to have very few misgivings about the matter, for they appeared as usual in choice dresses, and variable as they were rich. The umpires chosen for the match were Wild and [Willsher]. In the early discharges of their duty they selected wickets quite as good as those in which the Kent and England had been played during the three days previously.

Lord Harris won the toss for choice of innings, and at 11.30 deputed Mr Absolom and Willis to lead off the batting. Mr W G Grace chose the city wicket to bowl from, and he delivered the first over. When six runs were recorded Willis was caught by the wicket-keeper off Morley. Mr Penn then came forward, and the score soon reached 20 runs, of which all but two belonged to Mr Absolom. Mr Penn began well; he however lost the company of Mr Absolom before another ten could be added – caught by the bowler. Lord Harris, next on the list, impatient to punish, ran out to meet the ball forwarded to him by Mr Grace, but failing, unfortunately, in his purpose, left his wicket to the keeping of Captain Kingscote, who, it is needless to say, knocked it down.

This unlooked-for beginning was atoned for in some measure by Messrs Mackinnon and Penn, who brought up the fourth wicket to 66. The fifth advanced to 74, sixth 86. Play was delayed for a short time in consequence of a heavy shower. Mr Mellor assisted in obtaining the first 100, but almost immediately after got stumped. Mr Mackinnon was caught at long-on with an addition of 25 to the foregoing total. The remainder pulled up amazingly. Remnant played a fast innings as well as a determined one, and at 4.30 the eleventh wicket fell for a total of 177. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Marylebone selected Messrs Grace and Anstruther to lead off their batting. Great, indeed, was the astonishment at seeing the former leave his wicket for one run only, through a splendid catch at point with left hand low down. The second and third wickets fell at 35. After this the batsmen retired in quick succession; so much so that only 90 runs resulted from eight wickets. At this stage play for the day ceased. It is stated that full 5,000 persons were present.

Day 2 (report from Sat 11 August, page 10)

Play was resumed yesterday at 20 minutes past 22 o'clock, by Mr Hay, not out for 0, and Mr Bray, opposed to the bowling of Mr Absolom and Hearne. The score advanced to 106 when Mr Foord-Kelcey went on at Mr Absolom's end, and Willis in the next over relieved Hearne. As the score kept going ahead, Mr Cunliffe was tried in place of Willis, but this change failed in the object intended. Mr Foord-Kelcey crossed over, and at 148 Henty, stationed far back from the wicket, caught Mr Bray.

As the score was now 29 runs less than the total of Kent and there were two men to be disposed of, an additional interest was imparted to every step in the proceedings. Rylott began in his usual determined manner and got six runs, but lost his wicket in precisely the same way as his immediate predecessor. Morley was not reckoned upon for double figures, when going in last; he nevertheless made so good a stand that when his wicket fell the England total exceeded that of Kent by one run. Five bowlers were engaged - viz., Hearne delivered 54 overs for the same number of runs and took five wickets . . .

At twenty minutes past 1 o'clock Kent entered upon their second innings with Mr Absolom and Willis opposed to the bowling of Mr Grace, City end, and Morley. The contest was well disputed on both sides, nor was the faintest chance given until 28 runs were scored, when a fielder at long-on declined what appeared to be a catch by no means difficult. Both batsmen were in possession of the wickets at luncheon time with a total of 30.

A very great change in the aspect of the game occurred soon after resumption of play. Mr Absolom added nothing, and only one run by his partner before being caught at wicket. Mr Penn, one of the main props of Kent, made but four, and was also caught at wicket. Lord Harris received scarcely one over. This was a great disappointment, and the fate of the match was regarded as sealed on his retirement. Three wickets, 41.

Six runs were added when Willis left. He made the highest score of his side by two fours, one three and nine singles. Mr Yardley's innings fell far short of expectation - clean bowled. Messrs Foord-Kelcey and Mackinnon were next partnered, though for a very short time. The latter made one hit for one run, and was caught by the bowler. Six wickets, 52. The only remaining batsman claiming consideration was Henty, who went in last, obtained double figures and brought out his bat. Total 74. Time 4h 40m. Three bowlers were engaged . . . The most remarkable feature of the innings was the wicket keeping of Captain Kingscote - a fact proved by his taking five wickets.

Marylebone required 74 runs to win - a task of easy accomplishment. Messrs Grace and Hay went in first, one third was obtained when Mr Hay left. Mr Anstruther the joined Mr Grace and these knocked off the runs in about one hour. Marylebone, therefore, won by ten wickets. Umpires - Willsher and Wild.

9 August: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2137.html)

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

This was the second contest of the week at the Oval, and it opened yesterday in unfavourable circumstances both as regards ground and weather, the former being still wet from the hard rains of Wednesday. The above counties had met previously this season at Lord's on the 11th of June when Surrey beat their opponents by four wickets. Six of those who played for Middlesex, and five for Surrey, at the Marylebone Ground were engaged for the present contest.

The choice of innings fell to Middlesex, who, despite the nature of the weather, went in. Southerton and Barratt were chosen as bowlers. So successful were they that five wickets were obtained and 69 runs scored before a change took place. Mr Walker made 30 out of the 48 scored while he was batting. Messrs Lucas and R D Walker, while hitting freely, both fell to the custodian of the wicket. At luncheon time seven were disposed of.

On resuming only one run was made, when heavy rain put a stop to play for an hour. On the weather clearing up the batsmen and fielders turned out again, and the three remaining wickets were captured by 4.35, the total of the innings being 110. Four bowlers were engaged . . . Southerton was in rare form with the ball, and the Surrey team well supported him in the field.

Surrey sent in Mr Lindsay and Jupp at 4.50, and although twice stopped by rain, the two batsmen put together 78 between them. They frustrated the efforts of four bowlers, and Jupp was missed by Mr A J Webbe when he made six, and Mr Lindsay by Mr Buckland when he obtained 26. The company was only meagre, for which the weather had to answer; but some good cricket was shown. Umpires, Howitt and Street.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 August, page 10)

When play was intended to be commenced in the above match at the Oval yesterday a storm passed over, and the not outs Mr Lindsay (52) and Jupp (21) resumed batting for Surrey at 12.30. The bowlers of the previous evening were changed, Messrs A J Webbe and Buckland going on instead of Mr Thornton and Gray.

Jupp added five to his former total and was then caught in the slips. One wicket, 84. Mr Lucas, the new comer, was expected to make some runs, but his leg stump was taken by Mr Webbe before he had scored one. Mr Read and Mr Lindsay made a good stand, the latter being the first to leave after contributing 74 out of 118. His chief hits were nine fours, four threes and five twos, and he did not give a chance, as mentioned yesterday, as the ball did not hit the bat. Neither Elliott nor Mr Wild gave much trouble, both retiring at 134. Humphrey joined Mr Read, and several bowling changes were made, the new being eventually caught at slip at 193.

Pooley followed and some fine hitting ensued. At 3.50 the second century was obtained. Pooley drove Webbe for five, and Mr Read treated Buckland in a similar manner, and also hit Gray to square leg for another five. Gray,

who relieved Mr A J Webbe at 217, was not so successful, so Mr R D Walker bowled again, and in his second over Pooley was stumped. Seven wickets, 248. In his third over Mr Read brought his long and successful stay to a close by a catch at extra cover point. When he had obtained 77 he was let off at long-leg by Mr Bird. His hits included two fives, four fours, five threes and 14 twos. The innings was eventually brought to a close for 267, just after 5 o'clock. Seven bowlers were engaged, but only three got wickets . . .

In their second innings Middlesex, who were 157 in the rear, began batting with Messrs A J Webbe and I D Walker, and at the call of time neither was out and 55 runs scored. The weather proved fine, and the attendance much larger than on Thursday.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 August, page 8)

On Saturday there was a great improvement in the weather, and this was an inducement for a much larger attendance than on either of the two previous days. The wicket, too, played much better and more true. At the close of Friday's play it will be recollected that each side had completed an innings, and that Middlesex had scored 55 in their second venture without the loss of a wicket.

Messrs I D Walker and A J Webbe, the not-outs with 22 and 33 respectively, resumed batting on Saturday at 12.20 to the bowling of Jones and Southerton, the former being at the Pavilion end. The hitting was very free, Mr Webbe making two fives and Mr Walker a couple of fours. Barratt came on in place of Jones at 85, and four runs later Mr A J Webbe was stumped after playing a capital innings. Mr H R Webbe saw Mr Walker make a four and a five (both cuts) off Barratt, and then shared the same fate as his brother. Two for 98. Mr Buckland joined Mr Walker, and the new comer played patiently. Twenty-one overs were bowled for only eight hits, which amounted to 22 runs, each batsman making a five and a four. A capital ball got rid of Mr Buckland at 123, and at 141, just before the luncheon bell rang, Mr Lucas was caught at the wicket.

After the repast Mr I D Walker was accompanied to the wicket by his brother, and so well did the former bat that Mr Lucas went on for Barratt. Mr R D Walker made a straight for five in the second over, and this was his last hit, for he was given out l.b.w. in Southerton's next over. Five wickets for 173. The Middlesex batsmen now fell fast. Mr I D Walker, who had been at the wickets 4h 20min, was clean bowled at 182, and his faultless contribution of 95 included four fives, six fours, five threes and six twos. The seventh wicket went for 182 . . the last at 4.20 for 207.

Southerton bowled all through the innings, another feature of which was that only one extra (a bye) was scored by Middlesex. It will be seen that out of the total of 207 two gentlemen scored 141; and in justice to Mr A J Webbe it should be said that his finely-hit 46 contained three fives and a couple each of fours, threes and twos. Southerton bowled 75 overs and two balls . . .

Surrey required but 51 to win. Mr Lindsay and Jupp went in, to the bowling of Messrs Buckland and A J Webbe. A fine catch at long leg disposed of Mr Lindsay at 14, and then Mr Lucas joined Jupp. The score had reached 40 when Jupp was given out leg before wicket, and Mr Buckland clean bowled Mr Read and caught Mr Lucas at short leg. Four wickets for 46. Humphrey

came, made six runs from three balls, and won this return match for Surrey by six wickets . . .

13 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2140.html)

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

This was the "return" to a well-contested match at Lord's in the first week of June, when 789 runs were totalled during the three days of play. Yorkshire claimed 412 of this number and won the match by the narrow majority of 35. Yesterday the return commenced at 12.20 on the Brammall-lane Ground, Sheffield. Nearly two hours elapsed before the public began to flock in. The players were not identical with those who figured at the first match, but this amounts to nothing when good reinforcements on both sides are easily obtainable.

Middlesex won the toss, and sent Messrs Walker and A J Webbe to the wickets, opposed to Clayton and Armitage. Before a separation could be effected 52 runs were recorded. The score increased at a more rapid rate while the brothers Webbe were together. Three wickets, 175. Mr Lyttelton, who went in second wicket down, came out eighth. At 6.30 stumps were drawn with an incomplete innings of 254 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 August, page 11)

The outstanding Middlesex wicket of Monday evening was taken yesterday as the cost of three balls for an additional run. A large company was attracted to Brammall-lane to witness the Yorkshire batting. Two wickets fell for 34 runs. Greenwood and Ulyett brought up the total to 103 at luncheon time.

On resumption the scoring increased rapidly. Ulyett alone contributed 76 by five fours, six threes, nine twos and singles. It will be seen from the completed innings that Yorkshire came within two runs of Middlesex, a difference very slight indeed considering the character of the parties concerned. Middlesex proceeded to their second innings with as little delay as necessary, and at the call of time had scored 11 runs without loss of a wicket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 16 August, page 10)

Rain so greatly interfered yesterday in this match at Sheffield that it could not be completed. Mr Walker, who went in first, came out seventh. His chief hits were five fours and six threes. At 5.30 the match was abandoned.

13 August: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2139.html)

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

Surrey made a good start in this match at Brighton yesterday. A glance at the score will give some idea of their batting strength, for the seven names in succession put together no less than 234 runs, with only one professional included in the number. The innings of Mr Game was of considerable duration, and prolific withal . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 August, page 11)

It may as well be borne in mind that nearly the whole of Monday was consumed by Surrey in completing their first innings. As the Brighton ground favoured large scoring a total of 260 runs were recorded when the tenth wicket fell.

Sussex began their batting yesterday with Mr Brown and Phillips, the not outs for one and eight respectively, but a more lamentable display of weakness on the part of Sussex rarely occurs. Only two double figures were reached, and these of no magnitude. The average was four runs per man. For the follow on Mr Moore and Charlwood exhibited their ordinary "form," but as the total amounted to no more than 128 Surrey were pronounced winners by an innings and 92 runs.

16 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2142.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 August, page 4)

This return match commenced yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham. As usual, there was a capital attendance, although the weather was not of a settled character. Middlesex won the toss and went in.

Before the first wicket fell 80 runs were scored, of which Mr Walker claimed just half. The Hon Mr Lyttelton then joined Mr A J Webbe, and these put on 126 runs more; each, however, gave two chances. In Mr Webbe's compilation of 100 were a cut for five, ten fours, seven threes and nine twos. Mr H R Webbe assisted in bringing up the total to 215 when play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 August, page 10)

It may be remembered that when Thursday's play in this match at the Trent-bridge Ground ceased, only two wickets were down. Yesterday the innings was completed for the large amount of 400. Singularly enough, two scored half this amount in equal proportions. Notts played up to time, and lost three wickets for 126 runs.

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

After a contest of three days' duration, commencing on Thursday, the 16th, Notts narrowly escaped a single innings defeat. It is true they played under the disadvantage of a batsman short. This arose from a severe blow received by Sherwin while keeping wicket in the early part of the game.

From the free state of the scoring and weather interruptions only two wickets were disposed of during Thursday, and at the close of the following day Middlesex had possessed themselves of three wickets at the call of "time" for a total of 126 runs. Thus far the match did not assume such a great difference of batting strength as this which subsequently manifested itself.

Play was resumed on Saturday at a few minutes of the stipulated time, with Selby, a not-out for 38, and Wild for a single. The former added 11, the latter nothing. With the exception of Mr Jolly and Daft, no other stand was made worth speaking of. At half-past 1 the innings terminated for 192 runs, or 208 to the bad. A follow-on resulted.

Wild played the uphill game manfully. His contributions of 74 - third of the match - comprised figures of sizes denoting a freedom of style in the use of the bat not of every-day attainment. As the possibility of recovering the match by Notts was altogether out of the question, every energy was directed towards saving a single innings defeat. When the time arrived for drawing stumps, Notts had a wicket to fall, and thus the match, within the grasp of Middlesex, was relegated to the "drawn" list.

Umpires - Howitt and Carpenter. In the first match played at Lord's for Howitt's benefit, in July, Middlesex had to "follow on," being 219 runs behind. Notts eventually won by nine wickets.

16 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2143.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 August, page 4)

This was also a return match to one played at Mote Park in the month of June, when Surrey won by an innings and 99 runs. The Oval was the place of meeting yesterday. Kent won the toss and sent in Messrs Mackinnon and Absolom.

The wicket of the former fell at 25, although his contribution was unusually small. Mr Penn came next, batted through the innings, obtained by far the largest score, gave but one chance and brought out his bat. His chief hits were four fives, 11 fours, 11 threes and 13 twos. Lord Harris – missed at two singles – was his chief supporter. When the latter retired the score stood at 180 for three wickets. With the exception of Messrs Shaw and Marsham, no other double figures were attained. Duration of innings four hours and a half. Total 317. Six bowlers were engaged . . .

Surrey went in Mr Lindsay and Jupp to the bowling of Hearne and Mr Foord-Kelcey. Eight overs were delivered and four runs got from one his by Mr Lindsay, when stumps were drawn. Umpires – Fryer and Street.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 August, page 10)

The second day's play in this match at the Oval attracted a larger company than the first. Although no interruptions occurred with regard to weather, Surrey were unable to get through their first innings. This arose from two heavy scores and slow cricket withal. Jupp and Mr Lindsay, the not-outs of Thursday evening, resumed batting yesterday at five minutes past 12, opposed to Hearne and Mr Foord-Kelcey.

From the last ball of the 14th over Mr Lindsay was caught at wicket. Mr J Shuter scored five singles. A catch at point necessitated his retirement. Mr Read then joined Jupp, and before he retired 72 runs were obtained. Then came a long and determined stand, which would not have exceeded two overs had not Mr L A Shuter been let off by the wicket-keeper. The hitting at both wickets was very productive. Mr Shuter played a much faster game than Jupp. He scored, in fact, two to one of the Surrey professional, and brought on no less than 12 changes of bowling. Before they were parted the figures ran from 72 to 219. Mr Shuter's hits were one five (square leg), five fours (various), four threes and 15 twos.

Humphrey came next, but neither he nor Mr Strachan made any stand against Hearne. Six wickets, 225. Pooley hit hard and put together 14, by two fours (drives), two twos and two singles. Barratt made a single and then a mistake respecting another run. Eight wickets, 244. Jones added six by two hits, and Jupp six also in the meantime by four singles and a two. At 6h 30m Jones was stumper, and further play for the day ceased.

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

It required no great stretch of foresight to assign a draw for this match at the Oval last week. At the close of the second day's play (Friday) Kent

had completed an innings for 317 runs, and nine Surrey wickets were down for 257.

Jupp, the not-out for 89, was joined by Southerton early on Saturday morning. The union was not of long duration and Jupp brought out his bat in triumph. If care and patience be special qualifications for successful batting, Jupp exhibited claims thereto. He went in at the start, received the second over and bade defiance to the last. Eight bowlers were tried in the meantime, but the chief were Hearne . . and Mr Stokes . . .

Kent, with 53 in hand, re-commenced batting with Messrs Absolom and Yardley to the bowling of Barratt and Jones. Both batsmen seemed in earnest, and 33 runs were scored before Mr Absolom's wicket fell. Mr Yardley came out sixth. He was not idle during his stay. The total accredited to him consisted of one six, three fours, eleven threes and minor hits amounting in all to 76. With the exception of Mr Marsham's, no other scores of moment occurred, and the innings closed at half-past 4 o'clock for 168. Barratt and Southerton were the principal bowlers . . .

Surrey required 220 to win - an impossible achievement for the time allotted. Stumps were drawn at 6.30, and the match declared drawn also . .

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16 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2141.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 August, page 4)

This return match commenced yesterday at Clifton College, Bristol, on a slow wicket. Heavy storms of rain interfered with the attendance in the morning, but afterwards there were large crowds of spectators, considerable interest being felt in the match, as the proceeds are to be given to the Grace Testimonial Fund. Yorkshire, winning the choice of innings, sent in Myers and Greenwood.

The latter in the seventh over was run out. Bates, his successor, after scoring a boundary hit for four, was tempted with a similar ball by the champion, and was had at deep long field, the second wicket going for 15 in half an hour. Ulyett succeeded, but had to retire temporarily with an injured hand. Lockwood took his place, and with Myers made a better stand till after luncheon, when Miles took the bowling from Midwinter, the champion continuing at the other end.

The score steadily moved on to 61, when Lockwood was had at the wicket off Miles. Ulyett then re-appeared, but was immediately after caught at mid-off by Fairbanks off the left-hand bowler. Afterwards the Yorkshire wickets disastrously collapsed, the total closing for 67 runs, and no less than eight wickets had fallen in ten overs, four or five without increasing the score.

Gloucestershire's first innings commenced at 4.15 with Dr E M Grace and the champion, the former receiving the first ball of Bates and skying it to mid-off, making room for Midwinter, who, with the champion, carried on the total to 30, when the storm prematurely stopped play for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 August, page 10)

This match was resumed yesterday morning in the Clifton College Close, and with finer weather there was a larger attendance. The not-outs of overnight – the champion with 22 and Midwinter six – resumed to the bowling of Bates and Armitage. The champion scored freely till the score was at 56, when Clayton replaced Bates, and shortly afterwards Armitage gave way to Hill at the other end.

Mr W G Grace's free hitting, however, soon sent the score up to 89, 60 runs having been registered for an hour's play. Clayton then withdrew from the bowling and was succeeded by Eastwood; add the Australian, Midwinter, increasing his runs by some good but steady play, the score was increased to 103, when Hill gave place to Emmett. The change at once proved fatal to the champion, who, off Emmett's second ball, was smartly caught at the wicket after a perfect innings of 71, played in his best style; second wicket for 103.

Mr G F Grace then went in and opened with an on-drive off Emmett for four. The score progressed rapidly to 136, when Eastwood, from whose bowling most of the running had come, gave up the ball to Bates, in whose third over Mr G F Grace drove him splendidly to the on side for five, the ball travelling considerably past the pavilion. Mr G F Grace was hitting with the greatest freedom, and had run up 31 when he skied one to long-off, where the ball

was easily held by Lockwood. Third wicket for 147. Mr Townsend followed, but quickly succumbed to Emmett. Mr Gilbert faced Midwinter, and with good cricket materially helped to swell the score, which at luncheon-time showed 182 runs.

On resuming Mr Gilbert was shortly bowled by Emmett, after a merry innings of 18. Messrs Moberly and Fairbanks were both bowled by Emmett without having increased the score. Mr Monkland joined Midwinter, but after adding a single he also fell to Emmett's bowling. Mr Cranston followed in, and so punished Lockwood that he surrendered the ball to Clayton; but Mr Cranston continued scoring until he lost Midwinter, who, after the finest innings he has yet played in England, was had off Emmett's bowling by Myers. On coming out after his four hours' innings he was presented with 15 guineas subscribed on the ground. Mr Miles joined Mr Cranston, but was soon had in the slips, and the western county's total closed for 228.

Yorkshire opened their second innings with Ulyett and Greenwood, to the attack of the champion and Mr Miles. Ulyett was altogether in better form than on the previous day, and played freely. When he had scored 14 he drove the champion over the College grounds for six. Greenwood was brilliantly caught by Mr Gilbert for nine. Bates partnered Ulyett, who was caught at mid-off for 30. Lockwood joined Bates and carried on the score at a rather rapid pace to 93 before a separation was effected, Bates being caught at the wicket for a smartly played 28. Eastwood followed and drove Mr Miles hard for five, but shortly afterwards hit one hotly into the hands of Mr Miles, mid-off. Myers filled the vacancy, and the total stood at 106 for the loss of four wickets when the stumps were drawn.

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

This match was concluded on Saturday at Clifton. The Yorkshire team, who on the previous evening had four wickets down in their second innings for 106 runs, resumed play, and the two not-outs (Lockwood and Myers) made a determined stand and were not separated until 183 runs were registered.

Emmett then joined Lockwood and the partnership was productive, Lockwood scoring a couple of fours for a square leg hit and cut off Mr G F Grace, and Emmett adding singles and a hit to leg for three off Dr Grace, who thereupon gave up the ball to his brother, Mr W G Grace, the latter change at once proving fatal to Lockwood, who hit Mr Miles's second ball into the hands of Dr Grace. Armitage then joined Emmett and brought the score to 230 by luncheon time, after which there was slow play for half-a-dozen overs, when Emmett kicked his wicket down and, on appeal, was given out for a well-played innings of 28. Clayton, his successor, sent the first ball he received into the hands of Mr Miles. Hill failed to score and Pinder only added two to the Yorkshire total, which closed for 260.

The Gloucestershire men had a century to win when they commenced their second innings, Dr E M Grace and Mr Townsend being opposed to the bowling of Lockwood and Emmett. In the fifth over Mr Townsend was caught out by Myers. Mr G F Grace then joined his brother, and went to work in such thorough earnest that 40 runs were scored in 25 minutes. Clayton thereupon relieved Lockwood and he bowled six overs for one run. In his next over the Doctor despatched him to leg for 4, and 55 runs came in three-quarters of an hour.

The score again moved on, the doctor with a leg hit and Mr Fred Grace with a drive, adding 4 more. Dr Grace next cut Emmett superbly for 4, and

caused that bowler to retire in favour of Hill. The newcomer's second ball Mr Fred Grace cracked to the on for 4, and 70 runs came in 60 minutes. The Doctor's next contribution was a four off Clayton, who gave up the ball to Bates; but the latter proved still more expensive for Yorkshire, and a couple of his overs added 15 runs, made by three straight drives and a cut for 3, and at 5 o'clock Mr Fred Grace with another drive made the winning hit. Gloucestershire thus beat [Yorkshire] with nine wickets to spare.

20 August: SUSSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2145.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 August, page 9)

This also was a "return" match. It commenced yesterday at Brighton. Heavy showers interfered materially with the progress of the play. Lancashire, who early in the season defeated Sussex at Manchester, were successful in the toss, and selected Mr Hornby and Barlow to begin the batting. At the close of the day only seven wickets had fallen.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 August, page 10)

The three outstanding Lancashire wickets occupied 55 minutes yesterday morning, and brought up the total to 216. The county ground at Brighton was not so well attended as on many previous occasions.

Sussex began batting with Mr Greenfield and H Phillips. Both received an unexpectedly quick dismissal. Nor did their immediate successors fare much better. In fact, half the wickets were lost for 82 runs, and the remainder failed to sustain this average. M'Intyre took seven wickets in 32 overs for 53 runs. A follow-on was seen to be inevitable long before the morning concluded . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 August, page 9)

The ill-fortune which attended Sussex during the whole of their previous matches, whether at home or abroad, did not forsake them when confronted by the County Palatine during the present week at Brighton. As the close of an innings each Sussex had scored just half the number of their opponents, and being 108 in arrear had to follow on. At the close of Tuesday's play four wickets were lost for 38 runs.

Little more than an hour sufficed yesterday to bring the matter to a decisive issue. The bowling of Mr Appleby carried all before it. During the innings he took nine wickets in 21 overs and 2 balls for 25 runs. A simple glance at the complete score will show that Lancashire won the match by an innings and 40 runs. Umpires Killick and J Smith.

23 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2147.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 August, page 10)

Few matches possess greater attractions to the habitués of Surrey than the annual above named; in fact, it is always patronized by a large company. This was the case yesterday at the Oval, when the "return" commenced. Considering the wear and tear this famous ground has had to undergo during the present season, no fault whatever could be found with the wickets.

Yorkshire won the toss, and at 12.20 Armitage and Bates began the batting, opposed to the bowling of Barrett and Jones. For a long time the attack and defence were well balanced. At 21 Southerton relieved Jones. This change checked the scoring, and when 10 runs were added Bates fell to the wicket-keeper. The bowling continued so to triumph that half the wickets were lost for 59 runs.

Before another batsman was dismissed the score reached 78. Rather more than two hours were expended in getting the 100 together. A few chances were allowed to escape previous to this, and before the remainder of the innings terminated. Four bowlers were engaged, but Southerton stood forth conspicuously. In 37 overs he obtained six wickets for 46 runs. Barratt was far more expensive . . . Duration of innings, 3h 15m. Total, 159.

Surrey sent in Jupp and Mr Read to the bowling of Bates and Clayton. These were changed for Eastwood, Emmett, Armitage, Hill and Ulyett, but none were able to separate the stubborn pair, who played up to time with a score of 101 runs - nearly equal. Umpires, Martin and Street . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 August, page 6)

At the close of Thursday's play in this match at the Oval Yorkshire had completed an innings, and Surrey, without the loss of a wicket, had scored 101 runs. Before Mr Read and Jupp could be parted no less than ten bowlers were tried.

With the total at 206 Jupp was caught at mid-off. Mr Read saw five others retire, chiefly through the same agencies. When his own turn came the score reached 264, towards which he contributed more than half by three fives, 12 fours, 16 threes &c. The remainder of the innings possessed no features worthy of mention. Total, 300 runs.

Yorkshire re-commenced their batting with a deficiency of 141, and when stumps were drawn 60 were recorded for the loss of one wicket.

Day 3 - no report found

23 August: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2146.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 August, page 10)

This also was a return match. The place of meeting was Mote-park, Maidstone. Neither recent storms nor rains had any ill effect upon the sward.

Lancashire won the toss and went in, but their stay was unexpectedly brief. Only two reached double figures, and these to no great extent. Seven wickets fell for 48 runs, and the whole were taken at luncheon time for 87. Mr Foord-Kelcey obtained half the wickets . . while Remnant bowled but one ball, and that proved fatal to Mr Rowley, the highest scorer of his side.

Kent only held possession of their wickets two hours. Lord Harris effected the best innings for Kent, in fact nearly a third of the total, chiefly by six fours. The Lancashire fielding highly commended itself, and merited the applause it received . . . Lancashire lost seven wickets of their second innings for 74 runs when play for the day ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 August, page 6)

Taken altogether, this was one of the best contested county matches of the present season. When Thursday's play ceased Lancashire had 48 runs in hand, with three wickets to fall. Mr Wall, the not-out, was joined by Watson, and the total advanced to 93, when Mr Wall retired. Mr Arthur came next, and though he played through the innings, the chief scoring was performed by his partner, who made six fours (cuts and leg-hits), one three, one two and eleven singles - 40 in all - in about the same number of minutes. At 12.20 the tenth wicket fell for a total of 143 . . .

Kent required 118 to win. They followed the order of going in as before. Mr Bligh got one run off Mr Appleby, but was bowled in the next over. Mr Penn succeeded, and 52 runs were totalled in half an hour. Mr Absolom was caught at mid-on from a lofty hit. He made one on drive for six; three fours, one three and two twos (various). Two wickets, 72.

A check was experienced soon after. Messrs Penn, Yardley and Mackinnon left at the same figure - viz., 83. Lord Harris, who went in second wicket down, played a very successful innings. At 113 Mr Appleby relieved M'Intyre. The change worked wonders. Two batsmen retired contributing nothing; and another, three singles only. Nine wickets were now lost for 115, and three were still wanting. Mr Marsham played two balls; then came a single run from the last ball of Watson's over and subsequently a cit for two, which won the match for Kent with a wicket to spare . . . Umpires, Fryer and Smith.

27 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2149.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 August, page 9)

In the second week of June last two choice elevens representing the above counties met at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, where the latter were beaten by 239 runs. Few county matches have a more remote history than this, and it must be a very indifferently organized one if at the present time it fails to attract.

Trent Bridge Ground was the place of meeting yesterday. In consequence of the heavy rainfall soon after daybreak, and which con for several hours with but slight intermissions, play did not begin until a quarter to 5. Kent won the toss and went in.

Mr Absolom gave a very bad start to the proceedings – caught at mid off from the second ball received. Messrs Penn and Mackinnon were not to be disposed of in such a summary fashion; they remained together till the total reached 46, of which number Mr Penn claimed about two-thirds – caught in slip. The telegraph had signalled 80 just before Mr Bligh ran himself out. Messrs Yardley and Foord-Kelcey played up to time with the total at 108.

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

Under an improved state of the weather the above match was resumed yesterday at half-past 12 o'clock. The principal feature of the day was the batting of Mr Foord-Kelcey, who produced the greatest number of runs during the match, and in nearly every instance deservedly acquired. The tenth wicket fell for a total of 186.

How different would the Notts analysis have been had Alfred Shaw been able to take part in the match. With such a total as 65 for a first innings little or no scope is offered for favourable comment. Play will be resumed to-day at the usual time, weather permitting.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 August, page 6)

One hour and a quarter sufficed yesterday to complete this match. The wickets did not play quite as well as usual. Daft, Wild and Mr Tolley were the only persons who made any stand. Kent won by an innings and 12 runs.

27 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2148.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 August, page 9)

It rained so heavily at Clifton till 5 o'clock that no play was proceeded with.

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

On Monday, June 11, a match between the above was played at Brighton, when Sussex sustained a defeat of 84 runs. From that time this home county has been about as unfortunate as its western opponent has proved successful. The "return" match fixed for the present week was heralded by unfavourable weather. Not a ball was bowled on Monday. A stiff breeze yesterday produced good results.

At half-past 11 Sussex, who had won the toss, elected to go in. The teams, though not identical, were not more than ordinarily varied from those engaged in the first match. Mr Greenfield and Phillips, who received the early overs from Messrs W G Grace and Miles, were quickly separated; but Messrs Weighell and Ellis made a long and vigorous stand. With the total at 46, Midwinter took the ball from Mr Miles, and in his third over a splendid catch at slip disposed of Mr Weighell. Three wickets, 52.

Charlwood disappointed sadly by following the worst example of his immediate predecessor – caught without a run. Of those who followed, Mr Kennedy alone did anything worthy of the slightest mention. Mr Ellis, who went in first wicket down, played the innings throughout, and brought out his bat with more runs than the whole of his companions. His chief hits were five fours, four threes and 11 twos. Mr W G Grace obtained six wickets . . .

Gloucestershire began as usual, or pretty nearly so, with Messrs W Grace and Gilbert, but neither made any stand. It augured well for Sussex when Mr Miles retired for such a trifling figure as three. Mr E M Grace, however, changed the aspect of affairs, for when time was called he appeared as little likely to be at the end of his scoring as when he went in. No fault could be found with the Clifton wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 August, page 6)

Play in this match at Clifton was resumed yesterday at 20 minutes to 12 o'clock, before a very good company. Mr G F Grace, after making a stay of some continuance, was caught at mid off. His chief hits were two fours, one three and three twos. Mr Fairbanks was caught at mid on from the first ball delivered to him. Seven wickets, 139. Messrs Townsend and Moberly advanced the score to 175. The remaining three wickets fell for three runs. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Surrey commenced their second innings with 49 runs to the bad. They occupied the wickets two hours and 40 minutes. The fifth fell for 59 runs and the tenth for 101 . . .

Gloucestershire required 52 to win. Messrs W G and E M Grace started to get them. It now became a question of time. Before the number could be scored Mr E M Grace ran out, and his youngest brother filled the gap caused thereby. He, however, received a speedy dismissal at the hands of Lillywhite. It so happened, however, that within a minute or two of time Mr Gilbert made the winning hit with eight wickets to spare. Umpires, Pullen and Killick.

30 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2151.html)

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

On the 7th of June last a match at the Oval between the above-named counties was commenced, and before the expiration of the second day Gloucestershire claimed it with nine wickets to spare. Few large individual scores were accomplished, the gross amount being 541 runs. The teams which met at Clifton yesterday, though not exactly the same, did not differ very widely. As the weather proved fine a large gathering of the patrons of cricket, residing in the neighbourhood, honoured the match.

Surrey won the toss and sent in Messrs Read and Lucas, to the bowling of Mr W G Grace and Midwinter. A splendid start ensued, and the play all round exhibited skill in attack and defence of the highest order. 38 overs were delivered for a dozen runs. Mr E M Grace just missed Mr Read at point, but caught him four runs later. He also caught Jupp in the next over off the same bowler.

So difficult was the task of scoring to any extent that only 20 runs were made in 75 minutes. Mr Shuter became an easy prey to the activeness of Captain Kingscote, who had charge of the wicket. The three batsmen now disposed of fell to Midwinter, and curiously enough in his last five overs for a single. Mr Akroyd effected his eight runs in seven overs, taken at point. Mr Lindsay joined Mr Lucas, and at luncheon the telegraph announced 33 as the product of two hours' play.

On resumption the scoring still proceeded at a languid pace considering who had possession of the bats. Less than 50 runs were recorded from two hours and a half's strong and judicious exercise. Mr Lindsay made the first four of the innings by a splendid hit to leg off Mr W G Grace. This brought on a change of bowling. Another hit of the same magnitude by Mr Lindsay suggested another change.

The batting for a while seemed to be gaining an ascendancy till a ball was returned to Mr Gilbert, who grasped it, though high up, with his right hand. Mr Lindsay's score – the highest of the day, included three fours and four twos – five wickets, 91 runs. Mr Game joined Mr Lucas, but during the remainder of the innings nothing transpired to call for special mention except the continued defence of Mr Lucas, who played through and brought out his bat for 36 runs obtained by it. Duration of innings, 4h 15m; total, 121 . . .

Messrs W G Grace and Gilbert started the Gloucestershire batting, opposed to Barratt and Southerton. The latter effected a great triumph in closing the career of such a batsman as Mr Grace for four runs. No other wicket was obtained at the call of time. Umpires, Pullen and R Humphrey.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 1 September, page 11)

A hail storm of considerable severity prevented the resumption of play in this match yesterday at Clifton for more than an hour beyond the stipulated time. Mr Gilbert and Midwinter, the not outs for 13 and 3 respectively, were opposed as before by Barratt and Southerton.

At luncheon time 22 runs were added to the overnight total, making 42 for one wicket down. Southerton declined a ball returned to him by Midwinter, but a chance given to the wicket-keeper shortly afterwards by the same batsman was turned to account. The telegraph then announced 44 runs. Mr Townsend joined Mr Gilbert, and the running somewhat increased. With the total at 67 came the first change of bowling, viz. Mr Strachan for Southerton. So slight a variation tended rather to the interest of the batsmen. Mr Gilbert drove the ball beyond the refreshment tent twice, for which two large figures were scored. At 86 Lucas relieved Barratt. Here the change proved more effectual, as at 87 a ball faster in pace clean bowled Mr Gilbert. His chief hits were four fours, two threes and three twos. Mr G F Grace joined Mr Townsend, and the 100 went up at 4h 30m. Rain again prevented the play from proceeding for a while.

Barratt on resumption bowled Mr G F Grace in his first over. This let in Mr E M Grace, who, after making a pull for four, was missed at slip; two runs were added, and he then fell to the wicket keeper. Mr Moberly soon hit Southerton to leg for five and drove Barratt to the stand for four. Just previous to the total reaching 150 Mr Townsend was missed at long off. When Mr Moberly retired - hit wicket - the score stood at 156. Messrs Fairbanks and Townsend played up to time . . .

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

In referring to the early stages of play in this "return" at Clifton on Friday last, it was stated that Gloucestershire won the first match in June at the Oval by nine wickets. Although an unlooked-for defeat, it bears a striking likeness to that of Saturday last, as the home county were then beaten by ten wickets, although the "Westerns" concluded their innings with a man short.

The progress of the match was not rapid, nor were the incidents, except in one or two particulars, of a very extraordinary character. At the close of Thursday's play Surrey had completed an innings, and Gloucestershire lost one wicket for 20 runs. On the following day the play was still further retarded by a hailstorm in the forenoon and intermittent showers afterward; so much so that at the call of time only 164 runs were scored for the loss of six wickets. Nothing seemed now more likely than a "draw."

A great change in the aspect of the match awaited Saturday. The weather was fine, and at 11.30 Messrs Townsend and Fairbanks, the "not outs" for 49 and 6 respectively, were in readiness to enlarge these figures as much as possible. The bowling of Southerton and Barratt soon dispelled any hope of advancement. Thirty-five minutes sufficed to bring the innings to a close, with the slight addition of eight runs to the overnight total. A difference of 51 was not regarded as a matter of great importance, and a good second innings by Surrey was contemplated.

Jupp rarely fails in getting a fair score once in a match, but on this occasion he signalized himself by a different course of action. Messrs Read and Shuter followed Jupp's example, and retired without a run on the third day. Barratt contributed nothing and Mr Lucas a single only. In short, eight wickets averaged but one run each. Mr Game exhibited a good defence, and made 25 out of the 32 put together during his stay at the wicket. Altogether the innings proved to be one of a very disappointing character, and terminated with 53 runs, thus leaving only three for Gloucestershire to get to win, a number obtained without cost of a wicket .

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3 September: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2153.html)

Days 1 and 2 (report from Wednesday 5 September, page 11)

On the same days that Oxford and Cambridge were competing at Lord's, two choice elevens of Yorkshire and Notts were testing their relative abilities on the Trent Bridge Ground just ten weeks ago. Since then each party has had plenty of business in hand. The last county fixture of the season was arranged to be at Sheffield on the 3rd inst. between the above.

So utterly was the weather opposed to cricket on Monday that no attempts were made to proceed with the match – a great disappointment to the Sheffield people especially, who have calculated upon this "return" with mingled feelings of confidence and regret. Yesterday the wickets were pitched in good time, and the game was proceeded with earlier than usual, so that if possible it may be brought to a definite issue. The weather, though not wet, was dull and chilly, indicative of the speedy departure of summer. A tolerably large number of spectators attended the ground notwithstanding.

Notts won the toss, and sent in Daft and Oscroft, opposed to the bowling of Armitage and Emmett. A very feeble stand was made by the Notts chieftain – bowled for six runs. Nor did the three who followed in immediate succession display their ordinary powers of defence. The fourth wicket fell for 29 . . 8th, 56. M'Intyre, in conjunction with Barnes, put on 37 runs before they were parted. Soon after luncheon time, the innings terminated for 110. Five bowlers were engaged, but the most successful were Armitage, who obtained five wickets . . .

Yorkshire started with Lockwood and Ulyett at 3h 45m. Morley and Barnes had charge of the early bowling. 27 runs were scored, when Lockwood was caught at wicket. This let in Emmett, and, in order to check the run-getting, several changes of bowling were had recourse to. Oscroft relieved Barnes, and M'Intyre tried his hand at the other wicket. Fifty-one runs were recorded when Ulyett left. A great deal of trouble was experienced in getting rid of Mr Carter. The century was reached just before Daft went on, who brought the successful but lucky innings of this gentleman to a close. Greenwood and Emmett played up to time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 6 September, page 6)

The match, to which the one concluded yesterday was a "return," ended in favour of Notts by 21 runs. it was therefore extremely desirable on the part of the Yorkshire Eleven to recover their lost laurels in the last opportunity afforded during the present season. Whether or not they would have been able to accomplish the task no one can for certain say, although the match at its conclusion pointed strongly in the direction of success had time permitted of its being played out. The weather of Monday was, therefore, to be much regretted.

It may be remembered when the play of Tuesday ceased Notts had completed an innings for 110 runs, and three Yorkshire wickets were lost for 111. The play of yesterday was resumed under still more favourable conditions of weather. Emmett and Greenwood, the not-outs for 25 and 6 respectively, took their stations at the wickets about half-past 11 – earlier would have

been far better in the circumstances and condition of the match, Morley and Barnes had charge of the bowling.

Both proved proficient in the art. The fifth wicket fell for 129 runs, and the remainder realized less than an average of four runs each. For such a team this was viewed as somewhat extraordinary. These were the only bowlers who did anything worth speaking of. Morley took five wickets . . . Total, 145.

Daft and Barnes, the not out in the first innings, now started the Notts batting with 35 runs in arrear. Barnes soon fell to the attacks of Armitage. A far better stand was made while Oscroft and Daft were partnered. Sixty runs were recorded for the second wicket. At 73 Daft retired, clean bowled, and with an addition of seven Wild was "driven on." Shortly after, Mr Cursham's leg stump gave way. Five wickets, 89. Shrewsbury and M'Intyre made a stout resistance and 100 was soon posted. The latter was eventually caught at deep mid-on. After this the innings came to a speedy close, for a total of 143 runs.

As 109 were wanting to win, it was clearly impossible for Yorkshire to get them before the shades of evening set in. They, however, played spiritedly up to the appointed time for drawing stumps and scored 49 runs. The match was then declared "drawn."