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9 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2436.html)

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

A formidable team, under the captaincy of Mr C I Thornton, entered the lists against the Light Blues at Cambridge yesterday. The University, first at the wickets, showed some free hitting, and the total ultimately reached 206. England proceeded with their innings . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 11 May, page 12)

The England team continued their innings yesterday at Cambridge, and when their last wicket fell they were in a minority of 49 only. Cambridge batted so well, however, that when stumps were drawn they had registered 151 runs for four wickets.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 12 May, page 11)

Some very free hitting was again shown yesterday by Cambridge in the continuation of their match against England. When play ceased on Tuesday each side had completed an innings and the University had lost four wickets in their second innings for 151.

The game was resumed at 12.15, and although Mr Lancashire and Mr Exham were got rid of without trouble, a determined stand was made by Mr Spencer and Mr Miller, the former of whom hit hard and also showed good defence. He secured the second best score of his side, while Mr Miller carried out his bat. The eleventh wicket did not fall until within two of the three hundred was reached.

Against the forlorn hope of getting 348 runs for victory England began their second venture. Cambridge set about the task of getting their opponents out. So deadly were the attacks of Mr C T Studd and Steel that eight wickets only realized 65 runs. Want of time robbed the University of a well-earned victory, and the game had to be left drawn.

12 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2437.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 10)

A rather formidable Marylebone team was put into the field yesterday, at Lord's, to contest Derbyshire. A fine afternoon attracted a fairly large number of spectators. Marylebone, successful in the toss, sent Mr Hornby and Barnes to the wickets at five minutes past 12. W Mycroft opened the attack from the Pavilion end, the other bowler being Hay.

Off the latter the Lancashire captain soon made a very fine hit out of the ground for six, the ball going over the grand-stand. He supplemented this with an on drive for four, and then made a poor hit over the bowler's head, from which he should have been caught, but both Platts and Foster ran for it, and between them the batsman escaped. The total having reached 35, Barnes was clean bowled. One wicket down. Mr Booth arrived to the aid of Mr Hornby, and the fieldsmen soon had plenty of work set them. Changes in the bowling were speedily resorted to - H Shaw relieved Hay and Mycroft handed the ball to Platts.

Mr Hornby, however, continued to bat freely. An hour's play produced no fewer than 92 runs. The three figures were soon afterwards signalled, and at 110 it was deemed desirable to resort to the original bowlers. At length, when 21 more had been obtained, Mr Hornby got out of his ground to a ball of Mycroft's, and before he could recover his bails were taken off. Two batsmen were now disposed of for 131 runs. Mr Vernon aided in taking the total to 184, and then succumbed to a catch in the slips. The innings closed for a total of 299, Wild carrying out his bat for a well-played 40.

Mr Docker and Rigley were first placed on their defence for Derbyshire. Shaw and Morley took charge of the bowling. The commencement had been most disheartening. Before a run had been made a catch at cover-point got rid of Mr Docker, while Osborne, who filled the vacancy, fell to a well-judged catch at long-field-off. Two wickets were now lost for a like number of runs. Mr R P Smith and Rigley soon caused the prospect to brighten, and brought on a variation in the attack. It was not until 56 had been reached that Rigley was splendidly caught at short leg, low down.

Foster joined Mr Smith, and again the hitting was in the ascendant. All attempts to separate these batsmen were defied until within a couple of minutes of the time for drawing stumps Shaw clean bowled Foster. Umpires - West and Wheeler.

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

This match was concluded at Lord's yesterday, and resulted in a victory for Marylebone, by an innings and 88 runs. Marylebone scored 299 and Derbyshire 172 runs in the first innings and 39 in the second.

16 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2438.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 May, page 10)

A match between the above commenced yesterday at Lord's in cold, cheerless weather. Sussex went in first, and their chief batsman, although he gave two chances, secured 68 by a five, three fours, six threes, six twos &c. The innings closed at 20 minutes to five for 182.

Marylebone went in, and Mr Hornby, their top scorer up to the present time, made the same number as Mr Ellis. Among his hits were a drive for five, three fours, nine threes and five twos. Umpires, Rylott and Price.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 12)

When play in the above match ceased on Monday, Sussex had completed an innings for 182 runs, and six of the Marylebone batsmen had been disposed of for 161 runs. Yesterday, after a temporary interruption from rain, the four outstanding wickets were captured for an addition of 49 runs. Total 210.

Thus having a deficit of 28 runs, Sussex went in again, but they made a somewhat sorry affair of it, as they were all got rid of for 91 runs. This left Marylebone 64 to win, a feat which they easily accomplished. From the full score appended it will be seen that Marylebone won by seven wickets.

16 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2439.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 17 May, page 10)

This match was commenced yesterday on the new ground in the Parks at Oxford
. . .

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 18 May, page 12)

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 11)

This match, which was commenced on Monday, was continued yesterday, but the three days that were devoted to it proved insufficient to bring matters to a definite conclusion. As the subjoined score will show, the batting was of a very free character, and, oddly enough, Mr Leslie, who remained unconquered, accumulated precisely half the entire number of runs with which the University were credited in their second innings.

19 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2441.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 20 May, page 10)

In somewhat uncertain weather the above match was commenced yesterday at Lord's. The attendance, at first small, improved as the day wore on, and in spite of the spongy, difficult state of the wickets, some very fair cricket was exhibited. Play began shortly after 12, when Marylebone, having won the toss, put Mr A P Lucas and Barnes on their defence against Barlow and Watson (pavilion end). Altogether the first innings realized 84 runs. Three bowlers were engaged. Barlow claimed six wickets . . .

Mr Leese and Mr Chadwick, at a few minutes after 3, went in on behalf of Lancashire, and the innings closed at 20 minutes past 5 for 82 runs. Of the three bowlers tried, Shaw claimed five wickets . . .

With a lead of only two runs, M.C.C. commenced their second innings at 25 minutes to 6, and when play ceased for the day had scored 74, with three wickets down. Umpires - W Hearn and Clayton.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 8)

This match was concluded at Lord's yesterday. In their second innings Marylebone scored altogether 126 runs. After a short interval Lancashire, wanting 129 to win, sent in Messrs Leese and Chadwick, Shaw and Morley being the bowlers. The innings realized 130 runs.

19 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2440.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 20 May, page 10)

Day 2 – no report found

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 May, page 12)

Commenced on Thursday at Cambridge, the above match was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last. The University made but a poor display in their first innings, so that, although they obtained 223 in the second, they were ultimately defeated by eight wickets.

23 May: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2444.html)

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

The metropolitan counties began their first match of the present season at Lord's yesterday. There was a fairly large number of spectators in attendance. Play began within a few minutes of noon, with Mr J Shuter and Jupp at the wickets on behalf of Surrey. Burton and Osborne had the care of the early bowling. The innings closed at 10 past 4 for 157. Four bowlers were engaged: Mr Ford claimed six wickets . . .

After the customary interval Messrs Webbe and Walker faced the attacks of Potter and Blamires. When stumps were drawn for the day the score stood as under stated. Umpires, West and Street.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 5)

When play ceased on Monday in this match at Lord's, Surrey had finished an innings for 157, and six Middlesex wickets were down for 153 runs. The match was continued yesterday, the weather again being fine, while the attendance was quite up to the average. Less than an hour sufficed to bring the Middlesex venture to a close for an addition of 39 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, and four were successful. Mr Lucas claimed four wickets . . .

With arrears of 35 to make up, Surrey sent in Jupp and Wingfield to the bowling of Mr Ford and Burton. The commencement was of the most melancholy character. Wingfield was bowled before a run had been scored, Jupp ran himself out at 3, and when this number had been doubled Mr Shuter retired – clean bowled. Messrs Lucas and W W Read put a brighter aspect on affairs, and at 23 brought Mr Robertson on for Mr Ford. Mr Read, who had previously made an off-drive for four, obtained two other drives of the same value. Mr Pearson came on in lieu of Burton at 50, and in his first over Mr Lucas fell to a bailer – four for 53 runs. Mr Read was joined by his namesake. Burton resumed, and at luncheon the total stood at 61.

The interval over, further misfortunes awaited Surrey. With the addition of a single Mr Read fell to a catch at mid-off, and at 70 Humphrey ran himself out, while the professional Read obstructed the wicket with his leg. Eight for 74 runs. Potter remained while two only were added, and then played the ball easily into the hands of point, while the innings was brought to a conclusion by a splendid catch in long slip, almost on the ground, disposing of Blamires. Total, 79. Time 3.30. Four bowlers were tried: – Burton took five wickets . . .

The home county now had the easy task of getting 45 runs to win. This they set about in earnest. Mr Robertson and Mr Robson hit so freely that runs came at the rate of nearly two a minute, and at a quarter-past 4 Mr Robson made the winning hit. From the complete score appended it will be seen that Middlesex won by ten wickets . . .

23 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2442.html)

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

Marylebone sent down a fairly strong team to Cambridge yesterday to play against the University. The home party were first placed on their defence. Mr G B Studd, who was in for an hour and three-quarters, batted exceedingly well for 80 runs – one five, six fours, ten threes &c. The last wicket did not fall until 264 had been obtained. Mr C T Studd carried his bat for a well-played 62. When the stumps were drawn the score stood at 50 for Marylebone, with three men out.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 5)

Play was continued in the above match at Cambridge yesterday, when the run-getting was again free . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 12)

Although Monday, Tuesday and yesterday were devoted to this match at Cambridge, they proved insufficient to bring it to a definite issue. In all, no fewer than 864 runs were accumulated. Mr C T Studd remained unconquered, putting together 132 runs, while his brother, Mr G B, trod closely on his heels with 128 in the double innings. Shaw did well with both bat and ball, his 78 being an unmistakably good display of hitting.

From the three days' form shown, the Light Blues will certainly be able to send a most powerful team into the field this year.

23 May: DERBYSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2443.html)

Final report (from Thursday 26 May, page 12)

The first two days of the present week and part of yesterday were devoted to the above match, on the county ground at Derby. Mr Ellis batted so well for Sussex – making the highest score of the match; viz., 71 – that at the end of an innings each they seemed to have a fair chance of victory. They fell off in their second venture, however, and set derby 123 to win, which they accomplished at the cost of only five wickets only.

In the double innings for Derbyshire Mycroft claimed eight wickets . . .
For Sussex Lillywhite took eight wickets . . . From the full score attached it will be seen that Derbyshire were victorious by five wickets.

26 May: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2446.html)

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

Few matches possess more interest for those who love cricket for its own sake than that which was commenced at Lord's yesterday between Middlesex and Yorkshire. The rain during the early morning caused the wicket to play rather dead. After mid-day the weather cleared and the attendance was quite as large as usual.

Play began at 25 minutes past 12. Yorkshire, successful in the toss, deputed Ulyett and Hall to resist the bowling of Mr Ford and Burton. When only nine runs had been obtained, Hall got out of his ground and had his wicket taken. Lockwood now came in, but 18 runs only had been put on when he was caught by Mr Webbe. The innings realized a total of 198 runs. Emmett gave but one chance at wicket, and played in a most masterly manner. His innings included one 6, seven 4's, four 3's, eight 2's &c. Eight bowlers were engaged . . .

The batting of Middlesex was disappointing in the extreme; the Yorkshire bowlers seemed to be able to do precisely what they liked with the ball. Messrs I D Walker and Webbe went in; and after some feeble attempts to play the bowling of Peate and Bates, the home county collapsed in a most unlooked-for manner. One wicket (Mr Webbe's) went for 15 . . sixth and seventh 32. Stumps were now drawn . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 12)

From the unexpected collapse of Middlesex in the first portion of their innings at Lord's on Thursday, it was thought that little difficulty would be experienced in getting the remaining batsmen out yesterday. When play terminated on the opening day, Yorkshire had completed an innings for 198 runs, and six Middlesex wickets were down for 32.

The game was continued at 25 minutes to 12, in heavy, oppressive weather. Mr Wilkinson hit away with wonderful freedom for some little time. He made eight in one over of Peate's by two drives for four each. A change, therefore, was tried, and at 66 Hill went on in lieu of Bates. Mr Wilkinson did not seem at all troubled by this variation, as he made a late cut for four in the opening over. A further alteration was consequently resorted to, and Emmett supplanted Peate. Another off-drive for four by Mr Wilkinson followed; but in the fourth over of the change he was easily caught at slip. Only six runs were added by the last two wickets, and the innings closed for 91. Four bowlers were tried . . .

In a minority of 107, Messrs Walker and Webbe followed on behalf of Middlesex. Peate and Bates again had charge of the attack. Neither batsman played with confidence, and at 29 Mr Webbe fell to a catch at wicket. Mr Leslie started with one or two good hits, notably a very fine cut for four off Bates. He lost the company of Mr Walker at 41, stumped. Mr Robson stayed for the five minutes that remained before the luncheon interval, and then played the ball easily into the hands of slip.

The interval over, Mr Pearson aided Mr Leslie in carrying the total to 70, when both collapsed - the latter fell to the wicket-keeper and the former

was very finely caught with one hand at point. Five wickets down. The remaining half only added 28, chiefly owing to the very fine bowling of Hill. Total 98. Four bowlers were put on: . . . The full score attached will show that Yorkshire won by an innings and nine runs. Umpires, Price and Clayton.

26 May: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2445.html)

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

The above match was commenced yesterday at Manchester. The visitors went in first and scored 102. Four bowlers were engaged for Lancashire – Barlow, who claimed five wickets . . . When play ceased for the day, Lancashire had made 157.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 12)

The result of this match at Manchester yesterday was a victory for Lancashire by an innings and 135 runs.

26 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2447.html)

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

This match was commenced on the Trent-bridge-ground, Nottingham, yesterday, in fine weather and on an excellent wicket. Notts took first innings and succeeded in amassing a total of 311. Of this number Gunn contributed 74 without giving a chance, his principal hits been six 4's, eight 3's and five 2's. Butler, a colt, made a successful debut for his county, his 40 being the result of very free hitting. Shaw played a good not-out innings for 41, but he had a little luck. Of the five bowlers engaged, Mr Greenfield was most successful. He took five wickets . . .

Sussex commenced their innings with Mr Ellis and Mr Lucas, to the bowling of Shaw and Morley, and when the stumps were drawn for the evening 42 runs had been recorded for the loss of one wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 12)

The above match, commenced on Thursday at the Trent-bridge-ground, Nottingham, was concluded yesterday. As will be seen from the subjoined score, the home county won by an innings and 69 runs.

30 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2449.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 10)

In this match the bowling on both sides obtained the mastery. Yorkshire went in first, and only scored 68 for the whole innings, Ulyett, Hall, Lockwood, Bates, Emmett and Grimshaw only making 13 runs among them. The chief scorers were Rawlin, 17, and Hill, 20.

The M.C.C. would have fared as badly but for the free hitting of Mr A N Hornby, who scored 43, and Shaw, 30. As it was, their score ran up to 100. Yorkshire, in its second innings, scored 62, with three wickets down. For the Marylebone Club, Shaw and Mycroft, as bowlers, divided the honours pretty equally. On the other side, Hill did the chief execution.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 June, page 12)

This match was concluded at Lord's yesterday. Bates and Emmett, the not outs of the previous evening, went on with the batting for the Northerners. Play commenced at 11 o'clock, soon after which Bates was caught at the wicket with the score unaltered. Grimshaw followed, but was also caught at wicket, with only three runs having been added. Five for 65 runs.

Emmett was next joined by Rawlin, who was twice missed. By slow degrees the total reached 86, at which point Emmett was bowled. Hill, the next in, drove Shaw and Mycroft for three each. With the score at 95, Rawlin succumbed to a ball from Mycroft. Seven for 95 runs. Taylor was now Hill's companion, and at 12 o'clock 100 was signalled. The innings closed for 105 runs. Three bowlers were put on, only two with success - viz., Mycroft, who claimed no less than seven wickets . . .

Lacking 74 runs only, Messrs Shuter and Hornby again went to the wickets on behalf of Marylebone, being opposed by Peate and Hill. Each bowler was hit by Mr Hornby for three, but soon afterwards he was bowled by Hill. Upon Barnes's arrival the total rose to 30. Hill gave up the ball to Bates; but, as this failed to separate the batsmen, Peate, at 39, retired in favour of Emmett. Mr Shuter continued to hit with freedom, and the 50 went up at half-past 1. With the score at 58, Ulyett was tried instead of Emmett, and Hill replaced Bates. The first-named change caused the downfall of Barnes. Two for 61 runs.

Mr Shuter was then joined by Mr Booth, and with his help soon secured victory for Marylebone. Mr Shuter's chief hits were a four, four threes, four twos &c. Of the five bowlers tried by Yorkshire, only two were successful . . .

30 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2448.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 10)

The Gentlemen went in first yesterday, and their innings occupied the whole day . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 June, page 12)

Play in the above match was resumed yesterday in delightful weather. There was some brilliant hitting on the part of Messrs J E K and C T Studd . . .

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

Yesterday witnessed the conclusion of this match at Cambridge. Unfortunately, time did not allow of its being played out. The same brilliant weather prevailed as on the two previous days.

2 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2452.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 10)

In this match, which was begun on the Christ Church ground yesterday, two or three of the players were injured owing to the state of the ground. Play was then stopped and an adjournment made to the new ground in the Parks, where the match was opened afresh, the University Eleven going to the wickets . . .

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

The contest between the above teams was resumed yesterday in the Parks, Oxford, the Gentlemen starting their batting a little before noon. When stumps were drawn for the day only half the England wickets in their second innings were down for 264 runs.

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

Three days proved insufficient to bring the above interesting match to a definite issue on the new ground in the Parks at Oxford. At the close of an innings each, the University had a balance of 86 runs in their favour; but so freely did Messrs Webbe and Vernon hit on behalf of the Gentlemen in their second venture that the University were set 330 to win, and an innings in which to get them. The Dark Blues batted so well that at the close of Saturday's play, when the game had to be discontinued, they had obtained no fewer than 271 for six wickets.

It remains, therefore, quite an open question as to which side would have won had time permitted the game to be concluded. The form shown by Oxford is certainly very reassuring to those who think they will be successful against Cambridge on June 27 and following days at Lord's.

2 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2451.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 10)

This annual match was commenced yesterday at Lord's. Having lost the toss the Club and Ground sent to the wickets Mr Booth and W Hearn against the bowling of Wootton and Collins. Mr Booth began by cutting Collins twice for three. Hearn followed suit with a hit for two, and was then missed at slip; this was unfortunate, as he last cut Wootton for four. When the total had reached 21 Collins gave up the ball to O'Shaughnessy. Mr Booth was the victim of the change - caught at slip.

Hearn was next joined by Mr Turner. This partnership made an alteration of bowling desirable, so Hearne was substituted for Mr O'Shaughnessy, still without result. Then Wootton gave place to King. With the score at 52 Hearn was run out, and at 53 Mr Foljambe was taken at cover point. Wheeler was Mr Turner's next assistant, and the various changes of bowling were for a time ineffectual, both batsmen hitting with great freedom. With the score at 118 Mr Turner was taken at mid-off for a carefully-played 65. Mr Showers came in, and O'Shaughnessy resigned the ball to George Hearne, while King took Wootton's place. When 168 had been hoisted Mr Showers was clean bowled. Five wickets for 168.

Wheeler was next joined by Mr Ford, and notwithstanding frequent changes of bowling, the free hitting continued. At 231 Mr Ford had to retire after making a useful contribution of 37. At 4 o'clock more changes in the bowling were resorted to: W Hearne, with the score at 238, giving up the ball to his brother George. Mr Ross was now in, but the last change disposed of him. Seven for 238. After other variations, Wheeler was at length bowled by G Hearne for a patiently-played 66, which included four fours, five threes, nine twos &c; eight for 254. rev R T Thornton, after making 14, was caught and bowled by the brothers Hearne, and Rylott caught for five. The innings closed for 262 runs. Six bowlers were engaged, four only with success, viz.: - George Hearne, who claimed five wickets . . .

The visitors began their innings with O'Shaughnessy and Hearne, opposed by Rylott and Mycroft. O'Shaughnessy was got rid of for 1, and F Hearne for a useful 18. George Hearne was not so easily disposed of - he scored 30 before he was bowled by Mycroft. Lord Harris and Mr F Penn were now together, and remained unconquered at the time of drawing stumps.

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

There was a somewhat thin attendance at Lord's yesterday. Mr F Penn and Lord Harris, the not-outs of the previous evening, resumed the batting for their county, Rylott and Mycroft bowling as before. Both gentlemen at once began to hit freely, and Rylott gave up the ball to Mr Ford. Lord Harris drove the new bowler for five, but soon after was dismissed by a ball from Mycroft. Four wickets for 154.

Mr Penn was then joined by Mr Jones, and after making three threes his companion retired clean bowled. The colt, James, who followed was at once given out l.b.w. Six wickets for 164. Boys became Mr Penn's next assistant, but after making five retired in favour of King (another colt). The score meanwhile steadily progressed, Mr Penn continuing to hit in grand

style, driving Mycroft for five and two fours in the same over. At 20 minutes past 12 the 200 was telegraphed, and six runs later a further change of bowling took place, Ford being substituted for Mycroft at the Pavilion end. With the total at 209, King was bowled, a fate which also befell Collins eight runs afterwards.

Upon Wootton's arrival Mr Penn with a fine square-leg hit for five reached his 100, but after making two more was well bowled by Rylott. The innings thus closed soon after 1 o'clock for 224. Mr Penn's 102 consisted of four fives, five fours, eleven threes, seven twos &c. The M.C.C. tried three bowlers - viz., Mycroft, who claimed five wickets . . .

With a surplus of 38 runs the Club and Ground made their second essay, and at the luncheon hour had lost four wickets for 48 runs - viz., W Hearn and Messrs Booth, Turner and Foljambe. After the interval Wheeler was joined by Mr Showers, and with his assistance augmented the score by 19 runs before he fell to a catch at slip. Five for 67 runs. Mr Ford now arrived, but very soon lost Mr Showers, who, stepping out to hit, was clean bowled. Six for 77 runs. Mr Ross succeeded and stayed until, chiefly by Mr Ford's powerful hitting, the 100 was reached at 3.30. With two runs added Mr Ross put a ball into slip's hands. Seven for 102 runs.

The Rev R T Thornton now came to Mr Ford's help, and the two for a time comply conquered the bowling, frequent changes having to be made without result. A very fine square-leg hit by Mr Thornton, from Collins, for which six runs were made, sent 150 up, after which more changes were resorted to, F Hearne at 155 taking the ball from Collins. Twelve runs later O'Shaughnessy was tried at the nursery end, and G Hearne took his brother's place. The score travelled steadily on until at 195 Mr Ford was bowled. Rylott was Mr Thornton's next partner, and at ten minutes to 6 the 200 went up. Rylott was bowled with the total at 215, and Mycroft joined Mr Thornton, who soon after obstructed the wicket with his leg. The innings closed at a quarter past 5. Six bowlers were tried by Kent, four only with success . . .

At 25 minutes to 6 Kent occupied the wickets a second time. When only four had been scored F Hearne was taken at cover point, and at the same total his brother was bowled, while Jones returned the ball. James was bowled by the second ball he received. O'Shaughnessy was next dismissed. Six for 30 runs. King was bowled 17 runs later on, and Collins at 50. With the total unchanged Boyes also succumbed. Wootton did not score, and the innings closed at ten minutes to 7 for 53. M.C.C. were thus victorious by 215 runs. It will be seen that only ten of the Kent team batted in the second innings. Rylott claimed six wickets . . .

2 June: LANCASHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2450.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 3 June, page 10)

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

The poor show made by Nottingham in their first innings at Manchester yesterday was improved upon yesterday in their follow-on; but it was not sufficient to avert a ten-wicket defeat. Watson claimed six wickets . . .

2 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2453.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 10)

A team of Surrey cricketers visited Huddersfield yesterday and played the Yorkshire County Eleven. The home team won the toss and went in first. Ulyett played a magnificent innings, composed of nine fours, ten threes and seven twos &c. Lockwood played well for 109 prior to being caught at cover point; his principal contributions were a five, nine fours, six threes and eleven twos . . .

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

The fortunes of Surrey certainly do not seem to improve, as another defeat was sustained by them at Huddersfield yesterday, when Yorkshire won by an innings and 217 runs. In the double innings Peate captured 14 wickets . . .

6 June: OVER 30 v UNDER 30

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2455.html)

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

This match was played at Lord's yesterday. The proceeds are to be set aside for Farrands, a player who, while not showing any great brilliancy, has at the same time done the Marylebone Club sterling and faithful service. Alfred Shaw was prevented from playing by illness in his family.

Over 30, having won the toss, went in on an easy wicket, Dr W G Grace and Mr Hornby being placed in opposition to Peate and Mr Evans. The Gloucestershire Captain, who obtained an off-drive for four, made most of the runs. Both batsmen gave difficult chances, Dr Grace behind the wicket-keeper and Mr Hornby to mid-on. Ulyett relieved Mr Evans at 42, while the former in turn gave way to Bates. Fifty runs were recorded as the result of 35 minutes' play. When seven more had been added, Mr Hornby ventured out too far and was stumped. One down.

Mr Walker collapsed to an easy catch at the wicket, and to the great disappointment of those who wished to see his batting. Dr W G Grace ran himself out. Three for 64 runs. Selby and Lockwood were now together. When 32 had been put on Selby was stumped. Four for 96. Mr Green now went in. At luncheon time the score was 104.

After an interval of 55 minutes the game was continued. Lockwood and Mr Green appeared against the attacks of Peate and Bates. The last ball of the opening over Mr Green drove to the off for four. Then came a maiden, which was succeeded by a single from each batsman, causing 110 to be hoisted at 2.55. Some good fielding was now shown, and a run out was narrowly escaped by the amateur. At 116, Lockwood returned the ball easily to Bates. Emmett appeared, and the second ball he received was cut between point and cover-point for three. An off-drive for three and a cut for two by the same batsman followed, and then Mr Green played under the ball and was easily caught at mid-off. Wild remained while three runs only were added, and was then cleverly caught by the bowler. Seven for 127 runs.

Hill joined Emmett. The latter made a square-leg hit for four, and a cut and straight drive of the same value. Meanwhile Hill effected an off-drive for four, and was then well secured at long off. Eight for 144. Emmett and Rylott conducted the total to 145, when a capital running catch at cover-point disposed of the latter. Nine wickets down. Morley's stay proved of very brief duration; he was well caught behind the bowler. Total 146. Seven bowlers were engaged, three with success . . .

Shortly after 4 o'clock the juniors sent in Mr Lucas and Ulyett. Rylott and Morley undertook the early bowling. The first-named batsman effected an on-drive for four and a cut for two, and then was caught high up at point by Dr Grace. Barnes and Ulyett batted carefully until a quarter to 5, when rain caused a temporary cessation of play.

The delay lasted for 40 minutes; but immediately after the match had been resumed Barnes cut the ball into the hands of third man. Only ten runs had been added when Mr Shuter was well caught and bowled. Three for 31 runs. Midwinter opened well, with a cut for three and a similar hit for four. Ulyett also secured four by an on-drive, but then succumbed to a ball of Rylott's. Four for 45 runs. Mr Pearson aided Midwinter, and two changes

of bowling quickly followed. Hill relieved Rylott at 62; but, as he did not seem at home at the Nursery end, he crossed over and Dr Grace joined in the bowling. At 77 Mr Pearson had the misfortune to play on. Half the wickets, 77 runs; while, with an addition of five, Mr Ridley was clean bowled.

For the past hour runs had come at the rate of one per minute. Bates was caught at mid-off at 84, while Mr Evans fell to a catch at deep mid-off, and the following ball proved fatal to Gunn, caught forward short leg. Midwinter and Peate kept together until rain stopped play for the day. Umpires, Price and Nixon.

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

To the disappointment of many rain fell so persistently yesterday that the above match could not be resumed until half-past 2. Midwinter and Peate, the two not-outs, went in, but five minutes sufficed to finish the innings, as when eight balls had been delivered Peate fell to a catch at wicket, the score remaining the same. Total 96. Four bowlers were engaged; Morley claimed six wickets . . .

With an advantage of 50 runs the seniors proceeded to the wickets a second time. Mr Hornby played another fine innings, until a catch at mid-off disposed of him. Among his hits were two fours, three threes and four twos. A good piece of fielding by Mr Lucas disposed of Mr Green. Selby batted in good style and made the same score as Dr Grace, who had fallen to a capital piece of stumping. The innings closed for a total of 135. The bowling was somewhat interesting; five bowlers were engaged, but only three were credited with wickets . . .

Judging by the poor show made by the juniors in their opening venture, it seemed unlikely that they would obtain the 186 runs required for victory. A surprise, however, was in store. Mr Ridley hit in quite his old style, and when stumps were drawn for the day the match remained in a most interesting state, as Under Thirty only require 81 runs to win, and have three wickets with which to get them.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 June, page 7)

Tuesday evening's play left the Under Thirty wanting 81 runs to win, and three wickets with which to obtain them. The Juniors, however, yesterday speedily collapsed. Ten minutes saw the finish, Mr Ridley and Peate both being caught at short leg without having scored. Mr Pearson was still unable to bat. The Seniors were thus victorious by 79 runs. Four bowlers were tried, three with success - viz., Morley, who claimed five wickets . . .

6 June: DERBYSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2454.html)

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

The above counties met at Derby yesterday, but when stumps were drawn an innings each had not been completed.

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 8 June, page 13)

Day 3 (report from Thursday 9 June, page 7)

The above match was finished yesterday soon after 1 o'clock, and resulted in a victory for the southern county by seven wickets. Lord Harris and Mr R S Jones continued to bat in grand style, and the numerous changes in the bowling failed to separate them.

The former made the winning hit. His 72 included six fours, five threes, and six twos, while Mr Jones's chief hits were five fours, two threes and six twos. Six bowlers were engaged, only two of whom were successful . . .

9 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2457.html)

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

Weather of wintry character was experienced yesterday at Lord's, and the heavy rain caused the wicket to play dead. This fact, coupled with an unhappy misunderstanding between the powers that be at the Nottingham County Club and several players, including Shaw, Morley and Barnes, probably had a deterrent effect on the attendance, which was certainly very small for a match which usually possesses so much interest for lovers of cricket.

The game began at 10 minutes past 12 o'clock, when Middlesex, successful in the toss, sent in Messrs Webbe and Walker. Shore and Mills conducted the early bowling. The third ball sent to him proved fatal to Mr Walker, and Mr Robson appeared. When 44 had been reached, Lane supplanted Shore. With the score at 50, Mr Robson returned the ball, and short afterwards Mr Webbe played the ball hard on to the wicket. Three for 57 runs. Mr Vernon was joined by Mr Pearson; at 66 Mr Vernon fell to a very fine running catch at deep long-off, and at the same total Mr Pearson played the ball into the hands of slip. Half the wickets were now lost. At luncheon the total stood at 88.

The four outstanding wickets only produced 19 runs - Mr Robinson and Clarke were caught at slip, Mr Wilkinson was clean bowled and Mills injudiciously ran himself out. Total 107. Four bowlers were engaged, but only two were successful; Shore obtained five wickets . . .

Oscroft and Gunn were placed in antagonism to Clarke and Burton. When nine runs only had been obtained, Oscroft was clean bowled; at 26 Gunn succumbed to a catch at slip; while before another run had been gained, Mr Foljambe retired, finely caught at mid-on. Altogether the innings realized 68 runs. Clarke and Burton divided the bowling honours . . .

With a balance of 39 runs in hand Middlesex occupied the wickets a second time. Their success, bowler, was not great. Mr Walker at 4 hid the wicket with his leg. Mr Robson and Mr Webbe inspired some confidence by putting on 41 runs, the former, among other hits, sending the ball into the gallery of the tavern for four. He was then, however, caught at wicket.

Now came a great falling-off; at 49 Mr Vernon returned the ball; a catch at point disposed of Mr Henery at 62; a run subsequently Mr Webbe was bowled leg stump; Mr Pearson was beaten by a ball at 66, and at 68 Burton was caught at long-on. After 30 runs had been added a well-judged catch by Gunn at long-field-on disposed of Mr Robertson. It may be mentioned that the fielding of Nottingham was good throughout. Play now ceased for the day . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 12)

This match was continued at Lord's yesterday. Mr Wilkinson resumed his batting with Mr Mills as a companion. Attewell and Mills led the attack. The second innings of Middlesex closed after 25 minutes' play. Mr Mills was caught by third man and made room for Clarke. At 121 a change was

tried, Attewell handing the ball to Shore. Seven runs afterwards, Clarke fell to a catch at wicket. Total 128. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Nottingham now required 168 runs for victory. Oscroft and Gunn were placed in opposition to Clarke and Burton. Two wickets fell for seven runs. Mr Foljambe aided Oscroft until 30 had been reached, when Mr Robertson relieved Burton, and his first ball proved fatal to Mr Foljambe, who was bowled by a "yorker." Wild made his appearance; at 33 Oscroft succumbed to a bailer, and Brown sent the first ball he received into the hands of short-leg. At 2 o'clock the score stood at 66.

Clarke and Mr Robertson took charge of the attack after luncheon. At 69 Attewell was clean bowled; and without alteration to the total Lane returned the ball. Mills aided Wild in taking the total to 54, when he also was bowled. Eight down. The innings closed for 116 runs. Four bowlers were engaged; Mr Robertson's analysis was remarkably good - he claimed eight wickets . . . From the full score appended it will be seen that Middlesex won by 51 runs. Umpires, Farrands and West,

9 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2458.html)

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

The above popular county match was commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval. Surrey won the toss and sent in Mr W W Read and Jupp, to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Woof. With the total at 13 Jupp ran himself out. Mr Lucas and Mr Read were now companions, but were not long together, as, with the score at 25, Mr Read was bowled by Dr Grace. Two for 25 runs.

Read now joined Mr Lucas, and the pair during their partnership put on 19 runs. Read was then driven on to his wicket. Three for 43 runs. Mr Shuter now arrived, and immediately sent Dr Grace to leg for four. The last ball of the next over Mr Lucas returned. Four for 47 runs. Mr Wilson came to Mr Shuter's aid, but almost immediately the latter gentleman had to retire, being well taken at the wicket. Five for 47 runs.

At 98 Dr W G Grace superseded Midwinter and his first ball dismissed Potter. Eight for 98. Four runs later Blamires played into the hands of mid-off, and Barratt came to Mr Lindsay's assistance. When two more overs had been delivered a heavy shower interrupted the play for a quarter of an hour. Mr Lindsay then took up the hitting, and after a couple of singles drove Dr W G Grace straight for four. In the next over Barratt was missed off a straight drive, but three overs later was clean bowled, the innings closing for 130 runs. Four bowlers were engaged; of these three were successful . . .

At 20 minutes past 4 Drs W G Grace and E M Grace stood on their defence against the bowling of Barratt and Potter. Play opened with five singles, four of which were made by Dr E M Grace; the latter then made an off drive for four. The score rapidly ran up to 44, of which Dr E M Grace had made 29, including a fine on drive for five. At 55 Mr Lucas was tried in Barratt's stead, after which the run-getting considerably slackened. At 57 Blamires took Potter's place. In his second over Blamires clean bowled Dr W G Grace. One for 62 runs.

Dr E M Grace was next joined by Mr Day, who, however, only stayed a couple of overs - clean bowled. At 74 Barratt received the ball from Mr Lucas. The two batsmen were now well set, and at 6.25 the hundred was telegraphed. When 119 had been reached Midwinter was, unfortunately, run out. When stumps were drawn for the day Dr E M Grace had played a splendid unfinished innings of 74, and Mr Gilbert had contributed 21.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 12)

There was quite an average attendance at the Oval yesterday to witness the continuation of this match. Dr E M Grace and Mr Gilbert (the not-outs of the previous evening) faced the bowling of Blamires and Barratt. Only four runs had been made when the Doctor was caught in the slips. His hits were a five, seven fours, one three, eight twos &c. Four for 157. Mr Townsend joined Mr Gilbert; but with the modest addition of five the latter was clean bowled. Mr Greene came in, and at 209 was clean bowled. Painter, who appeared for the first time for his county, batted well, but at length fell to a fine return catch. The innings realized altogether 261 runs. Of the bowlers Barratt claimed five wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 131, Surrey entered on their second venture, Mr Lindsay and Jupp being placed in antagonism to Dr W G Grace and Woof. At 34 Midwinter superseded Dr W G Grace, and when the total had reached 41 Jupp was dismissed by the new bowler for 20. Messrs Lucas and Lindsay treated Woof's bowling with small mercy, four of his overs producing no fewer than 15 runs. At 89 Mr Lindsay was bowled; his 50 was a masterly performance. Mr Shuter, after making an off-drive for three, was taken at mid-off. Three for 97.

At 122 Painter replaced Woof, and Mr Gilbert Midwinter. At 139 Dr W G Grace replaced Painter. At length Mr Lucas was taken at mid-off, after having played a plucky innings of 42. Mr Wilson's stay was short; he was given out leg before. Five for 148. The sixth wicket fell for 165. Potter and Humphrey were in together, and at 195 the latter put a ball into the hands of point. The innings closed for 214.

Gloucestershire have thus only 84 runs to obtain for victory. The western county tried all their available bowling talent. Mr Gilbert claimed five wickets . . . Play will be continued this day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 June, page 12)

This match was continued at the Oval on Saturday. Gloucester required 84 runs for victory, and had an innings in which to obtain them. At a quarter to 12 Dr W G Grace and Mr Gribble faced the attacks of Barratt and Blamires.

The score had advanced to 13 when a ball of Barratt's beat Mr Gribble. Soon after the arrival of Painter a single from Mr W G Grace was augmented to five, owing to wild fielding. With the total at 36, Painter played the ball easily into the hands of mid-off. Two down, Mr Townsend arrived to the aid of Dr W G Grace, and batted with remarkable steadiness. A leg hit by his companion took the score to 50. Six runs afterwards Blamires gave way to Potter. Dr Grace sent a ball of Barratt's to square leg for four, and at 63 that bowler was relieved by Mr Lucas for a few overs. A wonderfully hard chance was given by Mr Townsend at mid-off.

Runs continued to come steadily, and at ten minutes past 1 Mr Townsend made the winning hit - an off-drive for a single. From the complete score affixed it will be seen that Gloucestershire won by eight wickets. Umpires - Pullin and Pooley.

9 June: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2456.html)

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

The above match was commenced yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. Play began shortly after noon, when the visitors, having won the toss, deputed Mr Patterson and O'Shaughnessy to represent them, Watson and Mr Nash having charge of the bowling.

With the total at 11 O'Shaughnessy had to retire, being taken at the wicket; Hearne followed, and at 21 Mr Nash relinquished the ball to Barlow. This change proved fatal to Hearne, who was caught in the slips. Mr Patterson was now joined by Lord Harris, and the pair carried the score to 52, at which point Lord Harris returned the ball. Mr Jones, who succeeded Lord Harris, was dismissed by a fast ball from Mr Appleby, and the remaining wickets fell for comparatively few runs, the innings closing for 136.

After a short interval Lancashire went in, and when stumps were drawn for the day, had scored 159, two wickets down. Mr Hornby's contribution was made in his best style.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 12)

The good example which Mr Hornby, the captain of Lancashire, had set his team on Thursday in the above county match was followed with success yesterday at Manchester. Robinson in particular batted in good style, as did also Briggs, and it was not until 285 had been obtained that the last wicket fell. No fewer than six bowlers were engaged; four with success . . .

Kent required 149 to tie, but failed to secure the runs, mainly owing to the fine bowling of Watson, who . . . claimed seven wickets for 37 runs . . . The innings closed for 103, and the full score attached will show that Lancashire won by an innings and 46 runs.

13 June: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2460.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 10)

There was a large attendance at Lord's yesterday to witness the opening of the above interesting match, and as the day wore on it grew larger still. Play began within five minutes of noon, when Gloucestershire, who had won the toss, took possession of an excellent wicket pitched nearly in the centre of the ground. The innings closed at half-past 3 for 160. Four bowlers were tried. Burton claimed six wickets . . .

Messrs Walker and Webbe appeared on behalf of Middlesex at 3.35. Woof and Dr W G Grace took command of the early bowling. The Gloucestershire captain was in rare form with the ball, and, to the surprise of most people, Middlesex were all got rid of for 77, although it must be mentioned that an injury to Mr Robson's hand and his consequence late appearance in the innings was very much against the home county. Time, 5.15. Only two bowlers were found necessary. Dr W G Grace obtained seven wickets . . .

The inevitable follow on of Middlesex began at 5.35. At the close of the day four wickets were down for 86.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 June, page 12)

This match terminated at Lord's yesterday in a victory for Gloucestershire by six wickets. Umpires, Howitt and Pullin.

13 June: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2462.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 10)

These counties met at Horton-park, Bradford, yesterday, and completed an innings each. The wicket was in good condition. Ulyett and Hall went in first on behalf of the home county. Bray and G Hearne had charge of the bowling. The first-named batsman hit so freely that his total quite dwarfed the contributions of his compeers. Prior to a smart return catch he gave no other chance. Total 213. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Kent proved quite unable to withstand the attacks of Peate and Hill, who divided the honours between them . . .

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 15 June, page 12)

13 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2461.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 10)

A team of Surrey cricketers visited the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, yesterday. The visitors lost the toss and turned out into the field. Some of the home players hit with wonderful freedom. Brown carried off the palm with eight fours, seven threes, eight twos and singles, ultimately being caught at deep mid-off. The innings closed for 377. No fewer than seven bowlers were put on . . .

Jupp and Blamires opposed E Mills and Shore on behalf of Surrey . . .

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 15 June, page 12)

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

This match was concluded yesterday on the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham. When play ceased on Tuesday Surrey had lost four wickets for 112 runs. Mr Lucas and Mr Cattley continued the innings; the former gentleman remained unconquered, taking out his bat for 72 runs. Gunn and Mr Foljambe went to the wickets on behalf of their county. Blamires and Barratt were the bowlers; in the former's second over Mr Foljambe was dismissed. Butler succeeded, and assisted Gunn in procuring the necessary runs. Nottingham thus won by nine wickets.

13 June: LANCASHIRE v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2459.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 10)

In the presence of between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators the above match began yesterday at Liverpool, on the new ground. Mr G B Studd gave a couple of chances, but he proved the batting hero of the day - his innings consisting of 14 fours, nine threes and six singles. The last wicket fell for 187 . . .

Lancashire fell lamentably short of their rivals, as they only gained 71. Mr Steel was credited with six wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 15 June, page 12)

This match was concluded yesterday on the new ground at Liverpool. Lancashire made 71 in their first innings and 153 in the second. Cambridge made 187 in their first innings and 38 in their second with the loss of only three wickets, thus winning the match by seven wickets.

16 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2464.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 June, page 10)

A formidable batting team entered the lists against Cambridge University at Lord's yesterday. M.C.C. having won the toss sent in Messrs A P Lucas and Shaw to withstand the attacks of Messrs A G Steel and Ford. Shaw was bowled for five.

Upon the arrival of Barnes, considerable stand was made. Mr Steel gave up the ball to Mr C T Studd when the total had reached 27, and at 39 Mr Spencer relieved Mr Ford at the nursery end. Still no wicket could be obtained, and at 61 Mr Wilson replaced Mr Spencer. The batsmen continued to score freely, Barnes driving Mr Wilson to the off for four and cutting Mr Studd for three. In Mr Wilson's next over, however, Barnes was bowled for a useful 44. Mr Steel went on again at 75, Midwinter now facing Mr Lucas. Mr Lucas was at last bowled for a freely-hit 34, containing a three and nine twos. Three wickets for 89 runs. Midwinter's new partner was Mr Ridley. Mr Ford went on again in place of Mr Wilson, and at 2 o'clock the usual adjournment was made.

After the interval runs came faster. Midwinter was especially busy. Further bowling changes occurred; at 132 Mr C T Studd was again tried, and eight runs later Mr Wilson took Mr Ford's place. With an addition of eight runs Midwinter was run out. Four for 148. The retiring batsman's hits comprised five fours, four threes, two twos &c. Mr Booth now joined Mr Ridley and more changes of bowling were made. The last-named batsman was subsequently bowled. Five wickets 166 runs. Mr Longman and Mr Booth were now companions, and runs still came freely. Soon afterwards Mr Longman was caught at point. Six for 196.

Mr D Q Steel was dismissed without scoring, and in the next over Mr Booth was caught at short leg, the wicket-keeper having to run for it. Sherwin and Mr Crawford were now together, and at half-past 4 the "200" was registered. Twenty runs later Sherwin was caught. Nine for 220. Morley succeeded, and then a shower interrupted play for a quarter of an hour. On resuming, the innings was soon over, as after hitting Wilson to leg for four Morley was caught at point. Total 232. Five bowlers were tried and all took wickets . . .

At twenty minutes past 5 Messrs G B and J E K Studd faced the attacks of Shaw (Pavilion end) and Morley. The first ball of Shaw's Mr J E K Studd hit for three, and in the same bowler's next over Mr G B Studd scored a leg hit for four. With the total at seven, however, the latter gentleman was dismissed "leg before." Very soon after Mr C T Studd's arrival he lost his brother, who was clean bowled. Mr Steel was now in, and with Mr Studd rapidly augmented the score. In spite of frequent bowling changes the batsmen were not parted until the total had reached 94, when Mr Steel was stumped. Three down. Mr Whitfeld did not score. Mr Lancashire and Mr Studd were together when play ceased for the day, the latter having made 43, not out.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 June, page 12)

There was a doubtful aspect about the weather at Lord's yesterday; but although towards evening when Cambridge started their second innings the light was exceedingly bad, no rain fell until the close of the day. Play was resumed soon after half-past 11, when Messrs C T Studd and Lancashire were once more placed in opposition to Morley and Shaw.

The total travelled to 107, when the bowlers crossed over. No effect was produced by this alteration, and 13 runs later Midwinter was put on. A long hop of the new bowler's was hit to square leg by Mr Studd for four. A two-fold change was resorted to at 129, Mr Lucas and Barnes displacing Midwinter and Morley. After some even play this had the desired effect, as at 138 a ball of Mr Lucas's completely beat Mr C T Studd, who had played an almost faultless innings for 58. The Hon Ivo Bligh did not exhibit his usual confidence, and hit too soon at a ball, which was caught at forward short leg. Mr Lancashire and Mr Ford both showed good form. The former was clean bowled, and the latter succumbed to a fine catch at wicket, which brought the innings to a close. Total - 177. Sherwin's wicket-keeping was extremely good. Six bowlers were tried - four with success.

Marylebone now had 55 runs to the good. The fielding of Cambridge was very clean. Mr Ridley played a careful innings of 42 before being finely caught at mid-off low down. His most important items were five threes and seven twos. Both Barnes and Midwinter hit with vigour, their drives being especially good. The innings terminated at 5.40, Morley, the last man, being taken at mid-off. Total - 205. Five bowlers were tried . . .

Cambridge now required 261 to win, and when stumps were drawn two wickets were down for 47.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 13)

The above match at Lord's was left in an interesting state on Friday evening, as the University had eight wickets of their second innings to fall and 214 to get to win. So freely did Mr G B Studd hit that for some time it seemed not at all improbable that they might obtain the runs. Mr Wilson played with commendable caution. In spite of the many variations in the attack, 66 runs were put on before a parting could be effected; Mr G B Studd, having previously given a chance to slip and another in the long-field, was caught at cover-point. Three wickets down.

Mr Steel joined Mr Wilson, who before a run had been added had the misfortune to be run out. The Hon Ivo Bligh succeeded and gave a most difficult return chance to the bowler. His companion was easily missed at short leg. After having played a few overs Mr Bligh found it necessary to have some one to run for him. He hit several balls, however, very vigorously until at 138 he was well taken at long-field on. Five wickets down. The wicket now began to play a little badly, and the remaining half of the batsmen fell short of expectation, the last wicket falling for 190. Six bowlers had been tried . . .

The full score appended will show that Marylebone won the match by 70 runs. Umpires, Nixon and Price.

16 June: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2463.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 June, page 10)

This match was commenced at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. Having won the toss, Lancashire shortly before 1 o'clock was represented by Mr Hornby and Barlow, Richard and Barratt having charge of the bowling. When the total had reached 54, Blamires was substituted for Richard. This change bore fruits, Mr Hornby being beaten by Blamires's first ball. His 42 was made in his well-known style, and was comprised of six fours, one threes, two twos &c.

Robinson joined Barlow, but, with the total at 71, was caught behind the bowler. Two down. Briggs hit freely until he was clean bowled. His innings comprised five fours, two threes, eight twos &c. With his dismissal half the wickets were down for 162. Mr Wood and Leach were now together. The former batted in wonderfully free style, and when at 20 minutes past 4 rain caused a cessation of play, the score stood as under: . [Lancashire 226/5.]

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 June, page 12)

Yesterday at the Old Trafford Grounds the above match was continued. Lancashire continued their innings and were not disposed of until they had made 324. Of the five bowlers tried three were successful, viz.: - Barratt six wickets . . .

Surrey made a very poor show, being all out for a total of 69. Both the Lancashire bowlers took wickets - Watson six . . . In their follow on, when stumps were drawn, Surrey had lost one wicket for 36 runs, Mr Cattley not out 17.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 13)

The above match was concluded in Manchester on Saturday, and resulted in a victory for Lancashire by an innings and 125 runs.

16 June: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2465.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 17 June, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 June, page 12)

Heavy scoring characterized the continuation of this match yesterday . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 13)

The above match was concluded at Brighton on Saturday. From the result of an innings each a close match was anticipated, but Hampshire hit so feebly in their second venture that they were defeated by 197 runs.

17 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v OLD OXONIANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2466.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Friday 17 June, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 June, page 12)

When play ceased in the above match in the Parks at Oxford on Friday evening, each side had completed an innings. The Past then found themselves in a minority of 150 runs. This necessitated their "follow on," which they commenced on Saturday soon after 11 o'clock. As many as 248 runs were scored before the last wicket fell.

The Present now had to obtain 99 runs for victory, a task which they found themselves easily capable of accomplishing, as they won with nine wickets to spare.

20 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2467.html)

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

Having shown some very good batting form on their own ground at Oxford, the University yesterday entered on what may be regarded as a week's preparation for their encounter with Cambridge on Monday next. Lord's was in excellent order, the attendance was large and the cricket good. Marylebone, having won the toss, elected to act on their defence. Mr Hornby and Midwinter occupied the wickets; while Mr Robinson (pavilion) and Mr Peake were intrusted with the early bowling.

Runs came quickly. At 38, therefore, a change was tried - Mr Robinson giving way to Mr Harrison. Fourteen runs were added before the latter variation proved fatal to Mr Hornby, who hit his wicket. An appeal for a catch at slip was made almost immediately after the arrival of Barnes, but it was answered in the negative. In the succeeding over he sent the ball to leg for four, and Midwinter added eight by two remarkably clean drives. A further alteration in the attack was made at 67, when Mr Evans went on at the nursery end in lieu of Mr Harrison, who crossed over. The change did good, as eight runs later a ball of the last-named gentleman's completely beat Barnes. Two wickets for 75.

Mr Vernon arrived and effected an on-drive for four, while his partner secured the same number by a square-leg hit. An hour and five minutes were expended in the attainment of 100 runs. Seven were added, and Mr Evans handed the ball to Mr Robinson. At 110 Midwinter, who had played a clever innings, got out of his ground and paid the penalty. Three for 110. The arrival of Mr Ridley was signalized by some more free hitting. So speedily were the runs gained that the total soon reached 149, at which point Mr Ridley's off stump was struck two or three yards out of the ground. Four wickets were now lost.

Mr Pearson joined Mr Vernon, and Mr M'Lachlan superseded Mr Peake. At 166 a catch at short-leg deprived Mr Pearson of the company of Mr Vernon. Mr Booth came, and at the adjournment for luncheon 177 runs were recorded. The interval over, Messrs Harrison and Evans were again intrusted with the bowling. Five only had been made, when Mr Booth's leg stump was disturbed. The innings closed for 287.

After the customary interval, Shaw and Morley led the attack against Messrs Patterson and Trevor. An early change in the bowling was resorted to, as when 15 runs were made in 9 overs, Morley gave up the ball to Midwinter. At 33 Shaw made room for Barnes. A hard chance by Mr Trevor was given to the wicket-keeper, after which he made two square-leg hits for four each in an over of Midwinter's. This was the signal for Morley to come on again, and he quickly bowled Mr Patterson. One wicket for 45.

Mr Leslie came, but his companion, Mr Trevor, did not remain long afterwards, as the dexterity of the wicket-keeper dismissed him at 58; while ten runs later Mr Whiting was bowled. Three for 66 runs. Mr Leslie batted in very fine style, but Mr Thornton experienced a great deal of luck in many of his contributions. The 100 was signalled at ten minutes past 6 o'clock. The bowling underwent a variety of changes. At five minutes to 7 Mr Pearson went on, and off his second ball Mr Leslie was well caught at wicket. Stumps were now drawn for the day.

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

A cloudy sky did not promise well for the continuance of the above contest at Lord's yesterday, but fortunately no rain fell from the time wickets were pitched until stumps were drawn. When play ceased on Monday evening Marylebone had completed an innings for 287, and Oxford had lost four wickets for 155 runs.

Mr Thornton now appeared as a companion to Mr Evans. Two balls were wanting to complete Mr Pearson's over, and when he had bowled these, Morley (Nursery wicket) and Shaw were entrusted with the attack. At 163 Mr Evans obstructed his wicket. Five down. Mr Peake joined Mr Thornton, and at 178 Morley handed the ball to Midwinter. This proved a very wise change, as he bowled four overs without having a run made off him and captured two wickets - Mr Thornton being caught easily at short-leg and Mr Peake taken at wicket. Seven for 188. Mr M'Lachlan and Mr Kemp were now together, and the latter carried out his bat, the innings closing for 239 runs. Six bowlers were tried; Midwinter, the most successful, obtained four wickets .

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Marylebone had 48 runs in hand, and sent in Barnes and Sherwin; Messrs Evans and Robinson were the bowlers. Six runs were the product of a couple of overs, and then luncheon intervened. With the resumption of play came changes of bowling. Four wickets fell rapidly. Barnes was run out, Sherwin skied the ball back to the bowler, Midwinter was finely taken at slip, and Mr Vernon played back too late to a ball and it rolled on to his wicket. At 86 Mr Ridley also played on, and Mr Hornby, just as he seemed to be in rare hitting form, was caught at cover point. The innings realized altogether 140 runs. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Oxford now wanted only 189 to win, and sent in Messrs Patterson and Trevor to commence getting them. Barnes and Morley opened the attack. The start was most disheartening. But eight had been made when a very fine ball from Barnes disposed of Mr Patterson. Mr Leslie made a splendid on-drive for four, and soon afterwards a forward cut with a like result. Shaw, in the meantime, had relieved Barnes. Now came a collapse. Three wickets fell in two overs. Four for 36 runs. Mr Evans made an on-drive for four and a single, and then, as in his previous innings, he was given out leg before wicket. Five for 53. Mr Peake was quickly deprived of the society of Mr Trevor, who had played well for 32. Messrs Peake and Harrison afterwards enlivened what had been regarded as a forlorn hope. The bowling was changed and rechanged; but it was not until the total had mounted to 126 that they were parted - Mr Peake caught at slip.

The end soon came. Mr Harrison was caught at mid-off and Mr Kemp by long-slip. The four bowlers put on all gained wickets: - Morley claimed six . . . A match that had promised to furnish three full days' cricket thus ended at the close of the second in a victory for Marylebone by 56 runs. It may be remembered that Cambridge were defeated by Marylebone last week by 70 runs; so that those who look on the contest at headquarters as the great index of the relative capabilities of the teams will be sorely puzzled to make a selection. Umpires - Farrands and Nixon.

20 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2468.html)

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

Cambridge, who were defeated at Lord's on Saturday, commenced a match with Surrey at Kennington-oval yesterday. Surrey having won the toss send in Messrs Lindsay and Pontifex to face the attacks of Messrs Steel and Ford.

The beginning was unfortunate, as a bailer in Mr Steel's third over dismissed Mr Lindsay. Mr Lucas joined Mr Pontifex, and at 27 Mr Steel changed to Mr Ford's end (Pavilion), while Mr Spencer took the place thus vacated. Mr Pontifex was soon afterwards caught at point. Two for 39 runs. Mr Lucas now had Mr W W Read for companion, and the pair made a most obstinate stand. Not until 107 had been made was a parting effected. Mr W W Read's was the next wicket to fall; he was bowled for 27, made in good style. Three down.

Mr J Shuter arrived to Mr Lucas's help, but after the latter had made a single he was cleverly caught and bowled. Read, the professional, and Mr Shuter were now companions, and the score travelled on to 124, when Mr Shuter was caught at mid-on by Mr Wilson, who had previously handed the ball to Mr Spencer. Mr Trollope was dismissed by his first ball. Six wickets, 127 runs. The eighth wicket fell for 137. Barratt and Blamires helped on the score to 155, at which point the latter was caught by Mr Ford. The innings closed at half-past 4 for 173. Five bowlers were tried, three with success - viz., Mr Steel, five wickets . . .

At a quarter to 5, in rather bad light, Messrs J E K and G B Studd went to the wickets; Blamires and Barratt took charge of the bowling. Mr J E K Studd cut Barratt's third ball for four, but in that bowler's second over was unfortunately stumped. Mr C T Studd now joined his brother, and runs came rather fast, one over of Blamires's yielding 15 runs (three byes). A second mishap occurred, Mr G B Studd, after driving Barratt to the on for four, was caught at cover point. Mr A G Steel was next in, and the two batsmen rapidly augmented the score. At 61 Blamires gave up the ball to Potter, and nine runs later Mr C T Studd, after a grand cut for four, was caught at the wicket. Three wickets, 70 runs.

Mr Whitfeld assisted Mr Steel to raise the score to 87, when the latter gentleman was driven on to his wicket; his 32 was made in capital style, and comprised one five, a four, two threes, six twos &c. Mr Whitfeld was joined by Mr Ford, and notwithstanding several changes these batsmen remained unconquered when stumps were drawn for the day.

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

The above match was continued at Kennington Oval yesterday in fine, though somewhat doubtful weather. At five minutes past 12 the not-outs, Messrs Ford and Whitfield, with 30 and 22 respectively, proceeded with their innings. Barratt (Pavilion end) and Potter bowled, and from the latter's sixth over Mr Whitfeld was taken at wicket. Mr Bligh was next in and the score was advanced by a single to 156, when Blamires relieved Barratt. At 182 Mr Trollope superseded Blamires, while Mr Lucas relieved Potter.

Runs still came freely, Mr Ford, among other hits, making a fine cut for 5. The 200 was registered at five minutes past 1, and two runs later Mr Bligh was well caught and bowled. Six wickets, 202 runs. The newcomer, Mr Lancashire, assisted Mr Ford in raising the total to 222, and was then caught at the wicket. Seven down. Mr Ford, who was batting in fine style, next had Mr Rowe for partner. At 2 o'clock the score amounted to 243. Just before 3, Mr Ford, by an on-drive, made his score 102, but with the next ball he was stumped. Eight for 253. Mr Wilson, with Mr Rowe, brought the total to 262, when Blamires again bowled, and at 266 Mr Lucas took the ball from Potter for a few overs. The innings closed for 317. Six bowlers were tried, four of whom were successful . . .

Surrey entered on their second essay at half-past 4, and began most disastrously. Mr Pontifex put the ball into the hands of mid-off and Mr Shuter was clean bowled. Two wickets, four runs. Read and Mr Lucas took the score to 13; the latter then stepped out to a ball of Mr Wilson's and was clean bowled. Mr W W Read joined the professional, and so freely did both hit that, in spite of frequent changes of bowling, no wicket could be obtained until the score stood at 80, when Read was caught at point for a remarkably free innings of 42, including one six, two fives, one four and four threes. Messrs Lindsay and W W Read raised the score to 96, when the former was well taken at long-on. Half the wickets for 96 runs . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 7)

Less than two hours proved sufficient to bring the above match to a close at Kennington Oval yesterday. At the conclusion on Tuesday's play Surrey had started a second innings with a deficit of 144 runs, and had obtained ten beyond this number at the cost of five wickets. Yesterday Messrs W W Read and Trollope (not out with 74 and 21 respectively) continued their batting on a wicket which played rather uncertainly. Messrs Wilson and Steel undertook the attack, and well they performed their duties.

Two only had been added to the total when Mr Trollope played the ball into the hands of slip, while Pooley, who succeeded him, was bowled before he had made a single run. Seven wickets down. Barratt arrived to the assistance of Mr Read; but misfortune still attended the county, as with an addition of seven runs the new comer was clean bowled. At 170 Blamires was caught at point. Potter remained during four overs, during which nothing was scored, and then Mr Read was clean bowled, having played a capital innings, including one six, four fives, five fours and three threes. Total 170. Of the six bowlers engaged, half were successful. Mr Wilson secured five wickets . . .

Wanting 27 runs to win, Cambridge sent in Messrs Wilson and J E K Studd to the bowling of Blamires and Barratt. The third ball of the former's second over Mr Studd returned to him, no run having been made. Mr Whitfeld came, and both batsmen played steadily. Mr Trollope relieved Blamires at 14; but no good came of the change, and at ten minutes to 2 Mr Whitfeld made the winning hit - a very fine on-drive for five. The subjoined score will show that Cambridge won the match by nine wickets. Umpires - Jupp and Watts.

20 June: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2469.html)

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

This match was commenced yesterday at Bramall-lane, Sheffield. The visitors first occupied the wickets. Mr Lucas played a chanceless innings, while Mr Ellis batted in a very free style. Beyond Charlwood the rest of the side proved themselves unable to cope with the Yorkshire bowling, and the last wicket fell for 187 runs. Five bowlers were put on; Peate claimed half the wickets . . . Yorkshire entered on their innings . . .

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

The above match was continued yesterday at Sheffield. Ulyett played a very fine innings of 73, composed of eight fours, two threes, eight twos &c. Soon after luncheon the first innings of Yorkshire was completed for 239, being 52 in excess of the total gained by their rivals. Of the five bowlers engaged Mr Bettsworth claimed half the wickets . . . The Southerners went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 7)

This match, which was concluded at Sheffield yesterday, resulted in a victory for Yorkshire by nine wickets.

23 June: MIDDLESEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2470.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 June, page 5)

There was a very good attendance at Lord's yesterday to witness the commencement of this match. The county put a strong batting team into the field. Having won the toss, they sent in Mr Webbe and Mr Walker. The early bowling was intrusted to Messrs Evans and Harrison.

Runs were scored at the rate of two a minute for some time. Fours frequently came from Mr Walker's bat. Changes were numerous, until at 51, Mr Peake having gone on, Mr Webbe was bowled. Mr Robson's wicket fell shortly afterwards. Mr Vernon joined Mr Walker, and variations in the attack were frequent, but these did not preclude 100 runs being registered shortly before half-past 1 o'clock. At luncheon time the score amounted to 162.

After the interval, the batting continued to triumph. Mr Walker made a very clean cut for four, and drove Mr Evans for a similar number. The bowlers were thereupon changed; but this did not prevent the "200" being signalled at ten minutes past 3 o'clock. A couple of runs later, Mr Vernon lifted the ball into the hands of long-field-off. Among his hits were three fives, eight fours, five threes and six twos. Mr Walker continued to play in quite his old style, and witnessed the retirement of Mr Law (clean-bowled) and Mr Davis (caught at slip hitting round to leg). At length the Middlesex captain himself had to succumb to the bowler, having played a really grand innings. His chief hits were 16 fours, seven threes and ten twos. Of the others, except Mr Wilkinson, who remained unconquered, little need be said, and the innings closed for a total of 313. Six bowlers were tried, and all of them were credited with wickets. Mr Thornton, in 14 overs, took three wickets for 13 runs.

Messrs Patterson and Whiting were placed on their defence at 5.25 against Burton and Osborne. The start was most disappointing, as, when four runs had been made, a ball from Osborne struck the top of Mr Whiting's wicket. Mr Leslie arrived; but runs came slowly. Mr Leslie was missed at deep-square-leg, but was at length caught by Mr Walker. Mr Thornton played another useful innings . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 10)

The first innings of the University was quickly brought to a close at Lord's yesterday for 156. They had to follow on, and made a more creditable show, obtaining 285 altogether. Mr Leslie played a fine hitting innings of 106, and Trevor assisted with 45, and Mr Evans, the captain, with 40 not out.

Middlesex had to get 129 runs in an hour and three-quarters to win, which they accomplished with the loss of three wickets, mainly owing to Mr Robson, who went in first and carried out his bat for 57.

27 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2473.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 5)

There is no more attractive event in the whole cricket world than this annual match at Lord's. Occurring at the height of the London season, it is as popular with the fashionable as it is interesting to the elect. Everybody goes to see it, or to see their friends, as the case may be. For cricketers it is the best match of the year, and today's contest has been for many a week looked forward to with even more than usual interest. Both elevens have suffered defeat by the M.C.C., but both are decidedly above the average of merit; and though it may be conceded that on their merits Cambridge are justly the favourites at starting, it is none the less true that Oxford are quite considerably formidable, especially in batting, to make the issue far from a certainty. It is one of the great charms of cricket that the unexpected so often happens, and that no match is really lost till it has been won.

The weather, which since the Americans have taken it in hand has been strangely capricious, has proved itself on the present occasion to be no respecter even of ladies; and the one indispensable requisite for a thoroughly enjoyable game is conspicuous by its absence, while the heavy clouds seem to forebode constant thunder-showers.

But to proceed with the match itself, Oxford won the toss and assumed the defensive at 12.30. Patterson and Trevor were the first to take the wickets to the bowling of Steel and Wilson. At the outset the wicket seemed everything that could be desired, and the batsmen looked like having things all their own way. Trevor had a lucky escape at short-slip in Wilson's first over, but with this exception neither batsmen made a mistake till, with the score at 58, Patterson was finely caught by Ford with his left hand off Steel, at short-slip.

A complete change now came over the game. C T Studd relieved Ford at the lower end, and in his first over got Trevor caught at the wicket. Evans fell a victim to short-slip without scoring, and three wickets were thus down with the score unaltered. Great things had been expected of Leslie, but Steel was too much for him. Thornton was next secured in the slips with the total at 74, and Peake magnificently caught at point by the Hon Ivo Bligh - a one-handed catch low down. The game here ceased for luncheon, for which an interval was allowed from 2 to 2.40. On resuming the game nothing worthy of notice occurred, except the batting of Kemp and M'Lachlan.

The Cambridge innings was commenced by Bligh and G B Studd, but the latter was at once bowled by Evans, soon after which the game was interrupted by rain, and not begun again till 6.25, when three more wickets were obtained, all by Evans.

(From Our Cricket Reporter)

Within ten minutes of the stipulated time the word was passed round that Oxford had won the toss. Unfortunately, a continued drizzle of rain caused a further delay, and it was not until 12.35 that Cambridge turned out into the field. The prospect had brightened considerably. Mr Patterson and Mr

Trevor were the first representatives of Oxford, Mr Steel (pavilion wicket) and Mr Wilson undertook the opening of the attack.

The field were distributed thus – Mr Steel, bowler and mid-on, Mr Wilson, bowler and cover-point; Mr Hone, wicket-keeper; Hon I Bligh, point; Mr Ford, slip; Mr Rowe, mid-on and extra mid-off; Mr Spencer, long-on and long-slip; Mr Whitfeld, mid-off; Mr C T Studd, extra mid-on and cover point; Mr G B Studd, long-off and long-leg; Mr J E K Studd, deep square leg and long-off. The positions were, of course, varied from time to time.

The first ball sent to him Mr Patterson drove to the off for a single, while his companion, Mr Trevor, made a clean cut to the entrance-gate for four in Mr Wilson's first over, and drove his last ball to the on for three. Ten runs were made in half as many minutes. After a fortunate hit behind the wicket for three, Mr Trevor made another very fine cut for four, which caused 20 runs to be signalled. Thirty-five were the result of 25 minutes' play, and of these no fewer than 27 were from Mr Trevor's bat. A variation in the attack was therefore tried, and Mr Wilson handed the ball to Mr Ford. This caused a decided check in the run-getting, as five singles only came in the next nine overs. Forty runs were registered at 1.15, and five minutes later a cut by Mr Trevor for three made the total 50.

An appeal for a catch at wicket against this batsman was now made, and he apparently thought the decision was against him, as he started to the pavilion; but he was mistaken, as the umpire decided in his favour; much to the loudly-expressed gratification of the spectators. To show his appreciation of this he very soon afterwards made a straight drive for four. At length a separation was effected, Mr Patterson being well caught at slip. One for 58.

This start was certainly quite up to expectation; but now a most unlooked-for downfall ensued. Mr Leslie filled the vacancy, and Mr C T Studd was at once put on in lieu of Mr Ford. The variation proved of a most disastrous nature to Oxford, as the second and fourth balls of Mr Studd's first over proved fatal to two batsmen – Mr Trevor caught at wicket and Mr Evans in the slips. The first, second and third wickets thus collapsed at 58.

Mr Thornton and Mr Leslie were the next associates; but not for long, as at 64 the latter was stumped, his foot slipped as he tried to get back. Five for 62. Mr Whiting came, and Mr Thornton, who had up to this point played the bowling indifferently, cut a ball of Mr Steel's well for four. Four maiden overs ensued, and then Mr Whiting made a very fine off-drive for four, from Mr C T Studd's bowling. In the subsequent over of the same bowler, Mr Thornton was caught at slip. Mr Peake, whose style had led to hope that he would probably make a large score, succumbed to a very grand right-handed catch at point, by Mr Bligh. The total had now reached 76, and luncheon intervened.

The interval over, Me M'Lachlan joined Mr Whiting. Before a run had been made the latter fell to an easy catch at mid-on. Four wickets down. Mr Kemp arrived, and each batsman made on drives for four. Gradually the score reached 100. A dozen runs later Mr Ford relieved Mr Steel. Mr M'Lachlan made a cut through the slips for four and a drive for a single, and then succumbed to a catch in the long-field. The appearance of Mr Harrison was the signal for Mr Steel to relieved Mr Ford. Only three singles were gained from the eight subsequent overs. Then Mr Harrison was out to a somewhat injudicious call from his partner for a second run. Without alteration in the total Mr Robinson fell a prey to an easy catch at

slip. The innings closed for a total of 131 runs. Time, 3h 30m. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

After an interval of 20 minutes Mr G B Studd and the Hon Ivo Bligh were placed in opposition to Mr Evans, at the Pavilion end, and Mr Harrison. The Dark Blue field was placed as follows: - Mr Evans, bowler and slip; Mr Harrison, bowler and point; Mr Kemp, wicket-keeper; Mr Robinson, mid-on and point; Mr M'Lachlan, short-slip and cover-slip; Mr Whiting, cover-slip and mid-off; Mr Trevor, long-stop and long-on; Mr Patterson, mid-off and square-leg; Mr Peake, short leg; Mr Leslie, long leg and long-off; and Mr Thornton, third man and cover point.

The commencement was most disheartening, as the first ball proved fatal to Mr G B Studd, who played over it and was clean bowled. Mr C T Studd followed. Nineteen runs having been made, Mr Robinson superseded Mr Harrison. Mr Bligh secured a leg hit for four, and then made a very lucky four behind the wicket, and a cut for three. Rain caused a cessation of play from a quarter before 4 until half-past 4.

The first hit of importance after the game had been re-started was one to leg for four by Mr Evans. At 25 minutes to 5, 40 were registered. The total was speedily augmented by a straight drive from Mr Bligh and a cut by Mr C T Studd - each for four. The first-named batsman made an off-drive for four, and at 64 a further adjournment was necessitated owing to rain.

An hour and a half later play was resumed; but a single had been made when Mr Bligh played on. Two for 65. Mr Steel supplied the vacancy, and when ten runs had been made escaped being stumped. With the score at 78, Mr C T Studd, who had batted in good style, was bowled leg-stump. Three runs afterwards, Mr Steel fell to a ball which broke from the leg side. Four for 81. Mr Wilson joined Mr Whitfeld. Six maiden overs were bowled in succession. Mr Peake then displaced Mr Robinson, and when he had bowled an over, stumps were drawn for the day. Umpires, Price and Farrands.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 June, page 12)

The interest evinced in the rival teams at Lord's was sustained throughout yesterday. A morning which had dawned most hopefully grew dull and lowering about 11 o'clock, but happily no rain fell. Perhaps of all gatherings the University match for variety of detail and imposing appearance is well-nigh without parallel. The scene, yesterday especially, at the side where most of the drags and carriages clustered was a very gay one.

The wicket was good. Oxford fielded exceptionally well. The great surprise, however, was the very fine batting of the Dark Blues. Mr Leslie was supposed to be out early in his innings, and, in fact, had proceeded some way towards the pavilion. It subsequently transpired, however, that he had played a ball back to Mr Ford; that gentleman, thinking the batsman was out, threw the ball up, and Mr Leslie took the matter for granted. Neither of the umpires, however, had decided against him, and Mr Patterson, seeing that the ball had struck the ground on leaving Mr Leslie's bat, appealed. The result was that they gave their opponents considerable trouble, and put a very favourable complexion on the match for Oxford. Mr Patterson played a marvellously steady innings of 107, and was heartily cheered when he reached his century. The match at present has reached a most interesting stage.

Punctuality was rigidly observed yesterday. Two minutes only before 11.30 the dark blues emerged from the pavilion, and precisely at the half hour the not-outs, Mr Whitfeld and Mr Wilson, took up their stations at the wickets. Mr Evans again bowled from the pavilion end and Mr Harrison from the nursery. The second ball Mr Wilson received completely beat him. Half the wickets for 81 runs. Mr J E K Studd supplied the vacancy, and the first ball he received he cut judiciously through the slips for four. The Oxford fielding was now exceptionally good, and at 94 a fine catch at slip sent Mr J E K Studd back. Six down. Mr Ford was next in order. One hundred runs were registered at 20 minutes to 12. Ten runs were added in the same number of minutes, the chief item being an on-drive to the boundary by Mr Whitfeld. Mr Peake then relieved Mr Harrison. A straight drive for four by Mr Ford off Mr Evans's bowling induced a change and at 12.3 Mr Robinson was put on. The "extras" were increased considerably, as a bye was augmented into five, owing to a rather wild throw in by the long-stop.

At 10 minutes past 12 the Oxford score was passed, Mr Ford making a very fine on-drive for four. With the total at 133, Mr Thornton relieved Mr Peake. His opening over received severe punishment; Mr Whitfeld sent the first ball to leg for four, and the last he served in a similar manner with an equally satisfactory result. Mr Evans was now tried at the other end in lieu of Mr Robinson. The first ball of the change Mr Ford cut well forward for three. A single only came from the five subsequent overs, in the last of which Mr Whitfeld played the ball rather tamely into the hands of slip. Seven for 147. Mr Rowe arrived and an on-drive by Mr Ford off Mr Evans for four brought the total up to 150, at 12.25. Another four by the same batsman, this time from a straight drive, ensued; but at 159 he was bowled off-stump. Eight for 159.

Mr Spencer, who supplied the vacancy, began in a very poor manner with a lucky hit for two. This he supplemented by a leg-hit for four off Mr Thornton and an on-drive from a full-pitched ball of Mr Evans. A very dangerous cut was made by Mr Rowe from which four resulted. The total having reached 177, Mr Spencer was splendidly caught at mid-on high up. Nine for 177. Two runs only were added, and then Mr Rowe retired - clean bowled. Total, 179. Time 12.40. Six bowlers were put on. Mr Evans was credited with seven wickets . . .

Having 48 runs on the wrong side of their account, Mr Patterson and Mr Trevor started to rub them out. Messrs Steel and C T Studd conducted the attack. Thirty-five runs, of which no fewer than seven were byes, were secured in 14 overs. Mr Ford then superseded Mr Steel. A rather lucky cut for four was then made by Mr Trevor off Mr C T Studd. Although only two runs were made off eight overs, a double variation was tried - Mr C T Studd crossed over to the Pavilion wicket and Mr Wilson took his place at the other end. The total at a quarter to 2 stood at 50, and seven runs later Mr Spencer supplanted Mr C T Studd. When luncheon time arrived the score stood at 66.

After the lapse of three-quarters of an hour, the batting was continued to the bowling of Messrs Ford and Steel. A couple were made by Mr Patterson by a cut through the slips, and then a very good ball of Mr Ford's dismissed Mr Trevor. Mr Leslie made his appearance, and gained six in an over by a couple of on-drives. He then returned the ball hard to the bowler (Mr Ford), and under the impression that he was caught (an impression shared by many spectators) walked towards the pavilion. Mr Patterson, however, appealed to the umpires, who both agreed that the ball had touched the ground and Mr Leslie was recalled.

After this Mr Patterson made a late cut through the slips for four, and at 97 Mr Wilson came on at the nursery end for Mr Ford. Mr Patterson received a most awkward knock on the hand from the new bowler, which necessitated a few minutes' absence in the pavilion. One hundred runs were registered at 3.20. Seven only were made off the bat in a dozen overs, then Mr Leslie obtained an off-drive for four. When 120 had been reached, Mr Spencer relieved Mr Wilson, and received rather liberal treatment in his opening over from Mr Leslie, who made a cut to the boundary and an off-drive, each for four runs. A single having been put on, Mr Leslie should have been run out, but there was no one at the wicket to receive the ball. This batsman then made a boundary cut for four off Mr Spencer. Mr C T Studd tried four overs in the place of Mr Steel, but as 15 runs were made (including an on-drive from Mr Patterson and a cut from Mr Leslie for the same number) off him, Mr Steel resumed. Mr Whitfeld tried his hand in place of Mr Ford at 164. A very grand on-drive to the nursery off the last change was made by Mr Leslie, from which five resulted. At half-past 4, 180 were hoisted, and then Mr J E K Studd relieved Mr Whitfeld. His first ball proved fatal to Mr Leslie, who skied it into the hands of mid-on. Two down.

Mr Thornton went in, and nine overs were delivered for four singles. The last comer then effected a cut for four. When 199 had been made, a double change was tried, Messrs Ford and C T Studd taking the places of Messrs J E K Studd and Steel. Two hundred runs were recorded at 4.55. Eight runs later Mr Thornton was easily caught in the slips. Three for 208. Mr Kemp came to the aid of Mr Patterson, but played the ball on to his wicket without having scored. Four for 210. Mr Evans followed, but his stay proved brief and not very profitable, as, having made a single, he cut the ball into point's hands. Five for 212.

Mr Peake joined Mr Patterson, and at 216 Mr Steel was put on at the nursery end. The 220 were recorded at half-past five. Mr Peake, having made a cut for four, further aided the score with a leg-hit of the same value. Mr Steel abdicated in favour of Mr Wilson at 252; but the separation came from the opposite wicket, Mr Peake being bowled off-stump at 264; while Mr M'Lachlan, the new comer, was rather cleverly caught at mid-off by Mr Steel. Mr Whiting and Mr Patterson were now playing steadily. Maiden overs were frequent; but as no wicket came another change was resorted to, and at 273 Mr Steel relieved Mr Wilson. Still the Dark Blues continued triumphant, and, therefore, Mr C T Studd handed the ball to Mr Spencer at 287.

Hearty and well-deserved cheers greeted Mr Patterson when from an overthrow he completed his hundred. Five runs after this had been achieved, Mr Whiting's off stump was bowled. A hit by Mr Patterson called forth great enthusiasm by causing the "300" to be registered. At 305 Mr Harrison was easily taken at point, and one run afterwards Mr Robinson was bowled. Mr Patterson, without giving a chance, had held possession of the wickets for five hours, and then remained unconquered; his hits comprised a five, four fours, three threes, 18 twos &c. Seven bowlers were put on - Mr C T Studd . . claimed six wickets . . .

Stumps were now drawn. Play will begin to-day at 11.30, when Cambridge have 259 to get for victory and an innings in which to obtain them.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 June, page 10)

For a third day the interest in this match and the number of spectators present have seldom been surpassed. Happily, the weather was fine, and Lord's was seen in all its picturesqueness. Cambridge had a hard task set them to get 259 runs to win; but considering their great batting strength, it was thought highly probable that a finish might be seen which would almost vie with that of 1870, when the light blues gained victory by the narrow majority of two runs.

Such, however, did not prove the case. Mr Evans, the Oxford captain, bowled so straight and so steadily, and was so well backed up by a field which he had placed to perfection, that Cambridge did not reach half their required number. Mr Evans's delivery, which is very high over the shoulder, has provoked considerable and rather unnecessary and unfair comment. His speed on a dry wicket – such as that of yesterday's – if of course apt to cause the ball to rise occasionally very quickly, and it is greatly to be regretted that he hit the Cambridge men so much about the body; but he has no jerky or purely wrist action, which is the essence of a throw.

Altogether the Oxford team, who certainly excelled their rivals in fielding both for the cleanness with which they picked up the ball and its prompt return to the wicket, are to be heartily congratulated on their victory, which, we are sure, will not be grudged by cricketers of either University.

Cambridge sent in the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr G B Studd at 20 minutes to 12. Mr Evans (pavilion) and Mr Harrison were intrusted with the early bowling. A single to the Cambridge captain in the first over started the score. The third ball of Mr Harrison's opening delivery Mr Bligh cut well for four, to which Mr G B Studd responded with an off-drive for three from Mr Evans. The runs were made in four overs, but the last ball of the fifth, Mr Bligh played rather late round to leg and skied it, and Mr Trevor, running some distance, cleverly secured it. One wicket down. Mr C T Studd joined his brother, Mr G B Studd, who contributed another single and was then very smartly caught at wicket. Two for 11.

Mr Steel arrived, and soon hit a ball of Mr Harrison high up to square-leg; the fieldsman tried to reach it, but could not quite do so, although many thought it might have been better judged; as it was, the ball reached the boundary. In Mr Evans's next over, Mr Steel was hurt, which caused hostilities to be suspended for a short time. Having recovered, he scored two threes by a cut and on-drive – both off Mr Evans. Nineteen runs were the product of eight overs, including a very clean cut through the slips by Mr C T Studd.

A double change was now tried, Messrs Robinson and Peake displacing Messrs Evans and Harrison. This did not at all disconcert the batsmen. In fact, the contrary was the case – Mr C T Studd made an off-drive for four from Mr Robinson, while Mr Steel secured an on-drive for four off the other bowler. At the end of an hour's play, it was found that runs had been obtained at the rate of one per minute. Three runs later, fresh alterations were made; Mr Evans resumed at the pavilion wicket and Mr Robinson crossed over to the nursery. Still runs came for a while, Mr C T Studd making two splendid drives, one to the off and the other to the on, clean along the ground to the pavilion, for four each. At length, however, the total having reached 79, Mr Steel, in hitting round to leg, skied the ball to short slip, where it was secured. Misfortunes seldom come alone, as after three maiden overs had been bowled, Mr C T Studd played the ball into the hands of forward short-leg. Three and four for 79.

Mr Whitfeld and Mr Ford were now together. A cut for two by the latter and a couple of singles were the only contributions in the next six overs, and then Mr Harrison superseded Mr Robinson. A single was the solitary item in the subsequent five overs, and then Mr Whitfeld was caught at long slip. Half the wickets for 86 was a rather sorry look-out for the light blues. Mr J E K Studd now made his appearance, and when 92, which had taken two hours to obtain, had been reached, Mr Peake relieved Mr Harrison. Mr Studd brought the total up to "100" with a square-leg hit for four, but in the following over he was clean bowled by Mr Peake, who thus secured his first wicket of the match. Six for 105. Mr Rowe joined Mr Ford, and when the former had made a leg-hit for two, the adjournment for luncheon was made.

An interval of three-quarters of an hour ensued, and then the end soon came. Before a run had been made, Mr Rowe played the ball easily into point's hands. Seven for 107. Mr Wilson was next on the list, and Mr Ford encouraged those who indulged in the forlorn hope that the match might still be pulled out of the fire by making an off-drive for four off Mr Evans. At 3 o'clock, 120 runs had been made. Only a single had been added when Mr Ford returned Mr Evans the ball. Eight for 121. The two outstanding wickets added but a couple of runs; Mr Spencer fell to a catch well waited for at long-field on, and Mr Wilson played the next ball back into the hands of the bowler. Total, 123. Four bowlers were put on, and all of them were successful; Mr Evans was credited with six wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Oxford were left victors by 135 runs.

Forty-seven matches have now been played between the Universities. Oxford is credited with 22 and Cambridge with 23; two have been left drawn . . .

27 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2472.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 5)

The above counties met yesterday at Trent-bridge Grounds, Nottingham. Rain interfered considerably with the game . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 June, page 12)

This match was concluded at Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday. The home team were defeated by an innings and seven runs . . .

27 June: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2471.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 5)

The above county match was commenced yesterday at Derby. The chief item was Mr Hornby's not-out contribution of 75, made in his well-known style . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 29 June, page 12)

The result of this match, which was concluded at Derby yesterday, was a victory for the visitors by an innings and 141 runs.

30 June: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2474.html)

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

The Gentlemen put a strong and fairly representative team into the field at Kennington Oval yesterday. Unfortunately, the Players, although formidable, were not quite so powerful as they might have been. With the exception of Gunn, there was no representative of Nottinghamshire, and it is to be regretted that in the eleven such able cricketers as Barnes, Morley and Shaw should be omitted. There were about 5,000 spectators present.

The Players batted on an excellent wicket, and at first it seemed as though they would stay all day; but after luncheon they collapsed most miserably. The Gentlemen have begun well, Dr W G Grace batting in wonderfully fine form and showing quite his old facility of knowing where to place the ball. Mr Hornby was got out by a catch right on the fringe of the crowd, from what, under ordinary circumstances, would have been regarded as a very fine hit.

The Players began well by winning the toss and, of course, elected to take possession of the excellent wicket that had been pitched. Midwinter and Ulyett were confronted by Mr Steel (Pavilion) and Mr Evans. The total had reached 31 when Midwinter cut under a ball and it went into slip's hands. Lockwood joined Ulyett, who made a couple of fours by an off-drive and cut. The score having travelled to 50, Mr Evans gave way to Dr W G Grace.

Runs continued to come steadily, and Mr Evans at 69 went on in place of Mr Steel. Each batsman made a four off Dr Grace, Lockwood by an on-drive and Ulyett by a cut. The latter also made an off-drive for four off Mr Evans. At length a ball of Mr Evans's struck Ulyett's middle stump. Two for 107. Next on the list came Barlow. Other changes soon followed. At 114 Dr Grace supplanted Mr C T Studd, and three runs afterwards Mr Steel displaced Mr Evans. When luncheon time arrived the score had reached 121.

After the interval the same bowling was continued. Lockwood made eight in three hits, the chief of which was a late cut for three. Runs now averaged one an over until at 136 Mr Studd went on in lieu of Dr Grace. Lockwood made two cuts of four each and then retired in the third over – clean bowled. His chief hits were four fours, four threes, 10 twos &c. Bates joined partnership with Barlow and made a most promising drive off Mr Steel to the on for four. He did not supplement this by much, however, as at 153 he played the ball into the hands of slip; and without alteration in the total Barlow had his middle stump taken. Four and five for 153. The innings closed at 4.20 for 197. Four bowlers were engaged – three with success . . .

The Gentlemen began their batting with Dr W G Grace and Mr Hornby. The early bowling was undertaken by Peate and Hill. The Gloucestershire captain made a dozen by a cut and leg-hit from Peate and an on-drive off Hill. With the total at 39 Ulyett came on instead of Hill. In his opening over Dr Grace sent the ball to leg for four. At 55 Mr Hornby fell to a grand catch at long-field-on, which only a man of Gunn's stature could have reached. One for 55.

Mr Lucas soon drove a ball of Ulyett's to the off for four; while his companion accelerated the pace of a ball pitched to leg so well that five were run for it. Bates then received the ball from Ulyett. Still the batsmen remained immovable, and several variations in the attack were resorted to, until at length Mr Lucas, who had batted very patiently and well, easily returned the ball. Two wickets down. Mr Penn, who filled the vacancy, led off with a square-leg hit for three, and, in conjunction with Dr Grace, took the total to 160, when stumps were drawn for the day. Dr Grace was most heartily cheered on his way to the pavilion.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 2 July, page 10)

There was a large attendance yesterday at Kennington Oval to witness the continuation of the above match. Dr W G Grace and Mr F Penn, the not-outs of the previous evening, went to the wickets at noon, Hill and Barlow having charge of the attack. With the aid of four singles, Dr Grace completed his 100 amid cheering, but was then clean bowled. Mr Penn fell to a catch at the wicket with the total, 167, unaltered. Four wickets down.

Messrs Ellis and Leslie were now together – the former was bowled before he had scored a run. Mr C T Studd joined the Oxonian, but soon departed, having made a single only, caught at wicket. Six for 173. Twelve runs resulted from the combined efforts of Messrs Leslie and Steel, but the former was then clean bowled. Mr Tylecote came to Mr Steel's assistance. At ten minutes to 1, 200 was telegraphed, and then Mr Tylecote drove Barlow to the on for four. Hill was removed in favour of Peate at 205, and in the latter's first over Mr Tylecote obtained a drive to the on for three, which proved his last contribution, as with the score at 211 he was caught low down at slip. Eight wickets down.

Mr Evans set to work and hit a ball of Barlow's to the off for four. The score had reached 228 when Bates was tried at the Pavilion end for a couple of overs. This change did not answer, and at 236 Ulyett went on. His second delivery dismissed Mr Evans, who started for a run and before he could get behind the popping-crease had his wicket smartly put down by Barlow. The last wicket taken was that of Mr G B Studd, who was well caught at slip. The innings thus closed at 25 minutes to 2, for 236 runs. Of the seven bowlers employed by the Players, only three were successful . . .

At ten minutes to 2 the Players made their second attempt, Ulyett and Midwinter being opposed to the bowling of Messrs Evans and Dr Grace. When the usual interval took place the score stood at 13, of which Ulyett had made eight by a couple of fine leg hits. Upon resuming play at a quarter to 3 the batsmen succeeded in putting on 105 runs before a parting could be effected, Midwinter being then bowled leg-stump. Lockwood filled the vacancy and the pair had added 21 runs when Ulyett was well stumped. His 80 was composed of seven fours, six threes, eight twos &c. Emmett came in and, after making a cut for four, Lockwood was caught at mid-on. Three for 131 runs.

The remaining wickets were obtained in the following order: – Bates caught at long-on, total, 144; Barlow bowled, five runs later. Gunn was given out leg before. Six wickets, 153 runs. Robinson and Emmett put on 21 runs, when the former was stumped. Hill joined his captain, but only made two, and then had his off-stump upset. Emmett was caught at wicket and Pilling was bowled. The innings thus terminated at a quarter to 6, for 182. Only

two out of the five bowlers engaged were successful. Dr Grace took seven wickets . . .

At 6 o'clock the Gentlemen made their second venture, Dr Grace being accompanied this time by Mr Evans, while Peate and Bates took charge of the bowling. Most unfortunate was the commencement. Mr Evans was clean bowled with the total at four, and Dr Grace was also bowled seven runs later. Two for 11 runs. Messrs Lucas and Penn added seven and the former was then well caught at forward mid-on. Mr Steel did not score. Mr Ellis came in and Mr Penn hit Bates to leg for two and drove him to the on for three, but afterwards put the ball into the hands of slip. Half the wickets down for 24 runs. When stumps were drawn for the day, Messrs Ellis and Leslie had put on 17 more. Total 41.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 8)

At the end of the second day's play in this match at Kennington Oval, the game was left at a most interesting stage. The Gentlemen had entered on a second innings with 144 runs to obtain for victory, and five good wickets had been captured for 41 runs. There was, therefore, every probability of a very close finish.

Play was resumed on Saturday, Mr Leslie and Mr Ellis (the not-outs of the previous evening) being again placed in opposition to Peate and Bates. The first hit of importance was a fine off-drive for four by Mr Leslie from Bates, and at 12.20 a single from Mr Ellis caused 50 to be reached. A separation was now effected, a splendid ball from Bates striking the top of Mr Ellis's wicket. Six for 64 runs. Mr C T Studd came and soon set steadily to work. Mr Leslie made three fours in quick succession by a late cut and two off-drives, and the new comer followed with a leg hit for a similar number.

At 81 a change was tried in the attack, and Bates handed the ball to Barlow. This proved fruitless, so at 99 Hill went on in lieu of Peate. Three maiden overs ensued, and then 100 was signalled. With the addition of eight runs Bates went on again in place of Barlow, and the last ball of his opening over Mr Leslie lifted into the hands of long-off. Seven for 109. Mr Hornby arrived, but with an addition of three runs he was caught at mid-off. Eight down. With 32 runs wanting to win and two wickets to fall, it was still anybody's match.

Mr Tylecote now came to the aid of Mr C T Studd, and both batted with extreme caution for a few overs. Mr Tylecote then made a couple of leg-hits for four each. At 126 Barlow relieved Bates. Six runs were made in two overs from him, so at 135 Ulyett went on in his place. Eight overs proved sufficient to settle the matter, Mr Tylecote making the winning hit a few minutes before 2 o'clock. Five bowlers were put on: Bates . . six wickets . . . The Gentlemen thus won the match by two wickets, although the Players left no stone unturned to bring about a different result, their fielding, especially on Saturday morning, being especially brilliant.

4 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2476.html)

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

This match should produce one of the most interesting contests of the season. The teams that met yesterday at Lord's are, however, by no means representative ones. A fairly large number of spectators were present, the weather was delightfully fine and the wicket played very true. Play began at ten minutes past 12, when England, having won the toss, sent in Oscroft and Selby. At five minutes past 4 the innings closed for 219. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

A quarter of an hour having elapsed, Mr J E K Studd and Mr Booth went in to the bowling of Burton and Mills. A single was made by the Cambridge batsman, but the first ball Mills sent him struck his off stump. Midwinter arrived, and his batting threw that of the remainder of the team completely in the shade. Frequent changes in the attack were resorted to, but it was not until the total had reached 105 that he was finely caught at mid-off by Mr Smith. His chief hits were ten fours, three threes, three twos &c. Eight for 105. The two remaining wickets only added three runs. Five bowlers were tried: - E Mills was credited with six wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 111 runs, Marylebone followed on. The ill-fortune which had pursued Mr J E K Studd of late did not forsake him on this occasion, as, after having made a square-leg hit off Platts, that bowler beat him with the next ball. Scotton and Flowers remained together until stumps were drawn . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 12)

The weather yesterday was even hotter than on Monday. It may be remembered that on the previous evening Marylebone had followed on their innings with a deficiency of 111, and at the close of the day one wicket was lost for 20 runs. Flowers and Scotton were again opposed by E Mills and Platts.

The score was rapidly raised to 45, when Burton relieved Platts. Other changes ensued; then Flowers, who had made two fours by leg-hits off Foster, had the top of his wicket struck. Two for 81. Midwinter joined Scotton, who immediately afterwards was missed at slip by Foster. Midwinter made two drives for four from successive balls of E Mills, but the next he easily returned to him. Three for 132. Mr Booth appeared and soon gave a rather hard chance at wicket. At ten minutes to 2, 150 was reached.

After luncheon runs still came quickly. At 3.15, Mr Booth was well taken at wicket, while almost directly afterwards Scotton was bowled - off-stump. Mr Law and Mr Crawford had put on 53, when the latter, who had made some very clean drives to the boundary, was caught at mid-off. Seven for 263. The three remaining wickets only added 13 runs.

England sent in Oscroft and Selby. The bowling was conducted by Morley and Evans. Oscroft made a leg-hit for four, and then Selby lifted the ball to long-field-on, where Flowers, who had to run a considerable distance, secured it. Mr Smith supplied the vacancy, and at 25 Mycroft relieved Morley. Oscroft made a cut for four in his opening over; but in the third

Mr Smith was taken at wicket. Two for 32. Foster joined Oscroft, and when 42 had been obtained, Midwinter relinquished the ball to Flowers. Oscroft hit the latter bowler to leg for three and cut Mycroft for four, but subsequently retired, given out "leg before." Five runs later J Mills, who had not scored, was clean bowled. Four wickets down.

The next two wickets cost but little trouble. Six for 70 runs. In the end the Club and Ground won by 52 runs.

4 July: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2477.html)

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

In the presence of a large attendance, the above match was commenced yesterday at Sheffield. The visitors won the toss, and soon after noon sent Mr Hornby and Barlow to the wickets, while Peate and Bates conducted the attack. The innings closed for 162.

Yorkshire went in, and when play ceased for the day had scored 155 for the loss of seven wickets, the principal item in the day's play being Lockwood's fine innings of 73.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 12)

It was generally expected, when play ceased in the above match at Sheffield on Monday, that Yorkshire would yesterday be able to pass the total of their opponents. This they did, but to the modest extent of a single only. Of the six bowlers tried, Mr Miller claimed the lion's share of wickets, as he was credited with five . . .

Lancashire were unfortunate in losing the services of Mr Hornby for four runs only. Barlow, however, in some measure compensated for this by a capital innings of 69. The last wicket did not fall until 196 had been obtained. This was the number they set their opponents to win, a task which they seemed quite likely to accomplish. When stumps were drawn two wickets were down for 76.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 July, page 8)

The above match was concluded yesterday at Sheffield, and resulted in a victory for the visitors by 50 runs.

4 July: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2475.html)

Day 1 (scorecard but no report from Tuesday 5 July, page 10)

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 12)

Heavy scoring prevailed at Southampton yesterday. At the end of an innings each Sussex were 42 runs behind. So freely did they bat that, at the close of the day, when they had completed their second innings, they left their opponents as many as 297 to get for victory.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 7 July, page 8)

There was a very thin attendance of spectators at Southampton yesterday, when Captain Lipscombe and Mr Wood began batting. Lillywhite and Mr Bettesworth conducted the batting. Before a run had been obtained Mr Wood was bowled by Lillywhite. With the total at 26, Captain Lipscombe was also bowled, and five runs later Mr Meaden was neatly stumped.

Messrs Lacey and Hall were now together, and the Rev F Greenfield was tried with slows, causing Mr Hall soon to be stumped. Mr Crofton played on, half the wickets thus being down for 59. Mr Bencraft was bowled, and Mr Lacey, after showing good cricket for 49, unluckily played on. Total 84. Tate and Young were companions until the former fell to a catch at the wicket. Mr Mildmay being absent, Mr Currie went in, but Young was soon bowled and the innings closed for 121, leaving Sussex victors.

11 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2479.html)

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

It is an undoubted fact that in no contest is better play to be seen than in that between the pick of amateur and professional talent of England. When Gentlemen and Players meet at Lord's the "noble game" is seen to perfection. Nor are its merits unappreciated. With the exception of an occasional shout from someone who it is patent has hardly a superficial knowledge of the game, the spectators are extremely correct in their support of meritorious play. The teams this year were strong, perhaps with one or two exceptions, which it would be ungracious to mention, as strong as well could be got together.

It is a curious fact that of the team of Players which entered the lists against the Gentlemen at Lord's yesterday, ten hail from the North. The weather was delightfully fine, a cool refreshing breeze occasionally sweeping across the ground. The attendance was very large. Although the Players batted rather disappointingly, they bowled and fielded in grand style.

Successful in the toss, the players elected to bat on a good wicket. Midwinter and Ulyett were the first to resist the attacks of Mr Evans (pavilion) and Dr W G Grace. The last ball of the first over Midwinter cut well for four. A leg-bye followed, but when Ulyett had made an off-drive for two, he played the ball into the hands of long-stop. One for seven. Lockwood made nine out of the next 10 runs, including a leg-hit for four, but then Mr Evans took his wicket. Barnes's appearance was the signal for much more steady play. Runs for some time came at the rate of one per minute until at length Barnes made an on-drive for three off Mr Evans; but in the following over he lost the company of Midwinter - clean bowled. Three for 34.

Barlow was next on the list, and 11 runs were the product of four overs. At 47, therefore, Mr Evans gave way to Mr Steel. Fifty runs were the result of as many minutes' play. Nine afterwards, Barlow was caught at point, and the first ball sent to him proved too much for Bates. Half the wickets, 59 runs. Great things were expected from the co-operation of Selby and Barnes. The former effected a leg-hit for four; but at 70 Barnes fell to a good catch low down at point. Six for 70. Seven runs were obtained during Emmett's stay, and then he was bowled. Pilling effected an on-drive for four off Mr Steel, who at 90 was displaced by Mr Evans. No further wicket, however, was taken before luncheon, when 95 runs were registered.

One over afterwards proved sufficient to capture the three outstanding wickets. With his first ball Mr Evans bowled Selby, his third served Peate in the same way, while Morley's wicket was taken with the fourth. Total, 93. Time, 2 hours 55 minutes. Only three bowlers were found necessary. Mr Evans claimed five wickets . . .

Mr Hornby and Dr Grace set vigorously to work on behalf of the Gentlemen against the attacks of Bates and Morley. Twenty-four runs (including an off-drive of four, a cut and leg hit for three) were secured in eight overs. Barlow then superseded Bates. After Mr Hornby had obtained a very lucky hit through the slips for four, runs came at a much slower rate. Mr

Hornby made half-a-dozen by a cut and off-drive in an over of Morley's. This caused Peate to come on; his second ball Mr Hornby tried to hit with the back of his bat and it clean bowled him. One for 45.

Mr Lucas aided Dr Grace, and four runs only were gained from the next nine overs. Six maidens followed, and then a single by Dr Grace caused 50 to be registered. Six runs were added, when Dr Grace, who had not been at home with a couple of overs of Peate's, was clean bowled by him. Two for 56. Mr Penn stayed while his companion got a single, which contribution he also managed to make before playing the ball into the hands of slip. Mr Leslie joined Mr Lucas, and runs were still made at a very tardy pace. The total having arrived at 72, Mr Leslie succumbed to a remarkably fine one-handed catch by the bowler, Peate having to run three or four yards to the off to secure the ball.

Mr Studd came next on the list, and Barlow sent down a dozen maiden overs in succession. Mr Lucas then made two by a leg-hit, and the next over brought the score up to 80 by an on-drive. Bates then came on in lieu of the Lancastrian. Five maiden overs succeeded, and Mr Lucas enlivened matters by hitting a ball of Bates's finely round to leg for four. The bowling continued to be so good that nothing much could be done with it. Six more overs were delivered without a run, when a smart catch at wicket disposed of Mr Lucas. A single by Mr Trevor brought the total up to the entire number gained by the Players; but before another run could be added, Mr Trevor drove a ball to the off and injudiciously called Mr Studd. It was well fielded by Morley, and the consequence was that the last batsman was run out.

An on-drive for a couple by the next comer, the Hon A Lyttelton, caused the three figures to be hoisted at 6 o'clock, after two hours and fifty minutes had been expended in getting them. A double change was now resorted to, Barlow and Morley going on. A capital on-drive by Mr Lyttelton was effected in the opening over. Mr Trevor narrowly escaped being stumped off a ball of Barlow's; but the very next proved fatal to him. Seven for 107. Mr Steel made his appearance, and at 120 Peate relieved Morley. It was left to Barlow, however, to close the innings, which he did in a most summary manner - Mr Lyttelton caught at wicket, Mr Steel clean bowled and Mr Evans served in the same way with the first ball he received. Total, 131. Four bowlers were tried . . .

A second innings of the Players was commenced within a minute of 7 o'clock. Only an over was bowled, which proved unproductive.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 13 July, page 12)

A dull morning yesterday, with intermittent showers, caused some anxiety to be felt by those who wished to witness the continuation of the Gentlemen and Players' match at Lord's. Happily, an hour or two before noon the prospect cleared, and the day turned out as fine as could be wished. Again Thewlis attendance was large.

It must be admitted that in the morning the wicket played somewhat erratically; but few were prepared for the sorry display of batting made by the Players. They fought gallantly, however, to the last wicket. Bates not only secured the highest individual score, but he also bowled so consistently that many cricketers who had watched the game for years confessed they had seldom, if ever, seen its like before. It will be well, too, for young bowlers to note the admirable manner in which he fielded his

own balls. Barlow also surpassed himself, and although vanquished, the Players may congratulate themselves on having made so stern a struggle against so strong a batting team.

As usual on the second day an early start was made. Morley and Peate, the latter of whom had only received an over on the previous evening in the Players' second innings, again proceeded to the wickets, Messrs Studd and Evans conducting the early bowling. The first ball proved most disastrous to Morley, caught at point. One for 0. Ulyett monopolized nearly the whole of the hitting until the total reached 22, when Peate was clean bowled. Lockwood joined Ulyett, and at 24 the latter was easily stumped. Barnes and Lockwood caused a change in the attack to be tried, Mr Steel, at 39, relieving Mr Evans. In his fourth over Barnes was grandly caught at mid-off very low down, and in the fifth Lockwood succumbed to a catch at cover-point. Half the wickets were now down. Barlow and Midwinter were together. The former made a couple of drives for three each and a leg-hit for two prior to being caught at mid-off. Selby's stay proved brief in the extreme - caught at point; and before anything had been added to the score Midwinter was clean bowled. Eight for 58, or only 32 runs on.

Emmett and Bates put a little life into the batting. The former effected two fours by a cut and an off-drive. Bates played steadily, making three on-drives and two cuts, from which ten resulted. Thus the total gradually travelled to 85, when Dr Grace was tried. In his opening over Bates gave a very difficult chance to Mr Trevor at long-on. Immediately afterwards Emmett was clean bowled. Nine for 89. Pilling, the last man, appeared, and a cut for three by Bates brought the Players' total up to that of their first venture, while an on-drive for four by the same batsman in the subsequent over sent the score past 100. Mr Studd now resumed instead of Dr Grace, and at 107 Mr Lucas displaced Mr Steel. His second ball Bates hit well to the on for four, but in the next over Mr Lucas tempted him to lift it into the hands of long-field-on. Total, 112. No fewer than five bowlers were tried. Mr Studd captured five wickets . . .

Requiring 77 to win, the Gentlemen sent in Mr Hornby and Dr Grace; Peate (nursery) and Barlow started the bowling. Three runs were made in as many overs. The first ball after luncheon proved fatal to Mr Hornby - clean bowled. A leg-hit for three by Mr Lucas was the only contribution in seven overs. Dr Grace then played the ball hard on to his wicket. Two for six runs. Mr Penn joined Mr Lucas, and placed four balls nicely round to leg, from which eight resulted. A change was resorted to at 26, Bates superseding Barlow; and a further alteration was tried at 38, when Barnes relieved Peate. Thirty runs took three-quarters of an hour to obtain. Six maidens were sent down in succession, and then Mr Penn hit a ball of Bates's to leg for four, and Emmett came on. After two overs, however, Peate resumed. Bates, who had been bowling remarkably well and had sent down nine overs for a single, followed this up by clean bowling Mr Penn, who had batted in his best style. Three for 44.

A square-leg hit for three by Mr Leslie was the next important item, and at length a single by his companion off Bates raised the total to 50. Up to this point this bowler had sent down 15 overs for two singles and a wicket. Four runs later Barlow went on at the nursery end in place of Peate. Mr Leslie now gave a very difficult return chance to Bates, and Mr Lucas retired in the same over, after playing really excellent cricket. Four for 56. Mr Leslie found himself out through having called his companion for a second run. Four for 57. Mr Trevor batted in good style and at 4.50 managed to make the winning hit. The Players put on as many as five

bowlers to try and get rid of their opponents . . . from the full score it will be seen that the Gentlemen won by five wickets.

14 July: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2480.html)

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

Fears were entertained in the early morning of yesterday that the elements would not prove favourable for the above match at Kennington-oval, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to one of Surrey's most sterling cricketers - Henry Jupp. Fortunately these doubts were not verified, and the weather was extremely fine.

Of the many cricketers who have played for Surrey, none of recent years have done more to raise the drooping fortunes of the county than Jupp. He made his first appearance as one of the Players of England at the Oval in 1865. In that year he obtained the high score of 216 on behalf of the Players of the South against the Gentlemen of the South. So well did Jupp continue to play that in 1866 the executive at head-quarters thought him worthy to play against the Gentlemen at Lord's. During 1867 and 1868 Jupp did little of note; but in 1869 he quite recovered his form. He obtained 76 for the Players of the South at the Oval, 52 in the Gentlemen v Players match at Lord's. 77 and 44 for Surrey against Sussex, 87 against Lancashire, 96 against Yorkshire, 102 (not out) against Nottinghamshire and 106 (not out) against Middlesex. Jupp's most notable performance in 1870 was his score of 55 for the Players against the Gentlemen. In 1871 at the Oval against Gloucestershire he scored 115 out of 244.

During the last few years Jupp has rendered very good service to his county. It was therefore gratifying to find that at the opening of the match yesterday that four or five thousand spectators were present. Excepting the absence of Dr W G Grace, the teams were of a fairly representative character.

Play commenced a few minutes after noon, when the Northerners, successful in the toss, put in Barlow and Ulyett to face the attacks of Mr Robertson and Potter (pavilion). After four maidens Ulyett set to work in earnest, and cut Robertson for two and four, and hit him through the slips for two. Barlow made a couple of singles off Potter; while Ulyett secured a cut for four and a couple of drives for two each from the same bowler. In this manner the total reached 19, when Mr Studd relieved Potter. The next eight overs yielded 18 runs. At 37 the first wicket fell - Barlow was caught at point. Lockwood joined Ulyett and an obstinate stand was then made. Mr Robertson yielded up the ball to Hearne at 66, and 12 runs later Mr Robertson crossed to the pavilion end, thus relieving Mr Studd. At five-and-twenty minutes past 1, 100 runs was noted, and two runs later Mr Lucas superseded Mr Robertson. This change was effective, as in Mr Lucas's first over Lockwood was neatly caught. Two for 102.

Barnes joined Ulyett and quickly proved himself as good a cricketer as ever; in successive overs of Hearne's he made two cuts for four. When 117 had been reached Hearne retired in favour of Potter, who sent down a maiden. Ulyett then punished Mr Lucas's next over to the extent of seven, by on-drives for four and two each and a single. This treatment brought on Mr Studd at 124. Barnes now almost monopolized the hitting, and when the usual interval took place at 2 o'clock he had made 29, and Ulyett 76, not out. Total, 148.

Upon play being resumed at a quarter to 3, after a couple of singles, Barnes was well caught at point. Three for 151 runs. Selby was Ulyett's new partner, and 20 runs were put on before a parting could be effected. Ulyett was the retiring batsman - easily caught at forward short leg for a well played, though not faultless, innings of 92, including ten fours and 14 twos. Hornby now joined Selby and hit in his well-known style, until at 245 he was neatly caught from a hard off-drive, having just before been missed at long-off (a difficult chance). The bowling had just previously been taken charge of by Hearne and Mr Lucas (pavilion). At 264 Mr Studd relieved Mr Lucas, but no changes seemed to affect the batsmen, Mr Studd especially being hit around the ground unmercifully. A cut for four by Bates off Hearne sent up 280, at which point Potter was tried at the gasometer end. All the bowling, however, was treated alike by the pair now in. From Potter's four overs 11 runs resulted, which sent up 300 at 5 o'clock.

From Mr Studd's next over Bates made a couple of off-drives for two and four each, and then Mr Robertson replaced Potter, while Mr F Penn was tried instead of Mr Studd. Mr Robertson's first three overs were most expensive, no fewer than 21 runs resulting therefrom. Selby was at length finely caught at square-leg; his 80 was well put together and comprised nine fours, four threes, eight twos &c. Six for 329. Mr Robertson's bowling continued to be severely handled by Bates, who secured 15 runs from two overs, and then Mr W W Read's lobs were tried. During Emmett's occupancy Mr Penn gave up the ball to Mr Studd at 352. However, when 13 more had been put on, Emmett was clean bowled. Shaw was bowled for a single. Eight for 382.

At 10 minutes past 6 400 was telegraphed amidst considerable cheering, and two runs later Mr Robertson gave up the ball to Mr Lucas. In the first over of this change Pilling was bowled; nine for 405. The last to go was Bates, who was given out "leg before." His 93 was a most praiseworthy effort, and included nine fours, five threes, eight twos &c. The innings was thus finished at 6.25 for 409. seven bowlers were engaged, and six were successful . . .

After a short interval Messrs Ellis and I D Walker commenced proceedings on behalf of the South. Shaw and Peate took charge of the bowling, and in the latter's second over Mr Ellis stumbled and hit his wicket. Mr Lucas assisted Mr Walker until 7 o'clock, when play ceased for the day, total nine.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 12)

Another glorious day was experienced at Kennington Oval yesterday, when the match for Jupp's benefit was continued. The attendance, however, hardly realized expectation. Mr Penn, although not able to run, hit with remarkable vigour, and raised the innings of the South above mediocrity. Still, they had to follow on, and up to the present have shown a falling off even from their first venture.

Soon after noon, Messrs Walker and Lucas, each of whom had obtained a single on the previous evening, again entered on their defence. Peate and Shaw continued the attack. The first-named bowler was cut by Mr Walker for four and by Mr Lucas for three. The score was further augmented by four byes. When 30 had been obtained Pilling thought he had caught Mr Walker, but the umpire decided otherwise. With the addition of three runs Mr Walker was completely beaten by a ball of Shaw's. Two for 33. Mr Studd's

arrival was quickly followed by a leg-hit for four by Mr Lucas off Peate. Six runs came from the seven subsequent overs, and then Mr Lucas fell to a good catch at slip. Three for 43.

Mr Read filled the vacancy, but little could be done against the bowling. Five overs yielded three runs, and then Mr Studd succumbed to a splendid ball of Peate's. Mr Vernon appeared and soon treated the bowling with vigour. He made ten in an over of Shaw's by three on-drives. Mr Read responded with an off-drive for four, and Mr Vernon contributed another on-drive for a like number. At 67 Shaw made way for Barlow. Mr Vernon punished the next over of Peate's severely. He cut the second ball for four, sent the third to leg with like result, and finished up with a single off the last. A check was soon given to this freedom, however, as three overs produced nothing, while in the next Mr Vernon was bowled by Peate. Half the wickets were now down for 78, and without the addition of a run Mr Read retired - clean bowled. Mr Shuter and Hearne were companions, and at 84 Peate relinquished the ball to Bates. Nothing further happened, though, up to the luncheon hour.

Afterwards Peate resumed bowling. A leg-hit for four shot the total up to 100 at five minutes to 3 o'clock. In the next over, Mr Shuter was bowled. Seven for 105. Mr Penn filled the vacancy, having Mr Walker to run for him. He soon hit with freedom, making on and off-drives for four each, and a late cut for three. At 117, Hearne gave a hot chance to Barlow at mid-off. Bates relieved Peate at 126, while nine runs later Shaw resumed at the pavilion wicket. The first ball of the Nottingham bowler's was hit by Mr Penn over the pavilion for six runs. Before anything further had been gained Hearne was clean bowled, and two runs afterwards Mr Robertson was served in the same way. Nine for 148.

Potter joined Mr Penn. The latter drove a ball of Shaw's straight on to the pavilion roof, having just previously made a square leg-hit for four. Nor was Potter idle. He cut a ball of Bates's for four and sent one of the other bowler's to square leg with an equally satisfactory result. Barlow and Peate were now put on again. The chief items which followed were straight and on drives and a late cut for four each by Mr Penn. After this, however, the end soon came, Potter being run out through no fault of his own. Mr Penn thus carried his bat for a most useful 68, composed of a six, three threes, three twos &c. Total, 197. Four bowlers were engaged, all of them with success . . .

In a minority of 212, the South, of course, followed on. Mr Lucas and Mr Ellis were placed in opposition to Shaw (pavilion) and Peate. The start was most disheartening; the third ball clean bowled Mr Ellis, while when four runs only had been made a catch at wicket dismissed Mr Vernon. Two down. Mr Penn arrived, but did not fare nearly so well in the opening venture, being bowled off his pad, with the total at 16. This disaster was quickly followed by another, as at 17 Mr Lucas, returned the ball, which was well secured, low down.

Mr Studd and Mr Read caused affairs to assume a more hopeful aspect. The former secured a couple of cuts and an on-drive for four; but at 68, a well-judged catch at mid-off disposed of him. Mr Robertson made off and on drives of four; but lost the company of Mr Studd, who fell to a very close piece of stumping. Hearne arrived, and Mr Robertson, who had just made another on-drive for four, was clean bowled. Eight for 93. Stumps were now drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 6)

It was particularly unfortunate for Jupp that this match, played for his benefit, should have been of so one-sided a character. All interest in the play had evaporated when stumps were drawn on Friday, and, as a consequence, the attendance on Saturday, the third day, was particularly thin. At 12.25 Hearne, the not out of the previous evening, was accompanied by Potter to the wickets.

The attacks by Shaw (pavilion end) and Peate were, however, so strong that very little could be done by the batsmen. After each bowler had sent down three maidens Hearne secured an off-drive for two and an on-drive for four off Shaw, while in the same bowler's next over he cut him for two, which at 12.40 caused 100 to be signalled. In Peate's succeeding over Hearne hit a ball to square leg for four, and then no fewer than 13 maiden overs were bowled. Peate came in for the remainder of the punishment. Hearne hit him to leg for four and cut him for three, while Potter secured an off-drive for two and a brace of singles.

It was, however, left to Shaw to finish the match, as from the last delivery of his next over Hearne was caught at extra mid-off. Mr I D Walker being absent owing to a hurt hand, the Northerners were thus at 1 o'clock victorious by an innings and 91 runs. Shaw and Peate divided the honours as follows . . .

18 July: T EMMETT'S XI v A SHAW'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2484.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 10)

Although the morning was somewhat dull at Bradford yesterday, there was a numerous company present to witness the opening of a match under the above title. The teams included in their ranks some of the best known professionals in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire. Shaw won the toss and at half-past 12 sent in Shrewsbury and Selby to the bowling of Peate and Bates.

These batsmen obtained nearly half of the entire number of runs with which their side was credited. Barnes received a severe blow on the hand from Ulyett's bowling when he had made 14, which caused his temporary retirement. On his return he only added five, and was then clean bowled. The last wicket fell for 117. Four bowlers were engaged . . .

Ulyett saw the downfall of four of his companions, and then remained unbeaten with 50 runs obtained . . .

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Wednesday 20 July, page 12)

Day 3 (report from Saturday 21 July, page 5)

The above match at Bradford was left in a state on Tuesday evening which admitted of little doubt as to its ultimate issue. Emmett's - or one might almost say Yorkshire's - team only wanted 81 runs to win, and had an innings in which to obtain them. Bates and Emmett, the former of whom had already been credited with four runs, were at the wickets at a quarter past 12. Flowers and Morley conducted the attack.

A catch at the wicket soon dismissed Emmett. Lockwood had the misfortune to play a ball of Barnes's on to his wicket, while Bates, while Bates, who had batted in excellent style, succumbed to a catch at deep mid-off. Ulyett and Clegg were now in company and soon obtained the necessary runs. Four bowlers had been put on . . . The subjoined score will show that Emmett's eleven won the match by seven wickets.

18 July: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2483.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 10)

On a very fast wicket these counties met at Brighton yesterday. The visitors were first in possession, and Mr Patterson and the Hon Ivo Bligh defeated the bowling for a considerable time. At luncheon, despite many variations in the attack, they had accumulated 129 runs.

Mr Bligh was ultimately caught at point and Mr Patterson stumped. Among the former's hits were eight fours, and three and six twos; those of the latter included a five, five fours, five threes and eight twos. O'Shaughnessy and Mr Bettsworth also batted well, and it was not until 327 had been obtained that the Kentish innings terminated. Sussex at the end of the day had lost a wicket for 14 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 July, page 12)

The above match was continued yesterday at Brighton. With a deficiency of 157, Sussex followed on, and when play ceased for the day they had passed the Kentish score by 9 runs at the cost of six wickets.

Day 3 (report from Saturday 21 July, page 5)

In somewhat cooler weather, the above match was concluded yesterday at Brighton. Sussex, who had followed on, continued their batting with J Phillips and Payne, to whom were opposed Wootton and G Hearne. Payne was dismissed by a catch at wicket, while Lillywhite was bowled. Mr Blackman and J Phillips gave much more trouble; the latter was at length caught at mid-off for 77, in which were eight fours, two threes, four twos &c. Mr Blackman was beaten by a ball from G Hearne; his 89 was composed of a five, 14 fours, seven twos &c. The innings closed for 296. Four of the seven Kent bowlers engaged were successful . . .

With 140 runs to get for victory, Kent, just before 3 o'clock, sent in the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr W H Patterson, Lillywhite and Mr Bettsworth having charge of the attack. Mr Patterson, without scoring, succumbed to a catch at wicket; Mr Bligh, however, was more fortunate and compiled 58 before he was caught by the Sussex captain. G Hearne and Mr Kemp were soon afterwards disposed of. Mr Renny-Tailyour and O'Shaughnessy then put on the requisite runs, and the visitors were left victorious by six wickets.

21 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2487.html)

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

Only a small number of spectators were present at Lord's yesterday to witness the commencement of the match against Hampshire. The visitors were successful in the toss, and deputed Messrs Kaye and Abdy to oppose the attacks of Rylott and Flowers.

This they did to a very feeble extent. Indeed, so good was the bowling that Mr Crofton was the only batsman who could make any headway against it, and out of a total of 66 he obtained more than two-thirds, prior to being taken at the wicket. Flowers secured five wickets . . and Rylott the same number . . .

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

The above match was concluded yesterday, at Lord's. Play was resumed at half-past 11, in dull, threatening weather. Comparatively little time was needed to obtain the runs necessary for victory, and directly after 1 o'clock Mr Vernon made a grand on-drive for six, the winning hit. The Club and Ground were thus victorious by seven wickets. Young was the only successful bowler . . .

21 July: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2488.html)

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

There was only a moderate attendance at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the commencement of this match. Having won the toss, the home county put in Mr Pontifex and Jupp, to whom were opposed Attewell and Wright. Proceedings were commenced by a maiden over from Wright. Attewell's first over realized seven, towards which Mr Pontifex contributed four, by a leg-hit for two and a couple of singles, Jupp securing a cut for three (his only hit).

Four subsequent overs of Wrights yielded 19 runs, including two drives for four each and a cut for three, all from Mr Pontifex's bat. Jupp was dismissed by a ball from Attewell, which took his off-stump. One for 27. Mr Lucas now joined Mr Pontifex. The first hour's play produced 60 runs. Subsequently Mr Lucas was smartly caught at wicket. Two for 92 runs. At 20 minutes to 2 100 was signalled, and Mr W W Read, who was now Mr Pontifex's companion, made a cut and off-drive for four each from Mills. The last named bowler was superseded by Wright at 114, and at 2 o'clock, when the customary interval took place, the total stood at 128. Soon after luncheon a fine catch at slip disposed of Mr Pontifex for 89. Three for 133.

Mr Shuter was next in partnership with Mr W Read, and just before half-past 3 200 was telegraphed. Mr W W Read was caught at clip with the score at 208. The fifth wicket, Mr Shuter's, fell for 233. F Read arrived and made but a brief stay; he skied a ball of Attewell's, which mid-off promptly received. Six for 238. M Read was now partnered by Caffarey, and at 246 Wright relieved Shooter. The latter change produced no effect, and Mills was then tried at 273. The next wicket fell to Attewell, who found out Caffarey's weak place. Abel made a single and was then overcome by a ball from Mills. Eight for 280. Barratt without scoring had his leg-stump struck, and M Read hit round rather late at a ball, and it was secured at short-leg. The innings closed for 293. Three of the four bowlers tried were successful. Attewell claimed five wickets . . .

At a quarter after 5, Nottingham sent in Mr Oates and Gunn; the bowling was intrusted to Jones and Barratt. At 17 Gunn was bowled. Butler and Mr Oates put on 22, when the latter was unfortunately run out. Mr Royle, who followed, was beaten by his first ball. Three for 39. When Oscroft joined Butler considerably better play was shown; the former secured an off-drive for four from Barratt, and the latter a square-leg hit for the same amount. At 56 Barratt gave up the ball to Abel, and 13 runs later Mr Lucas replaced Jones. From the former change Oscroft succumbed to a catch at wicket. Four for 70 runs.

Wild now appeared, and with Butler added six to the total, when the latter failed to keep a ball of Jones's out of his wicket. With this ended the day's proceedings, half the wickets being now down for 76 runs.

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

In dull weather the above match was continued yesterday at Kennington Oval. At 25 minutes past 12 Wild, the not out, went in accompanied by Wright.

With no addition to the previous evening's score, Wild was neatly caught by third man. Six for 76. One run later Wright was taken at point.

Attewell, who was now in with Mills, gave a somewhat easy chance at slip, of which Jones failed to avail himself. Mills then hit Barratt for seven, made by a late cut for three and an off-drive for four. Another over of Barratt's was liberally treated by the same batsman, who secured a square-leg hit and a drive to the off for four each. Just before 1 o'clock 100 was signalled, and with the addition of a single Jones went on at the pavilion wicket, while Barratt took the opposite end. The first over of the latter change resulted in Attewell being stumped. Eight for 101. Sherwin, who was last in, was taken at mid-off, and the innings closed at 10 minutes past 1 for a total of 109. Of the four bowlers engaged three were successful: Barratt took five wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 184, Nottingham, of course, followed on. Messrs Royle and Oates were attacked by Jones and Barratt. Mr Boyle drove Barratt's first delivery to the on for four, and his partner sent Jones to the off for a similar figure. Mr Royle's stay, however, was brief; he injudiciously stepped out and was smartly stumped. A longer stand was made when Gunn joined Mr Oates. The score had risen to 42 before the former skied a ball into Abel's hands. A 53 Mr Lucas received the ball from Barratt, and his first delivery resulted in the dismissal of Mr Oates. Three for 53. Oscroft and Butler put on 14 before a separation occurred, when the latter was clean bowled.

Further misfortunes happened to Nottinghamshire. Wild was dismissed by a catch at long slip, and at 70 Wright was beautifully caught and bowled by Mr Lucas, who took the ball high up with the right hand. Six down. With an addition of 20 runs Barratt resumed, and five later Abel supplanted Jones. At 107 Mr W W Read was tried with lobs, and Jupp then took charge of the wicket. Seven runs later Oscroft was well caught in the long-field by Mr Lucas, who in spite of a tumble retained possession of the ball. Seven for 114 runs. Mr Read's next over yielded six runs from the bat of Mills, who succeeded Oscroft. In consequence of this Jones again took the ball at 125. The fourth over of the change resulted in the downfall of Attewell, who retired clean bowled.

More difficulty was experienced in dealing with the next coalition - that of Shooter and Mills - and at 155 it was deemed necessary to reinstate Barratt, in whose second over Shooter was taken at cover-point. Very shortly afterwards Mills was caught at mid-off. Total 162. The victory thus rested with Surrey by an innings and 22 runs. Four of the five Surrey bowlers took wickets . . .

21 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2486.html)

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

In the presence of a large company of spectators a match between these powerful cricketing counties opened yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, for the benefit of M'Intyre. The visitors won the toss and sent in Dr W G Grace and Dr E M Grace. Watson and Mr Steel were the bowlers.

At the outset all went well, as 19 runs were speedily obtained. Dr E M Grace, however, was then clean bowled. Then followed a most unlooked-for collapse. Dr W G Grace, who obtained exactly a third of the moderate score of 42, played the ball on to his wicket, and none of the other batsmen did anything worthy of mention. Mr Steel claimed five wickets . . .

Mr Hornby monopolized nearly the whole of the hitting until he played the ball into the hands of slip. Barlow also did well, his batting at times showing a little more than its usual freedom. The innings terminated for 236 runs. Five bowlers were engaged, four of whom claimed wickets . . .

Gloucestershire went in a second time . . .

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

The above match was concluded yesterday afternoon at Manchester in favour of the home county by an innings and 36 runs. Three of the five Lancashire bowlers were successful. Mr Steel took seven wickets . . .

21 July: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2485.html)

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

This match was commenced yesterday at Maidstone. Yorkshire, strong at all points, batted well, while their rivals made a much better stand than had been expected against no formidable a bowling team.

Day 2 (scorecard but no report from Saturday 23 July, page 12)

25 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2491.html)

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

At Sheffield yesterday this match was begun. Yorkshire went in first and completed its innings for 116 runs, Lockwood making the top score with 30, Hall 24 and Grimshaw 22. Gloucestershire obtained 145 runs for eight wickets, Day and Bush being not out and Woof to go in. Dr W G Grace scored 8 runs; Dr E M Grace, 22; Midwinter, 30; and Mr J Cranston, 42.

Day 2 (report from 27 July, page 10)

Unfavourable weather prevented the above match being resumed yesterday at Sheffield until a quarter before 2. Messrs Bush and Day, the not outs, were then attacked by Bates and Peate. Mr Day put a ball into cover-point's hands, and Woof, the last man, was bowled middle stump. Total 150. The three bowlers engaged were all successful; Peate took five wickets . . .

After the usual interval, Yorkshire entered on their second venture, and when play ceased for the day had lost three wickets for 48 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 July, page 6)

Another dull morning at Sheffield caused some anxiety to be felt as to whether this match would be again delayed. Fortunately, however, at noon the prospect brightened. At the close of the previous day each side had completed an innings, and Yorkshire, in a minority of 34 runs, had lost three batsmen in their second venture for 48.

The seven outstanding wickets did not prove so productive as was anticipated, the innings closing for a total of 121, towards which the Lockwoods had contributed nearly half the entire number obtained from the bat. Three bowlers were engaged . . .

With 88 to win, Gloucestershire went in a second time. Midwinter hit with considerable vigour, and the necessary runs were soon obtained. From the subjoined score it will be seen that Gloucestershire were victors by five wickets.

25 July: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2490.html)

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

The two elevens met at Brighton yesterday. Notts went first to the wickets and made 174 runs, of which Butler contributed 52 and Oscroft 35. At the close of the day's play Sussex had scored 149 for four wickets, Mr Ellis (not out) contributing 71 and the Rev F J Greenfield, 54.

Day 2 (report from 27 July, page 10)

The above county match was resumed yesterday at Brighton at 20 minutes to 12. After adding 17 to his not-out score, Mr Ellis was neatly taken at point; his 88 contained 12 fours, five threes, seven twos &c. The innings was over soon after 1 o'clock for 210. The bowling honours were divided between Mills and Attewell; the latter claimed seven wickets . . .

The visitors started their second innings at 1.30, and when time was called had scored 150 for the loss of six wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 July, page 6)

The above county match was concluded yesterday at Brighton. Play was resumed at 11.30, when the not-out Wright continued his innings. Wild, who was hurt on the previous day, did not put in an appearance. Wright succumbed to a catch at wickets, and eventually the visitors were all disposed of for 172.

Requiring 137 to win, Sussex entered on their second essay, but only succeeded in obtaining 100. Nottinghamshire were thus left victors by 36 runs.

25 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2489.html)

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

This match at Maidstone was less attractive than hoped for, as neither Mr F Penn nor the Hon Ivo Bligh was able to play for Kent. Surrey scored 245 for its first innings – Mr M Read, not out, contributing 81, Mr W W Read 42 and Jones 41. Kent obtained 117 for four wickets, of which Mr Renny-Tailyour, not out, made 58, and Mr Tylecote 27.

Day 2 (report from 27 July, page 10)

The above match was continued yesterday at Maidstone. Surrey batted in a very free style . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 July, page 6)

When play in the above match ceased on Tuesday evening at the Mote-park, Maidstone, the result seemed to be quite a foregone conclusion for Surrey, and so it proved. Although both Mr Kemp and O'Shaughnessy batted well, the last Kentish wicket fell for 175, two short of the number obtained in their opening venture, Barratt and Jones dividing the bowling honours. The full score appended will show that Surrey won their second match of the season by 203 runs.

28 July: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2493.html)

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

A return match between these counties opened yesterday on the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. It was rather surprising that the Yorkshire team were all disposed of for 96. Mr Hornby and Barlow appeared on behalf of Lancashire . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 10)

Play in the above match was continued yesterday at Manchester. The not-outs, Mr Hornby and Barlow, resumed batting, being opposed by Peate and Bates. The pair hit so steadily that a double change of bowling was resorted to, Moseley and Emmett taking charge of the ball.

At 58 H Lockwood was tried, but he relinquished the ball to his brother at 75. These changes were ineffectual, and with the score at 93 Peate and Bates were reinstated. Mr Hornby was at length got rid of by a well-timed catch at cover-point – total 109. His 69 was compiled in first-class style and contained five fours, three threes, eight twos &c. Mr Steel also batted with great freedom for 57. The home team were not disposed of until 212 runs stood to their credit. Three of the five Yorkshire bowlers secured wickets, the lion's share falling to Emmett, who took five . . .

Yorkshire entered on their second essay, and at the end of the day's play had made 96 for the loss of seven wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 10)

When play ceased in this match at Manchester on Friday, Yorkshire had only three wickets to fall and required 20 runs to avert a single innings defeat. The unconquered batsmen, however, offered much sterner resistance than had been anticipated. Emmett batted with great determination and hit together no fewer than 75 runs before being bowled. The last wicket did not fall until 185 had been obtained.

Lancashire now required 69 to win – a number obtained at the cost of a couple of wickets. They have twice defeated their powerful northern rivals this summer. At the beginning of July, at Sheffield, they were victorious by 50 runs, and on the present occasion, as the subjoined score will show, they won by eight wickets.

28 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2494.html)

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

The opening match between the above counties began yesterday at Nottingham. The visitors lost the toss and the home team ran up a total of 240. Four of the five Gloucestershire bowlers engaged were successful . . . Gloucestershire went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 10)

The above contest was resumed yesterday at Nottingham, when the visitors continued their innings and were eventually disposed of for a total of 155. In their second venture much better form was shown by Gloucestershire. Dr W G Grace played in grand style for 117 and at the close of the day remained unconquered, the total then being 305 for the loss of five wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 10)

Rain caused considerable delay in this match at Nottingham on Saturday. During the afternoon, however, some very free hitting was indulged in, Dr W G Grace batting in quite his old style for 182. Mr Moberly's 83 was also a masterly performance. The innings realized 483 runs. Five bowlers were engaged . . . Stumps were now drawn and the game was left unfinished.

28 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2492.html)

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

Heavy scoring was made by Kent yesterday at the Mote-park Ground, Maidstone. The batting of Mr Tylecote was especially noteworthy, and he occupied the wickets for a couple of hours. The innings ultimately closed for 350 runs. As many as seven bowlers had been engaged . . . Sussex started their batting . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 10)

The result of Thursday's cricket in the above match at Maidstone left small hope that Sussex would be able to make any appreciable heading against the 350 runs with which Kent were credited as the result of an innings. Few people, however, were prepared for the poor show made by the visitors against the attacks of Mr A Penn and Wootton. The meagre total of 56 in their first victory necessitated a follow on.

But slight improvement was manifested in the second innings, and Kent ultimately won by an innings and 222 runs. Only two Kentish bowlers were engaged; in the double innings Mr A Penn secured as many as 13 wickets . . .

Monday 1 August, page 10: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

To-day the annual week at Canterbury commences, on the St Lawrence Ground. The match on the first and second days is to be played for the benefit of Henty, the Kent wicket-keeper.

1 August: KENT v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2496.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 3)

Yesterday the 40th Canterbury Week was commenced at the St Lawrence Ground. Owing to the absence of Lord Harris and Mr Frank Penn, the county team, none too strong at any time this season, was not so good as could have been wished, and as the Eleven chosen to meet them was powerful in both batting and bowling, the prospects of Kent were not bright at the outset.

The opening days of the match are to be devoted to the benefit of Henty. But for Sunday's rain the wickets would have been very fast, but the showers affected them, and yesterday as they dried again they became difficult and favoured the bowlers. Before the game had been long in progress the ball bumped very much and several of the batsmen – notably Mr Patterson, the best of the side (who had to leave the wicket) – received awkward blows. After luncheon the wicket improved fast and run-getting was made much more easy work as the ground dried. By the time England began their innings there was little fault to find with the pitch and the judgment of Mr Walker in letting his opponents bat first was fully justified. The attendance was very good, more than the usual number of spectators being present.

At a little after half-past 12 o'clock, Kent sent in the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr Mackinnon, who were opposed to the bowling of the Notts professionals, Morley and Barnes. When 19 runs had been made, Morley bowled the Hon Ivo Bligh, who retired with ten runs to his credit. Mr Renny-Tailyour had hardly taken his place before Mr Tylecote was given out leg before to Morley. Another wicket soon followed, as, O'Shaughnessy having come in, Mr Renny-Tailyour was caught and bowled by Morley; the second, third and fourth wickets fell at the same total, 19.

Mr A Penn joined O'Shaughnessy and cut Morley for three; by at 22 the professional was bowled by Morley. Messrs Patterson and A Penn were at once separated, as the latter was bowled by Barnes, his wicket falling also at 22. With six wickets down, Mr Foord-Kelcey joined Mr Patterson. At 2 o'clock the total was 54 for seven wickets. At 75, Hearne, who had just hit Morley to square leg for four, was bowled by the left-hander for a very useful 16. Eight for 75. The innings closed at 3.55 for 94. Mr Kemp carried out his bat for a well-made 19. Three bowlers were engaged, and all with success. Morley took five wickets . . .

Mr A N Hornby and the Hon A Lyttelton, who began England's innings at 12 minutes past 4 o'clock, were opposed by Messrs A Penn and Foord-Kelcey. The score soon mounted to ten; then Mr Hornby was bowled by Mr Foord-Kelcey and made way for Mr Studd. Shortly afterwards each batsman might have been caught – Mr Studd at mid-on and the Hon A Lyttelton at long-on. The

latter, however, did not profit much by his let-off, as at 29 he was caught at mid-off for 12.

At the fall of the second wicket, Mr Walker joined Mr Studd, who was dismissed at 51 by a good ball from Mr Foord-Kelcey. He had put together 20 runs. As soon as Mr A J Webbe had come in Mr Walker sent Mr Penn to the off for four. Mr Walker, who had been in a long while for his runs, was caught at slip off Mr Penn at 57, and made room for Mr Steel, who quickly began to score. When stumps were drawn at a quarter to 7 o'clock, 148 runs had been made and the innings was not finished.

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

Yesterday the weather was again favourable and there was a numerous company at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, to witness the second day's play in the first great match of the week. At a few minutes past noon the overnight not-outs, Messrs R A H Mitchell and G F Vernon, took their places at the wickets, and a start was made to the bowling of Messrs A Penn and Foord-Kelcey.

At the outset runs were put on fast, and when the total amounted to 180, G G Hearne was put on to bowl in place of Mr Penn. From his sixth ball Mr Mitchell made an on-drive for three. Before the score had been altered Mr Vernon was bowled. The innings produced altogether 224 runs, 130 more than the total of Kent.

In the 20 minutes left for play before luncheon, England managed to take one of the Kent wickets at a cost of one run only. Kent sent in Mr Kemp and O'Shaughnessy, to whom were opposed Morley and Barnes. Some improvement was shown in the batting; but not sufficient to invest the match with much interest, and the last wicket fell for 157. Mr Patterson, who was disabled, did not bat. England now required 28 to win; these they made without mishap, and were thus left victors by 10 wickets.

1 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2497.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 3)

The above annual match was commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The visitors, successful in the toss, elected to bat, and at 5 minutes past 12 put in the Rev F J Greenfield and Mr R T Ellis, to whom were opposed Jones (pavilion wicket) and Barratt. The innings closed at 25 minutes for 4 for 95.

At 5 minutes to 4 Mr Lindsay and Jupp went to the wickets on behalf of Surrey, while Mr Bettsworth and Lillywhite took charge of the attack. The commencement was rather disastrous, as Jupp was run out with the total at seven. Mr J Shuter was Mr Lindsay's next companion, and some lively hitting followed, until Mr Shuter was driven on to his wicket - two for 30. Mr W W Read now assisted Mr Lindsay, who at length was caught at wicket - three for 78. M Read was the next arrival, and the 100 was hoisted at 5.25. At a quarter to 6 rain fell so heavily that play had to be abandoned for the day. Total, 124.

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

The above match was continued at Kennington Oval yesterday, when Surrey proceeded with their innings and scored 193. Sussex went in for the second time and greatly improved on their previous attempt with a score of 136. The home county secured the 39 runs necessary for victory at a cost of two wickets, and thus won the match by eight wickets.

1 August: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2495.html)

Day 1 – no report found

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

On Monday the above counties met at Derby, when the home team completed an innings for 174 runs. Yorkshire went to the wickets, and at the close of the day's play had made 101 for the cost of two wickets.

Yesterday the visitors continued their innings and put together 186. In their second venture Derbyshire only scored 80 runs. Requiring 69 runs to win, Yorkshire went in a second time and when play ceased had lost one wicket for 28 runs.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 4 August, page 10)

This match was concluded at Derby yesterday. There was a considerable falling-off in the attendance, doubtless owing to the fact that Yorkshire only wanted 41 runs to win the match and had nine wickets to fall. These runs the visitors soon obtained at the cost of two more wickets, E Lockwood, the not-out of the previous evening, remaining unconquered, with 46 runs to his credit. The home team were thus defeated by seven wickets. In the double innings of Derbyshire, three of the four bowlers took wickets; Peate claimed the greatest number, securing ten . . .

3 August: KENT v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2498.html)

Day 1 (report from Thursday 4 August, page 10)

Yesterday, at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, a match between Twelve Gentlemen of England and the County of Kent was commenced. The weather was inclined to be dull, a cold wind lowering the temperature all day, and the spectators were hardly so numerous as usual. Play was begun at a quarter past 12 o'clock, the Gentlemen, who won the toss, sending in Mr Thornton and the Hon A Lyttelton.

Mr Foord-Kelcey and G G Hearne started the bowling, and in the professional's third over the Hon A Lyttelton was caught at point. One for six. Mr Mitchell joined Mr Thornton, who was missed at square leg off Mr Foord-Kelcey. At 23, however, he was caught at extra long off by Collins, who had just missed him. Two for 23. Mr Steel, the next to bat, was leg before wicket to Hearne, and was succeeded by Mr Webbe, who was run out before a run had been added.

A fifth wicket was quickly disposed of, Mr Walker being bowled with the total at 38. Mr Mitchell had as his next associate Mr Vernon, whom Mr Foord-Kelcey dismissed with a bailer. Six for 46. Mr C C Clarke added 11 to the score before being caught at long slip, and at a few minutes before 2 o'clock play was suspended for luncheon, the score so far being 65 for seven wickets.

After an interval of 20 minutes Mr Hornby and Mr Mitchell resumed the innings, the bowling being unaltered. Before Mr Mitchell had increased his score he was bowled. With Mr Robertson for his partner Mr Hornby played fast cricket, getting a couple of fours off Mr Foord-Kelcey in one over. When Mr Robertson was bowled at 89 the innings was nearly over, as shortly after Mr Cottrell had come in Mr Hornby was caught at mid-off at 92, and, the Hon E Lyttelton being absent, the innings closed with the fall of the tenth wicket . . .

Kent at 4 o'clock began their innings with Mr Mackinnon and the Hon Ivo Bligh. Messrs Robertson and Steel were the bowlers. Slowly 28 runs were made, at which total Mr Steel gave way to Mr Cottrell. With the addition of a single, Mr Mackinnon was caught at point, and Mr Tylecote took his place. The last comer was caught at the wicket at 34, and Mr Renny-Tailyour joined Mr Bligh. When, mainly by the fine batting of Mr Bligh, the total had been raised to 52, Mr Steel superseded Mr Robinson, and from his first ball Mr Bligh was taken by point. Three for 52. G Hearne and Mr Renny-Tailyour were in company while six runs were being added. The latter was then bowled; four for 58.

O'Shaughnessy came in, and at 69 was caught at the wicket. Mr Foord-Kelcey succeeded him. At 68 a change of bowling was tried, Mr Robertson superseding Mr Steel. It was at once successful, Hearne being caught by the wicket-keeper. Mr M Kemp with Mr Foord-Kelcey made some stand and caused a rearrangement of the bowling, Mr Steel taking the place of Mr Robertson, who went on at the opposite wicket. By slow play the total was brought to 116, when Mr Foord-Kelcey was bowled. At the fall of the seventh wicket Collins joined Mr Kemp, and was in with him at a quarter to 7, when stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Friday 5 August, page 10)

Yesterday, when play in the match between 12 Gentlemen of England and Kent was resumed, the weather was very fine and the wicket had greatly improved. In all respects the committee of the county club have reason to be satisfied with the day, as the attendance was, perhaps, the greatest known. The cricket was good and great interest was shown in the game.

At 10 minutes to 12 o'clock the overnight not-outs, Mr M Kemp and Collins, resumed the innings, the bowling being entrusted to Messrs Cottrell and Robertson. When 11 runs had been added to the total, Mr Kemp was caught at wicket. Eight for 133. F Hearne, who came next on the list, was bowled before he had scored. Nine for 133. With Mr J Patterson, Collins defended the wickets till, at 136, Mr Steel took the ball from Mr Cottrell and the innings soon afterwards closed for 143.

A few minutes after 1 o'clock the Gentlemen of England were represented at the wickets by Mr I D Walker and A J Webbe, who were opposed to the bowling of Mr Foord-Kelcey and G Hearne. Mr Walker was soon caught at slip. After being joined by the Hon A Lyttelton, Mr Webbe hit freely, and his partner doing his share of run making, the figures were quickly raised to 44, when Wootton took the ball from Mr Foord-Kelcey. Just before luncheon the Hon A Lyttelton was caught at slip. Two for 52. Mr Steel was in for a few minutes before the game was adjourned with the score at 57.

Mr Foord-Kelcey and G Hearne bowled after luncheon, and the former quickly disposed of Mr Webbe. Mr Mitchell faced Mr Steel, who at 58 was bowled by Hearne, and the fourth wicket was down when the Hon Edward Lyttelton came in. He made the highest score of his side. The last wicket fell for 130.

For Kent, who wanted 80 runs to win, the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr Mackinnon were the first to appear at the wickets, the bowling being entrusted to Messrs Steel and Robertson. The captain had made four when he was well caught at mid-off by Mr Vernon. The runs required were made by 10 minutes past 6 o'clock, and Kent thus won by nine wickets.

4 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2499.html)

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

This return match by commenced at Clifton yesterday. The visitors, successful in the toss, elected to bat, and made altogether 163 runs. Gloucestershire made a very sorry show, being all disposed of for 63; they consequently followed on, and when stumps were drawn had made 22, at the cost of two wickets.

In the Nottingham innings, Midwinter was the most effective bowler, with five wickets . . for 54 runs. In the Gloucestershire first innings, Flowers's bowling was really admirable; he was accredited with eight wickets . . for only 23 runs.

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

Yesterday Messrs Gilbert and Gribble continued the Gloucestershire second innings to the bowling of Flowers and Wright. Six wickets had fallen for 59 runs, when Mr Townsend and Dr W G Grace began batting together. The play was very steady, but at length these two valuable wickets fell - Dr W G Grace was bowled by Flowers and Mr Townsend was beaten by a ball from Wright. Messrs Cranston and Greene made a resolute effort to avert defeat, but the innings closed for 116, leaving the visitors only 17 to get to win. Both Flowers and Wright claimed four wickets . . .

After luncheon Gunn and Butler represented Nottingham. The necessary runs were soon obtained and the visitors thus won by ten wickets.

Monday 8 August, page 8: THE CANTERBURY WEEK

Contrary to the usual custom, there was no play at Canterbury on Saturday, and the epilogue spoken on Friday evening brought "the Week" to a close. There is no disguising the fact that the cricket this year was of a rather uninteresting description. Various suggestions have been thrown out with a view to improving matters in this respect, the most pertinent of which, perhaps, is that one of the Kent home county matches should be introduced into the programme.

8 August: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2500.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 9 August, page 10)

A match under the above title was commenced yesterday at the Sussex County Ground, Brighton. Its proceeds are to be devoted to James Lillywhite, who has played many years for his county. A start was made at 25 minutes to 1, when the players, successful in the toss, sent Ulyett and Shrewsbury to the wickets. The early bowling was intrusted to Messrs Appleby and Bettsworth.

Mr Appleby's first over brought about the dismissal of Ulyett, who played on to his wicket. The co-operation of Barnes with Shrewsbury produced 43 runs, when the latter retired. Barnes then had Selby for companion, and 20 runs were put on. At 63 the new batsman was closely caught at wicket. Two runs were added, and Barnes was then completely beaten by a ball from Mr Bettsworth; his 36 included six fours. Four for 65.

Bates and Barlow were now in partnership. The usual adjournment took place, with the score at 97; and upon play being resumed Mr Steel displaced Mr Bettsworth. At half-past 3 100 was registered, shortly after which Mr Appleby handed the ball to Mr Lucas. To Bates and Barlow belong the batting honours of the day, the latter remaining unconquered with a score of 54. The innings closed for 204.

On behalf of the Gentlemen, Messrs Pearson and Ellis went to the wickets. The latter, after having made eight, failed to stop a ball from Bates. Mr Trevor then assisted Mr Pearson . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 10 August, page 8)

This match was continued at Brighton yesterday in fine though somewhat boisterous weather. At a few minutes after noon the not-outs, Messrs Pearson and Trevor, resumed the defence, Morley and Bates bowling. With an addition of 15 runs, Mr Trevor was bowled. The total had reached 47 when Mr Pearson got out of the crease and was stumped before he could get back. Mr A G Steel failed to score, and Mr Vernon, after making three runs and a single, succumbed to a ball from Morley.

The partnership of Messrs Hornby and Whitfeld caused a rapid augmentation of the score, and at 84 Bates relinquished the ball to Shaw. Two runs later another change was made, Morley being replaced by Emmett. In spite of these changes the batsmen still scored at a great pace, Mr Hornby, as might be expected, making the majority of the runs. His batting was as smart and clean as ever. Barlow and Barnes now took charge of the bowling. At luncheon time the score was 138, of which Mr Hornby had made as many as 59.

Hostilities were continued at 10 minutes past 3, and with an addition of 12 runs only, Mr Hornby was dismissed by Barlow for 69. Ten more runs were added, and then Mr Tylecote played a ball into the wicket-keeper's hands. The innings closed through a clever catch by Emmett at mid-on, which dismissed Mr Appleby, with the total at 204 – singularly enough, the same as that of the players. Six bowlers were engaged, only half being successful: – Bates carried off the palm with six wickets . . .

The players started their second venture, and when play ceased for the day had made 45 runs at the cost of four valuable wickets.

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

At the discontinuance of play on Tuesday in the above match at Brighton, it may be recollected that each side had made 204, the Players having lost four wickets in their second innings for 45. In consequence of rain, play was not resumed yesterday until 25 minutes to 1. The not-outs, Bates and Selby, faced the attacks of Messrs Steel and Appleby.

Selby made a capital start, cutting the last-named gentleman twice for four and effecting a leg hit for a like figure. The total had reached 68 when Mr Bettsworth replaced Mr Appleby. With an addition of 18 runs Bates was easily stumped. Emmett made but a brief stay and retired clean bowled for three. Charlwood and Payne were dismissed in quick succession. Eight for 99 runs. The innings ultimately reached 112.

Requiring 113 to win, the amateurs went in a second time with Messrs A G Steel and T S Pearson, by whom were opposed Bates and Morley. At starting the scoring was slow, and when 15 had been totalled Morley relinquished the ball to Barnes. Mr Pearson secured a straight drive for four from the new bowler, but the attack was far too potent for easy run-getting, and at 55 Mr Steel failed to stop a ball from Shaw, while his companion was also clean bowled. Mr Lucas made an off-drive for four, but was then sharply taken at the wicket. Three for 69.

Mr Trevor arrived, and cut Shaw to the pavilion for four, and Mr Vernon obtained a like amount by a cut off Emmett. The last gentleman, however, did nothing further, being beaten by a ball from Shaw. [Four] for 78. At the same total Mr Trevor retired, bowled off stump. Half the wickets, 78 runs. Mr Tylecote came, but without any addition to the score obstructed the wicket with his leg. Six for 78. Mr Whitfeld made his appearance, and at this point Shaw had taken five wickets for nine runs. The new-comer made a square-leg hit for two, but then narrowly escaped being caught at point. Bates having relieved Emmett, Mr Hornby was soon afterwards tempted to return the ball. Seven for 99. Mr Ellis followed, and after a brief stay was taken at point. Mr Bettsworth next appeared, and at 20 minutes to 6 100 was hoisted. The new-comer secured an on-drive for two from Shaw, while Mr Whitfeld treated Bates in a similar manner.

At this time the game excited great interest, every hit being watched with the closest attention. Five runs only were now required for victory, when Mr Bettsworth gave a chance at point. Mr Whitfeld then succumbed to the bowler. Nine for 108. Mr Appleby came, and the excitement was intense. An on-drive for three by the last arrival brought the total within one of a tie. Shaw then sent a ball to Mr Appleby, which that gentleman returned and the famous Nottingham bowler quietly pocketed. Total, 111. Shaw . . claimed six wickets for 19 runs. The full score appended will show that the Players won a most interesting match by a run.

11 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2503.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 12 August, page 8)

The return match between the above counties was commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval, in the presence of a moderately large attendance. The home county, having won the toss, sent in Messrs J Shuter and Game to face the attacks of Bates (pavilion end) and Peate.

Mr Shuter cut a ball for four and was then clean bowled. When the total had reached 16 Mr Game was taken at slip, and Mr W W Read occupied the vacant wicket. The score rose rapidly, until at 62 an alteration to the attack was deemed necessary, Bates relinquishing the ball to Rawlin, while, with an addition of seven runs, Peate was superseded by Emmett. Shortly after the latter change Mr W Read secured a splendid on-drive for six from the Yorkshire captain. At 25 minutes to 2 o'clock 100 appeared on the board, and two runs later Peate resumed. With an addition of seven Mr W W Read was beautifully caught at long-off by Hall, who ran in several yards to take the ball. Three for 109. At 116 Rawlin retired in favour of Bates, in whose second over Read was smartly caught at wicket. Four for 122.

Soon after luncheon Mr Lindsay was bowled by Peate. Five for 136. Mr Roller, who came to the rescue, hit Peate to leg for four, and secured 12 from Bates by a couple of on-drives and a square-leg hit. In this manner the score steadily rose until Bates sent a ball to Mr Pontifex, which that gentleman failed to stop. Mr Carmichael, the new comer, was disposed of in a similar manner. Six and seven for 170 runs. At 199 Emmett was again tried, and in his first over Mr Parfitt drove him for three, making the total 200. Two runs later Rawlin relieved Bates.

Emmett's fourth over obtained a wicket, Mr Parfitt's, who retired clean bowled; while in Rawlin's next over Mr Roller was disposed of, having played in remarkably free style. His 52 contained six fours and six twos. Eight and nine for 207. Barratt and Jones were then together, and soon a two-fold change was made, Bates supplanting Rawlin at 222 and Peate-Emmett at 224. The first ball of the latter change closed the innings, Barratt being caught at deep square leg. Time, 4h 20m; total, 224. All four bowlers were successful . . .

At 25 minutes to 5 the Northerners placed Ulyett and E Lockwood in opposition to Barratt and Parfitt. The latter gentleman began well, as his first ball dismissed Ulyett clean bowled. One for three. E Lockwood was then joined by his captain, and in spite of sundry changes, the pair successfully defied all efforts to separate them. When stumps were drawn at 6.30 the total stood at 93, Lockwood having made 33 and Emmett 53, not out.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 5)

Rain fell so persistently yesterday that a continuation of the above match at Kennington Oval proved impracticable; and after waiting till 3 o'clock it was resolved to give up all idea of play until 11 o'clock this morning . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 11)

When the steady downpour of rain on Friday caused all ideas of play in the above match at Kennington Oval to be relinquished, the prospects of the game being brought to a definite issue seemed extremely remote. One of those surprises with which cricket abounds was, however, in store. At 11 o'clock on Saturday morning Yorkshire continued the batting, Emmett and E Lockwood (not out with 53 and 33 runs respectively) were again opposed by Mr Parfitt and Barrett.

At the outset the scoring was slow. Both batsmen hit Barrett to square-leg for four, but at 107 Emmett played the ball into slip's hands. Bates came in, and a two-fold change in the attack was made, the bowling being intrusted to Mr Roller and Jones. Soon afterwards E Lockwood was clean bowled. His first-class innings of 50 included four fours, a three and six twos. Three for 137. Hall came, and when 20 had been added Mr Parfitt resumed in place of Jones, while 10 runs later Barratt replaced Mr Roller. At 170 Bates drove a ball over the bowler's head, and it was held by Mr Shuter. H Lockwood filled the vacancy, and gave a difficult chance to slip, which was let pass by. At 185 Hall was easily secured at point. In Barratt's subsequent over H Lockwood was badly missed by cover-point, but he did not profit from the escape, as he played under the very next ball and slip secured it. Six for 194.

Grimshaw and Rawlin were now partners, and at 25 past 1 200 was signalled. It became a matter of some speculation whether Yorkshire would be able to pass the total of 224 made by their opponents. Only three runs were added and then Rawlin was caught at mid-on, while Hunter, who succeeded him, was taken at mid-off at 207. Peate and Grimshaw were associated, and at luncheon the total stood at 220. After the interval both these batsmen hit with considerable vigour. Shortly before 3 o'clock the Surrey total was beaten, and half an hour later Peate was caught at mid-off. Nine for 256. In the absence of Mr Wood the innings now closed. Five bowlers were tried, four with success . . .

In a minority of 32 runs, Surrey began their second innings. Mr Lindsay and Mr Pontifex took possession of a wicket which was beginning to play very badly. Peate and Bates were the bowlers. The start was most disastrous, as the third ball sent to him Mr Pontifex failed to stop. One for three. M Read appeared, and the first ball he received should have been secured at mid-off; soon afterwards Mr Lindsay gave a hard chance behind the bowler. With the total at 30 Emmett superseded Peate, and 13 runs later on Rawlin relieved Bates. When the score stood at 54, M Read was caught at mid-off. Two down.

Mr W Read came, and without alteration in the total Bates resumed. A run only was added, and then four wickets fell in rapid succession. Mr Lindsay and Mr Game were caught at mid-off, Mr Roller fell to a catch at slip and Mr Shuter was bowled. Third, fourth, fifth and sixth wickets for 55. Another single was made, and then Mr Parfitt had the misfortune to hit his wicket. The last three batsmen were all secured from Emmett's bowling for an addition of 10 runs - M Read caught at wicket, Jones stumped and Barratt returned the ball. Total, 66. Four bowlers were engaged, Emmett's bowling being most noteworthy. He secured eight wickets . . .

Yorkshire now required 35 to win. Bates hit freely and had obtained 24 out of 30 when Ulyett was clean bowled. Rawlin joined Bates, and at 5 minutes past 6 the latter made the winning hit, sending the ball to the boundary

for four. The subjoined score will show that Yorkshire secured an unexpected victory by nine wickets.

11 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2501.html)

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

The metropolitan county could not boast of much in the weather yesterday when they commenced their annual engagement with Gloucestershire on the Clifton College ground at Bristol. The visitors won the toss, and their captain, Mr I D Walker, and Mr A J Webbe were the first to bat to the bowling of Midwinter and Woof.

The first delivery of the former was driven on by Mr Webbe for four, and the same batsman next treated Mr Woof in similar fashion. Shortly after this Mr Webbe's wicket fell to a no-ball from Midwinter, to the natural annoyance of that bowler. Both batsmen continued to score smartly after this, mostly off Woof, so much so that Mr W G Grace shortly relieved him. Still runs came, and 50 was telegraphed after 45 minutes' batting. The first to leave was Mr Webbe, who was out leg before wicket off Dr Grace, having added 29 to the total. One for 58.

Mr Leslie then joined Mr Walker, and at 69 Mr Gilbert went on to bowl in place of Midwinter. The third ball of the new comer shattered the wicket of the Middlesex captain, who had compiled 32. Mr Leslie was next to leave - three for 73 - and with the total at 82 the rain and wind came on in a manner which entirely stopped play.

Day 2 - no report found

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 11)

This match was continued at Clifton on Saturday, shortly before noon, when the not-outs, Messrs A Lyttelton and C T Studd, with 11 and 3 runs, were opposed by Mr Gilbert and Dr W G Grace. Runs were put on at a very fair pace, but when 100 had been reached Mr Studd was bowled off his pad.

The Hon E Lyttelton now joined his brother, and the total rose rapidly to 126, when Midwinter superseded Mr Gilbert, and seven runs later Dr Grace gave up the ball to Woof. These changes were quickly effective; at 138 the Hon A Lyttelton returned the ball, and with an addition of five Mr Vernon was taken at mid-off. Further misfortunes soon befell Middlesex, the Hon E Lyttelton being bowling at 149 and Burton taken at slip at 152. Four wickets thus fell for 14 runs.

Messrs Robertson and Pearson gave more trouble, and not until 190 had been reached was a separation effected, the former then being caught behind the bowler. Nine for 190. Clarke returned the ball to Midwinter, and the innings closed for 243. Gloucestershire went in . . .

11 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2502.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 5)

This match was commenced at Nottingham yesterday. Lancashire went in and made 132. On the part of Nottinghamshire five bowlers were engaged, three with success . . . Notts then went in . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 11)

On Saturday the above match was continued at Nottingham, when the home team completed their innings for 97. Lancashire went in a second time . . .

15 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2504.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 10)

The "Cheltenham Week" opened yesterday with a match between the above counties in the presence of a large number of spectators. Owing to rain play did not begin until half-past 12, when the Northerners, who won the toss, sent in Ulyett and Bates to oppose the bowling of Woof and Midwinter.

Ulyett secured a cut for two in Woof's first over and soon after drove Midwinter to the on for four. With the score at eight, however, Ulyett returned the ball. Emmett, who followed, only made three and was then clean bowled. Two for 22 runs. E Lockwood joined Bates, but only six runs had been added when the latter put up a ball which was well secured at long-on. E Lockwood next had Hall for partner, and at 50 Mr Gilbert relieved Midwinter, Dr W G Grace superseding Woof four runs later.

The latter change was soon successful, as from the fourth ball Hall was caught in the slips. The most noticeable feature of the day's play was the batting of the two Lockwoods. When hostilities ceased for the day the total had reached 212, Peate, the last man in, having joined H Lockwood (not out 63).

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 10)

The above match was continued yesterday at Cheltenham, when the not outs, Peate and H Lockwood, resumed their innings. To the surprise of many these batsmen made a most obstinate stand, Lockwood carrying out his bat for 90, composed of 12 fours, six threes, eight twos &c. The innings altogether yielded 267 runs. Four of the five bowlers were successful . . .

At 1 o'clock the home county commenced batting with Drs W G and E M Grace. When only three had been scored, Dr W G Grace returned the ball. In spite of this mishap Gloucestershire have no cause for discouragement, as when play ceased for the day the score stood at 168, Messrs Cranston (48) and Moberly (38) not out.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 8)

This match was resumed yesterday at Cheltenham, when the home county continued batting. The innings eventually closed for 254, the most conspicuous item being Mr Cranston's 63, which contained five fours, two threes and ten twos. Peate took four wickets . . .

With a balance of 13 runs Yorkshire then went in a second time, and accumulated 194, when play ceased and the game was left drawn. All interest had evaporated owing to the repeated interruptions caused by rain.

15 August: SUSSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2506.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 10)

In fact, though somewhat threatening weather, the above counties began a return to a match played at Derby at the end of May, yesterday, at Brighton. The attendance was only moderate. Sussex were successful in the toss and sent in Messrs Greenfield and Ellis, to the attacks of W Mycroft and Platts.

The scoring at the outset was pretty free. Mr Greenfield made 18 out of 26, but was then caught at cover point. James Phillips did not stay long before a neat catch at wicket got rid of him, and Mr King appeared. Runs now came at a very steady rate, and at 60 Mycroft gave way to Hay. This change soon had the desired effect, at the latter's sixth ball Mr King played into the hands of the wicket-keeper. Three for 66. Mr Ellis and Charlwood were now in company, and they soon grew busy. In spite of a change in the bowling, the total had reached 104 when the luncheon interval arrived.

Afterwards Mycroft and Platts were the bowlers. Many variations were made in the attack, but all in vain, until at 3.50 rain stopped play for 10 minutes. The game had not long been resumed before 200 was signalled; but at length a separation was effected through Charlwood's playing the ball into the hands of short slip. Among his hits were 12 fours, two threes and five twos. Since his partnership with Mr Ellis 145 runs had been put on.

Two other wickets were now speedily obtained - Mr Bettesworth and Mr M'Cormick both fell from successive balls of Mr Evans. The next arrival, Mr Blackman, ably aided Mr Ellis, until at 2.50 the latter was well caught at wicket. He had played a wonderfully fine innings, which occupied three hours and three-quarters; among his hits were 12 fours, seven threes and eight twos. Seven down. The last three wickets added 50 runs - Mr Blackman was clean bowled, and Lillywhite and H Phillips both caught at cover point. Total, 300. Time, 5.35. Seven bowlers were engaged - Mr Evans claimed six wickets . . .

With this heavy total, the most formidable made against them in a single innings for 10 years, Derbyshire sent in Mr Barrington and Platts, Messrs Bettesworth and Blackman conducting the attack. The commencement was most unfortunate - Mr Barrington played on at five, Platts was stumped at 21 and four runs later Mr Maynard was caught at slip. Rigley and Mr Shuker were now partnered . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 10)

Dull weather in the early morning of yesterday at Brighton caused it to be a matter of some doubt whether there would be much play in the above return match. Fortunately, however, the rain held off until the evening, when it caused a delay of about an hour's duration. At the end of the previous day, Sussex had completed an innings for 300 runs, and Derbyshire had lost three wickets for 40.

At five minutes past 12 Mr Shuker and Rigley, the not-outs with 13 each, continued the batting. Mr Bettesworth and Lillywhite opened the bowling;

but the former soon relinquished the ball to Payne. Careful play now characterized the batting, and for some time runs were obtained at the slow rate of one every three minutes. At last, however, Mr Shuker, who had just been missed at short slip, was clean bowled, while with the addition of a single Rigley returned the ball. Half the wickets for 56.

Mr Daker and Foster were next together, and they soon gave considerable trouble. Mr Blackman relieved Lillywhite at 78; but this did not answer, and at 1.35 the 100 was completed. A run prior to this Mr Bettsworth had superseded Payne, and at 101 Lillywhite resumed. Eight only were added when Foster was well taken at long-off; Mr Evans was next caught at cover-point. Seven for 123. The interval over, Mr Docker was accompanied to the wickets by Hay. The pair put on 20 runs and then Mr Docker was too venturesome and ran himself out. Ultimately the innings closed for 171 runs. Five bowlers were engaged . . .

Rain prevented play being resumed until 5.35, when Derbyshire, in a minority of 129, followed on. Messrs Shuker and Docker were opposed by Mr Bettsworth and Lillywhite. The total speedily reached 27, when the first-named handed the ball to Payne. Still there was no check on the run-getting. Messrs Bettsworth and Greenfield were also tried; but beyond an escape from being stumped by Mr Docker, no chance was given by either batsman up to the rime of stumps being drawn . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 8)

A bright morning, with a fresh breeze blowing from the sea, was experienced yesterday at Brighton. Precisely at noon the above counties proceeded with their match in the presence of a fairly large number of spectators. Derbyshire on Tuesday evening had commenced a second venture with 139 to obtain to avert a single-innings defeat, and of the number Messrs Docker and Shuker had secured 93. These gentlemen were again placed in opposition to Mr Bettsworth and Lillywhite.

Ten minutes proved sufficient to complete the hundred; but 13 runs later Mr Shuker played under a ball, which short slip secured. Mr Docker was at last capitally taken at wicket. Although he had given a couple of chances, the retiring batsman had played a fine innings, composed of six fours, three threes and seven twos. Four for 135. Mr Barrington batted well prior to being caught at short slip. The innings closed at the fall of the ninth wicket, owing to the enforced absence of Mr Maynard through domestic affliction. Time, 3 o'clock. Total 178. No fewer than six bowlers had been engaged, Lillywhite being very successful, as he obtained six wickets . . .

Sussex now wanted 50 to win, and sent in Messrs Ellis and Greenfield to get them. Mycroft and Mr Evans opened the bowling. The start was not brilliant, as a ball of Mr Evans's broke in from leg and struck Mr Ellis's off stump when only two runs had been made. Mr Bettsworth made his appearance. Both batsmen played steadily. The latest arrival made an off-drive for four, and Mr Greenfield secured a leg hit with a like result, both off Mr Evans. At 32 Mycroft, therefore, took the ball from that gentleman, and at 36 Platts went on at the other end. Neither of these changes disconcerted the batsmen, nor did a further trial of Hay; and at a quarter past 4 Mr Bettsworth hit a ball to the boundary, which secured the right number of runs. The complete score appended will show that Sussex won by nine wickets.

15 August: LANCASHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2505.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 10)

A match between the above counties, who have not met for 15 years, was commenced yesterday at Manchester. In spite of the dullness of the weather there was a fairly large attendance. Play commenced shortly after noon, when Lancashire, successful in the toss, were represented at the wicket by Mr A G Steel and Barlow; Messrs C T Studd and Robertson leading the attack.

The scoring at first was somewhat tardy, but after awhile the batsmen set to work, and a neat cut for four by Mr Steel relieved the monotony of the game. The next items of importance were two on-drives by Barlow from one over of Mr Robertson's. When 25 had been reached a change was made, Clarke then relieving Mr Robertson. With the addition of 11 runs, Mr Paravicini superseded Mr Studd. For the first hour runs had been made at the rate of one per minute. Further changes were tried without effect, and the total advanced until at 96 Mr Steel retired bowled off his back for a fine innings of 68, which contained 10 fours, three threes and six twos.

When Mr Hornby joined Barlow an obstinate stand was made, the score being taken from 137 to 223, when the former retired "leg before." Barlow was next joined by Watson, but was soon afterwards driven on to his wicket, having played a faultless innings of 79, in which were six fours, seven threes and thirteen twos. Mr Butterworth made but a brief stay, being taken in the slips at 279. With one run added Watson was smartly caught at mid-off. Pilling and Crossland were now together, and when stumps were drawn for the day the total stood at 307, with one wicket to go down.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 10)

In somewhat doubtful weather the above interesting match was continued at Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday. Shortly after noon the not outs, Mr H C John and Crossland, continued their innings, while Mr C T Studd and Clarke had charge of the attack. The innings closed for the rather formidable total of 325. No fewer than seven bowlers were tried, three only with success - viz., Mr Robertson, who secured half the wickets . . .

At a quarter before 1, Middlesex began their batting with Messrs Walker and Webbe, to whom were opposed Mr A G Steel and Watson. The latter's first over yielded seven from Mr Walker's bat, and then runs came at a tardy pace, Mr Steel sending in seven successive maiden overs. Mr Webbe drove Mr Steel for two, but soon afterwards lost Mr Walker, who was well caught mid-off. With the addition of a single, Mr Webbe also retired, bowled off-stump. Two for 20 runs. Mr Leslie and the Hon A Lyttelton were now together, but just before the usual interval took place the latter was bowled. Three for 41.

During the recess a heavy shower occurred, but at 3 o'clock Mr C T Studd accompanied Mr Leslie to the wickets. The latter gentleman soon had to leave - caught at wicket. Four for 57. Mr G B Studd then joined his brother and 28 runs were put on, when the former was unfortunately run out. Half the wickets for 85 runs. With the addition of 11, Mr Pearson shared the fate of his predecessor. With the exception of Mr Vernon, who batted

in excellent style for his 29, little more was done, and the innings closed for 168, Mr C T Studd, not out, 67. Three bowlers were engaged, two with success - Mr Steel secured half the wickets . . .

In a minority of 157 the visitors followed on with Mr C T Studd and the Hon A Lyttelton, who, when play ceased for the day, remained unconquered, the total then being 54.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 8)

The above match was continued at Manchester yesterday. Owing to rain a start was not made until 12.25. Messrs C T Studd and Lyttelton were then opposed by Barlow and Mr Steel. When the total had reached 71 Mr Lyttelton was clean bowled. Without any addition to the score Mr C T Studd failed to stop a ball from Mr Steel. Mr Leslie and Mr G B Studd were then in partnership; but soon a thunderstorm stopped all play until the time of the usual interval. Rain continued to fall heavily, and at 10 minutes to 3 it was ultimately decided to abandon the match, which was thus left drawn.

18 August: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2508.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 10)

The return match between the above counties commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval. There was a fairly large attendance, which as the day wore on considerably increased. Having won the toss the visitors decided to bat, and at noon were represented by Mr Hornby and Barlow. The innings closed for 78.

Surrey entered on the defensive at a quarter to 3. The innings, which occupied only about 50 minutes, closed for the meagre total of 36. With a balance of 42 runs, Lancashire went in again at 20 minutes to 4, being represented by Mr Hornby and Barlow. The latter made the highest score of the day, being 80 not out when play ceased.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 10)

In rather threatening weather the above match was continued at Kennington Oval yesterday. At a few minutes after noon the not-outs, Barlow and Crossland, were opposed by Jones and Barratt.

With the score at 219, Crossland was well taken at point off Barratt. Barlow was next joined by Nash, and at 230 Mr Parfitt took the ball. The innings lasted by little longer. Nash played a ball of Barratt's into mid-off's hands; and at last Barlow's long and creditable innings of 96 was ended by a catch at wicket. Among this batsman's hits were two fives, four fours and as many as 40 singles. Time, a quarter-past 1; total, 255. Six bowlers were tried, four with success . . .

At the luncheon interval, one of the Surrey wickets had fallen for 13, Mr Carmichael having been bowled by a very fast full pitch from Crossland. At a quarter to 3 play was resumed, and Mr Shuter accompanied Read to the wicket. The latter was soon disposed of, clean bowled. Two for 18. Mr W W Read's stay was very brief; he returned the ball to Watson who took it in grand style, close to the ground. Mr Shuter cut a ball of Crossland's into third man's hands. Four for 34.

Mr Roller did not score. Messrs Pontifex and Parfitt took the total to 48, when the latter had his leg stump struck, and with nothing added the former was caught at wicket. Mr Dunn made only a short stay, clean bowled. Mr Game and Jones made matters somewhat better, but not for long. Mr Game was stumped, and a catch by third man, which disposed of Jones, closed the match at half-past 4. The Surrey total reached 81. The three bowlers engaged were all useful. Watson claimed six wickets . . . As the annexed score will show, the visitors won by 216 runs.

18 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2509.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 10)

A match between the above counties commenced yesterday at Huddersfield. Yorkshire went in first and completed an innings for 150. Mr C T Studd and Clarke each took four wickets . . . Middlesex appeared, and when play ceased for the day, made 65 for the loss of two wickets.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 10)

A continuous downpour of rain yesterday prevented play in the above match at Huddersfield from being resumed until a quarter past 3. The not-outs, Messrs Leslie and Lyttelton, again went to the wickets, and a grand display of hitting ensued, these gentlemen together compiling no fewer than 101 runs. when play ceased for the day the total had reached 178, with two wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 August, page 10)

Play in the above match, at Huddersfield, was resumed on Saturday. There was a good attendance, which as the day advanced considerably increased. At half-past 11 Hall and Grimshaw, the not-outs, went on batting; Mr Studd and Clarke had charge of the early bowling. The innings eventually realized 153. Three of the four bowlers engaged were successful; Mr C T Studd claimed half the wickets . . .

Requiring 121 runs for victory, Middlesex entered on their second venture. These runs they failed to obtain, the total only reaching 105. Of the three bowlers put on, Bates secured chief honours with six wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that Yorkshire were victors by 15 runs.

18 August: KENT v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2507.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 10)

This return match was commenced yesterday at the Mote-park, Maidstone. Play began at a quarter past 12 o'clock, when Kent, having won the toss, sent in the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr W Patterson. Derbyshire intrusted the bowling to Mycroft and Platts.

The start was most disastrous to the home county, both Mr Patterson and Mr Bligh being bowled with the total at seven only. Mr Mackinnon and O'Shaughnessy then came together, and matters looked more hopeful for Kent when the professional cut Mycroft in consecutive overs for two fours. This punishment caused a change in the bowling, and Mr Evans, who went on, caused Mr Mackinnon to be caught at wicket in his first over. Hearne did little, and on Mr Stokes coming in O'Shaughnessy was taken in the slips. His score of 58 was made without a chance. Five for 73. Mr Foord-Kelcey succeeded and hit hard for his 33. Mr Kemp carried out his bat for a useful 22, and the innings closed at 4 o'clock for 169. Mr Evans bowled well throughout, taking seven wickets for 47 runs.

Derbyshire went in a quarter of an hour later, and lost Mr Shuker when six runs had been made. Mr Docker and Mr Evans hit freely before the latter was bowled at 40. Platts retired at 55 and Mr Smith came in. This association caused runs to come at a great pace, and in spite of numerous changes in the bowling, 100 runs were signalled at 5.45. A quarter of an hour later stumps were drawn.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 10)

At Maidstone, during the early morning of yesterday, there was a steady downpour of rain, but soon after noon the clouds drifted off, and Derbyshire went on with their batting at half-past 12 o'clock. When play ceased on the previous evening Kent had completed an innings for 169 and their opponents had secured 116 for three wickets.

Messrs Smith and Docker were again placed in opposition to Hearne and Wootton. It was not until 198 had been obtained that Mr Docker played a ball into the wicket-keeper's hands. Among his hits were one five (four from an overthrow), 13 fours, five threes and 11 twos. Five for 198. The remaining half of the wickets only added 22 runs, and the innings closed at 3 o'clock. Six bowlers were engaged, Hearne and Wootton dividing the wickets between them . . .

Kent made a very good start, as the partnership of Messrs Patterson and Bligh produced 54 runs. Then the latter was clean bowled. Mr Patterson and Collins both batted freely for a while, and the innings eventually realized 124. Four bowlers were tried . . .

Derbyshire, requiring 74 runs to win, sent in Mycroft and Rigley, who obtained a dozen runs before stumps were drawn.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 August, page 10)

When play ceased in the above match, at Maidstone, on Friday evening, Derbyshire had started their second venture with the task of getting 74 runs for victory. Twelve of these had been obtained without loss of wicket.

An early beginning was made on Saturday, Rigley and Mycroft being at the wickets at five minutes past eleven. Mr Foord-Kelcey and Hearne were the bowlers. Runs came very slowly, the ground playing very treacherously. Mycroft got a fortunate four through the slips off Mr Foord-Kelcey, and at 26 that gentleman gave way to Wootton. A clean off-drive for four was then secured by Rigley off Hearne, and at 37 the bowlers crossed over. Still this did not answer; a crisp cut for four by Rigley off Hearne was the most important item. The total having travelled to 51, Mr Patterson superseded Hearne. Two runs only were added when both batsmen were dismissed. Rigley caught at point and Mycroft bowled leg stump. Two wickets were now lost.

Messrs Smith and Docker were now companions, and it was expected that the runs would soon be obtained. Such, however, did not prove the case. Hearne relieved Wootton, and at 60 he knocked Mr Smith's off stump out of the ground. Foster followed, but with a single only added, Mycroft, who was substituting for Mr Kemp, caught him at mid-off. Platts arrived to the aid of Mr Docker, who gave a very hard return chance to Mr Patterson, but was let off. In the latter gentleman's next over, however, he again played the ball back, and this time it was held. Five for 68.

Without alteration in the total Mr Shuker retired clean-bowled, and at 70 Mr Evans fell to a catch at wicket. Seven down. Mr Barrington arrived, and at half-past 12 Platts made the winning hit. Four bowlers had been tried. Mr Patterson claimed five wickets . . . From the full score attached it will be seen that Derbyshire won by three wickets.

22 August: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2513.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 8)

This return match was commenced at Brighton yesterday. Surrey won the toss and sent in M Read and Jones, to whom were opposed Mr Bettsworth and Lillywhite. The innings closed for 178, and was chiefly remarkable for Mr Shuter's magnificent not-out contribution of 88. Four of the five bowlers engaged were successful - Lillywhite secured half the wickets . . .

The home team were then represented by the Rev F F J Greenfield and Mr R T Ellis. At the close of the day Sussex had made 108 at a cost of eight wickets.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 10)

The above match was continued at Brighton yesterday in gloomy weather. Mr Blackman and Lillywhite, the not-outs, resumed, and were opposed by Barratt and Jones. Fifteen minutes' play sufficed to finish the innings, which closed for 113. The four bowlers divided the honours . . . Surrey started their second innings, and when rain stopped play the score stood as follows: . . . [Surrey (2) 6/1].

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 8)

This match was continued yesterday at Brighton in rather discouraging circumstances, owing to the very deceptive state of the weather. Messrs Shuter and Roller resumed to the bowling of Messrs Bettsworth and Blackman, and the innings eventually realized 105 . . . Sussex entered on their second essay . . .

22 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2511.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 8)

The cricket week at Clifton opened yesterday with the above return match. A very fair number of spectators assembled on the College ground. Mr Hornby won the toss and accompanied Barlow to the wicket. The early bowling was intrusted to Woof and Midwinter.

From one over of Midwinter, Mr Hornby secured 14, by three fours and a two. At 34 Dr W G Grace relieved the latter bowler, but without immediate effect, as the Lancashire captain continued to hit in wonderfully free style. At length Woof sent down a "twister" which completely beat Mr Hornby, who had put together 49. One for 64. With the total at 67, three wickets fell - Barlow bowled, Robinson caught mid-off and Briggs caught at point. When Mr Steel and Watson got together an unexpected stand was made. The pair played with extreme care, and just before the luncheon interval 100 was telegraphed.

Play was resumed at five minutes to 3, Midwinter again bowling. At 143 Watson was dismissed by a catch at mid-off, he and Mr Steel together having put on 76 runs. With no addition to the total, Mr Steel was cleverly caught and bowled. The innings closed for 192. Four bowlers were tried, only two with success. Woof took eight wickets . . .

Gloucestershire then went in with Drs W G and E M Grace. After making 32 Dr W G Grace ran himself out, and in the next over Dr E M Grace had to retire. Messrs Gilbert and Greene were then together and remained unconquered at the close of the day, the total having reached 66.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 10)

Owing to the downfall of rain which commenced on Monday evening at Clifton and lasted with but slight intermission throughout the whole of yesterday, play had to be put off until this morning. Should the weather hold fine a start will be made at half-past 11.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 8)

The weather was sufficiently fine yesterday to admit of play being continued in the above match. It may be recollected that at the end of Monday's play the score stood as follows: Lancashire, first innings, 192; and Gloucestershire, first innings, 66 for two wickets. Hostilities were resumed yesterday at 25 minutes to 12, when Messrs Greene and Gilbert, the not-outs. Placed themselves in opposition to Mr Steel and Barlow. The innings closed for 122. Of the Lancashire bowlers Mr Steel bore off the palm with half the wickets . . .

Lancashire then went in a second time. Mr Hornby played with his usual skill and freedom, being well backed up by Mr A G Steel and Mr Royle, both of whom played magnificent cricket for their respective scores. The latter was twice missed in the field before he had made ten . . .

22 August: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2514.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 8)

In doubtful weather the return match between the two counties commenced at Bradford yesterday. Derbyshire went first to the wickets, and were all dismissed by 2 o'clock for 76. Yorkshire went in and when play ceased for the day had made 141 for the loss of nine wickets.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 10)

These counties were to have continued their match at Bradford yesterday, but rain caused play to be postponed until to-day. Derbyshire have completed an innings for 76 and Yorkshire have lost nine wickets for 141.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 8)

A continuance of rain at Bradford yesterday caused all ideas of going on with the above match to be relinquished.

22 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2512.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 8)

The above counties met at Nottingham yesterday. The visitors lost the toss and turned into the field. Gunn and Oscroft started the batting with Mr C T Studd and Clarke in charge of the ball. The innings closed at 4 o'clock for 144. Barnes had played in excellent style for his 49 when he ran himself out. Four bowlers were tried, three with success . . .

Middlesex had exactly tied their opponents' total and had two wickets to fall when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 10)

This was another match in which rain prevented play yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 8)

In tempestuous weather this match was resumed at Nottingham yesterday. Messrs Vernon and Paravicini, the not-outs, continued batting, being opposed by Flowers and Shore. Notwithstanding the saturated state of the wickets, owing to Tuesday's heavy rains, the total rapidly advanced to 188, when Mr Paravicini had to retire "leg before." When the total had reached 211 Mr Vernon at length succumbed to a catch at wicket, after making 97 in his accustomed free style. The innings eventually realized 214.

After a short interval the home team started their second venture, and at the close of the day's play completed their innings for 180. Middlesex went in a second time . . .

25 August: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2517.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 6)

Yesterday rain prevented any start being made in the return match between these counties until half-past 1, when the Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr W H Patterson started the Kent innings to the bowling of Watson and Nash. The last-named batsman was caught at point, and when only six overs were bowled rain came down in torrents. After waiting till 3.30, play was abandoned for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 10)

The continuance yesterday of the above match at Maidstone was remarkable for the extremely small total made by Kent, who were all disposed of for 38. An hour and a half's play sufficed to finish the innings at a quarter to 1. Both Lancashire bowlers were effective. Nash took seven wickets . . .

Lancashire at 1 o'clock placed Mr Hornby and Barlow in opposition to Hearne and Mr Foord-Kelcey. A rather disastrous commencement was made, as, with the total at 6, Mr Hornby was beautifully taken at deep long-on. The innings closed for 228, Barlow making the highest score - 61. Of the six Kent bowlers, four were successful . . .

Kent started their second venture, and when stumps were drawn had made 15 without loss of a wicket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 8)

When play in this match at Maidstone finished on Friday, the home team had followed on and had made 15 without loss of a wicket. Upon resuming on Saturday matters were quickly brought to a conclusion, the whole side being out before 1 o'clock for 61. The Hon Ivo Bligh and Mr Patterson were the only batsmen who made anything of a defence. Of the four bowlers engaged, Barlow and Nash equally divided the wickets . . . Lancashire were thus left conquerors by an innings and 129 runs.

25 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2516.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 6)

Owing to heavy rain yesterday, no start could be made to this match at Clifton.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 10)

This match was commenced yesterday at the College Ground, Clifton, in stormy weather. Successful in the toss, the home county decided to bat, and at a quarter to 12 sent in Drs W G and E M Grace, to whom were opposed Jones and Barratt.

Runs were rapidly made until at 3.4 rain interrupted play for a quarter of an hour. Upon resuming the score rapidly advanced, and at 44 Jones gave up the ball to Mr Parfitt. This change had the desired effect, as Dr W G Grace played the new bowler's second ball into the hands of point. Midwinter arrived, and the scoring proceeded at a good pace. The second wicket fell for 74. Dr E M Grace next had Mr Moberly to assist him. When the total had reached 113 the usual adjournment took place, during which rain heavily descended.

Shortly before 3 hostilities were resumed, and Dr Grace hit Roller to leg for four, afterwards driving him to the off for a like figure. At 130 Barratt relieved Mr Roller, and the scoring somewhat slackened. At 150 Dr E M Grace was bowled by Mr Parfitt. When Mr Cranston arrived another stand was made, and Mr Moberly was not disposed of until he had over-topped Dr E M Grace's score by three runs. Mr Cranston's 51 was also a most praiseworthy performance. The innings lasted until past 5 o'clock, and ultimately realized 236 runs. Of the six Surrey bowlers four were effective . . .

Surrey went in, and at the close of the day had lost three of their best men for 28 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 8)

The above match was concluded at Clifton on Saturday. Rain somewhat delayed the start, but shortly after noon Messrs Lindsay and Pontifex, the not outs, faced the attacks of Woof and Midwinter. Mr Lindsay was soon active with a cut for two and an on-drive for four off Woof. Mr Pontifex secured an on-drive for four from Midwinter, but soon after that bowler dismissed him by a bailer. Four for 47.

Mr Roller came to the rescue, and Dr W G Grace relieved Woof. Disasters now overtook the Surrey team. With the total at 64, Mr Lindsay was clean bowled, and Pooley soon met a similar fate. When the score had reached 74 two more wickets had fallen - Mr Roller caught square leg and Jones clean bowled. Eight down. The two remaining wickets only added five runs, the innings being over at half-past 1 for 79. The three bowlers shared the honours as follows: - Midwinter half the wickets . . .

In arrears to the extent of 157, the visitors followed on shortly before 2. At the time of the usual interval one wicket had fallen, Mr Carmichael caught point for 10 runs. When Messrs Pontifex and W W Read became partners a stand was made, but after the departure of the former gentleman Mr Read could get nobody to stay with him, and the innings closed for 149. Mr Read's not-out was a masterly display of free-hitting. Four bowlers were employed, three with effect. Dr W G Grace claimed half the wickets . . .

As the annexed score will show, Surrey were defeated by an innings and eight runs.

25 August: LORD SHEFFIELD'S XI v A SHAW'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2518.html)

Final scorecard but no report from Monday 29 August, page 8)

29 August: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2519.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 9)

The rain yesterday morning considerably delayed the commencement of this match at Kennington-oval. At 20 minutes to 1, however, play was commenced, Middlesex going in first. Mr I D Walker drove Barratt's first delivery to the on for three and cut Mr Parfitt for a like figure. From a subsequent over of Barratt's Mr Webbe obtained four by a neat hit to square-leg. Shortly afterwards, however, he failed to stop a ball from Mr Parfitt, which struck his off-stump.

Mr Robson, who succeeded him, drove Barratt to the on for a three and a four. At 47 Mr Robson was taken at cover-point. Mr Pearson followed. At 149 M Read took the ball. The latter in his fourth over dismissed Mr Pearson, who was caught at slip. Mr Walker was eventually bowled for 76, in which were four fours, five threes and ten twos. The Hon E Lyttelton and Mr Vernon were now together; the latter, however, made only a brief stay, being clean bowled. At 173 Mr C T Studd succeeded, and at a quarter-past 5 200 was telegraphed. Mr Studd, among other hits, made an on-drive for five off Mr Parfitt, crossing to the pavilion, whom he subsequently cut for four.

Mr Parfitt, crossing to the pavilion wicket, dismissed the Hon E Lyttelton, bowled off-stump, for a rapidly-hit 31. Mr G B Studd followed, but soon lost the company of his brother, who was smartly caught at wicket. Mr P J de Paravicini then assisted Mr G B Studd. The latter gentleman drove Barratt to the off for three, and in Mr Parfitt's next over secured two square-leg hits for four and three each. At this point the rain caused play to be relinquished, and at 6 p.m. stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (Wednesday 31 August, page 11)

A very fair attendance assembled at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the continuation of the above match.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 7)

At the conclusion of Tuesday's play in the above match at Kennington Oval, Surrey, being 98 runs in arrears, had followed on and had obtained 43 at the cost of two wickets. Yesterday, at 25 minutes to 12, the innings was completed, a total score of 129 being made, Mr Lindsay, Read and Barratt being the principal contributors.

With the light task of 32 runs to get to win, the visitors sent the Hon E Lyttelton and Mr Robson to the wickets. The required runs were obtained without the loss of a wicket in about half-an-hour's play, thus leaving Middlesex victorious by ten wickets.

29 August: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2520.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 9)

At Bramall -lane, Sheffield, the last important match of the season was commenced yesterday. Owing to heavy rain, no start could be made until nearly 1 o'clock. Nottingham, having won the toss, went in first. Oscroft was caught at wicket and Gunn clean bowled, the pair only having made ten runs between them.

When, however, Selby and Barnes got together a good stand was made, and at the luncheon interval both batsmen were unconquered, and they were not disposed of until they had accumulated 99 runs. Scotton gave but little trouble, being stumped for six. When play ceased for the day the total had reached 124 for five wickets.

Day 2 (Wednesday 31 August, page 11)

Owing to heavy rains no play in this match at Sheffield could take place yesterday. It is, however, intended to proceed, if possible, to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 7)

Delayed on Monday, play was rendered quite impracticable on Tuesday in the above match at Sheffield. Yesterday a continuation was made; but without any decisive result. Nottinghamshire had obtained 124 at the cost of half their wickets.

Of the remainder of the team Flowers alone exhibited any batting form. Indeed, during his innings, he saw no fewer than six of his comrades dismissed, and then carried out his bat for 25. Total, 173. Five bowlers were engaged, three with success. Bates obtained four wickets . . .

Of course all hopes of the match being completed were at an end when Yorkshire started batting at a quarter to 2 o'clock. Two runs only were scored, and then Ulyett should have been secured in the long-field. He profited considerably by the escape thus allowed him. Bates, Grimshaw and Hall backed up his efforts well, and the innings did not close until the side had got within 21 of their opponents' total. Five bowlers had been put on - Morley claimed six wickets . . . The match was consequently left drawn.

1 September: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2521.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 September, page 9)

In rather bleak weather the above match was commenced yesterday at Kennington Oval. The home county, successful in the toss, elected to bat, and at five minutes past 12 placed Messrs Pontifex and Lindsay in opposition to Mr A Penn and G Hearne.

In the former's second innings Mr Lindsay secured a fine on-drive for five, to which Mr Pontifex replied with a leg-hit for four. The score crept on to 22, when Mr Lindsay was clean bowled for 12. M Read followed, but without any addition to the score had his leg stump disarranged. Two for 22. Mr W W Read arrived, and by some very plucky cricket the score was carried to 50, when Mr Pontifex was dismissed by the wicketkeeper. Trollope joined Mr Read, and this partnership brought about a change of bowling at 66, F Hearne then displacing Mr Penn. An addition of nine runs was made, when the new comer played into the hands of mid-off. Four for 75. Mr Carmichael arrived and snicked G Hearne for three; he then had his leg stump struck by F Hearne. Mr Roller came in, and at a quarter to 2 the 100 was signalled. With the addition of 19 runs Mr Roller was clean bowled for 14. At this point the luncheon interval took place, Mr W W Read having then made 57.

Upon resuming some free hitting was shown. At length Mr Read's long innings came to a close; he was easily caught at point for 72, which included eight 4's, six 3's, seven 2's &c. The innings was over at a quarter to 4 for 185, Pooley, not out, 13. The four bowlers employed were all successful; G Hearne took six wickets . . .

At ten minutes past 4 the visitors started their innings with Mr Patterson and the Hon Ivo Bligh. The total reached 12, when Mr Bligh was taken at extra mid-off. Mr M'Kinnon followed, but failed to score. O'Shaughnessy then joined Mr Patterson, but soon succumbed to short slip, having made only six. Three for 30. Mr A Penn arrived, and an addition of 14 runs had been made when he had his off stump disturbed. Four for 44. G Hearne joined Mr Patterson, and the pair played until time was called at 6 o'clock, the total then being 82.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 September, page 10)

At Kennington-oval yesterday the above counties continued their return match. On Thursday evening Surrey had finished an innings for 185, and Kent had lost four wickets for 82. Mr Patterson and Hearne (the not outs, with 30 and 18 respectively) opposed the attacks of Jones and Barratt. Eight runs were made by Mr Patterson by a couple of on-drives, and at 99 Mr Parfitt superseded Barratt. In the succeeding over, Mr Patterson played the ball back to the bowler. Half the wickets were now lost for 99. The innings concluded for 139 at 1.35.

Surrey began their second venture with a majority of 46, but only obtained 118. Kent now required 165 to win. The Hon Ivo Bligh batted carefully, and at the close of the day 49 runs were obtained at the cost of four wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 September, page 7)

An hour proved sufficient to bring the return match between these counties to a close on Saturday, at Kennington Oval. When stumps were drawn on the previous evening the game was left in a fairly interesting state, Kent having started their second innings with 165 to win, 49 of which were obtained at the cost of four wickets.

At half-past eleven on Saturday the Hon Ivo Bligh and O'Shaughnessy (the not outs with 28 and 3 respectively) continued their batting. Mr Parfitt and Barratt had charge of the bowling, and in the professional's opening over Mr O'Shaughnessy was clean bowled. Mr Penn arrived to the aid of Mr Bligh, and for a time set the bowling at defiance. The total having reached 70, a change was adopted, Mr Parfitt giving way to Jones. This was soon effectual, Mr Bligh's wicket being upset by a splendid ball of Jones's, after he had played a capital innings of 47, in which were five fours, five threes and two twos. The last four wickets only added 16 runs to the total score of 86. From the complete score attached it will be seen that Surrey won by 78 runs.

1 September: YORKSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2522.html)

Day 1 – no report found

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 September, page 10)

On Thursday and yesterday this match was played and concluded at Scarborough, the Marylebone eleven achieving an easy victory by an innings and 35 runs, a result owing in a great measure to the batting of Mr Steel.

The second essay of Yorkshire was a complete collapse, only Ulyett and Bates offering any resistance to the bowling of Morley and Barnes, who in all took seven and ten wickets at a cost of 51 and 48 runs respectively. Mr Steel's three wickets cost 23 runs. Peate's five wickets were secured for 35 and Emmett's four wickets for 70 runs . . .

5 September: YORKSHIRE v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2523.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 September, page 6)

The above match commenced at Scarborough yesterday. Owing to the heavy rain which has lately fallen in the north of England, the wicket played rather dead. The Zingari, successful in the toss, went in, but their start was most disastrous, as the first four batsmen only contributed five runs between them.

Mr C T Studd and the Hons A and E Lyttelton infused some vigour into the game, and among them contributed no fewer than 97 out of 124 runs, for which number the innings closed. Four bowlers had been engaged; but Peate and Bates alone took wickets. The former claimed six . . . Yorkshire went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 September, page 7)

In rather gloomy weather the above match at Scarborough was continued yesterday. At the conclusion of Monday's play Yorkshire had lost three wickets for 36 runs. Lockwood and Emmett, the not-outs, with seven and three, went on batting, Messrs C T Studd and A G Steel having charge of the attack.

Ten runs were put on, and then Emmett succumbed to a good catch at point. Four down. Lockwood being partnered by Mr Rhodes, the total quickly increased until, when 75 had been reached, Mr Studd relinquished the ball to Mr Forbes. The change had immediate effect, as, with no addition to the total, both the above-named were dismissed by the new bowler. Lockwood had made 28 in capital style. Messrs Carter and Hawke had now become associated, and 100 was signalled within 15 minutes of 2. Shortly afterwards Mr Carter failed to stop a ball from Mr Studd.

After the customary interval, 20 minutes sufficed to finish the innings. Mr Frank was caught at slip, Mr Leatham at point, and Mr Hawke returned the ball. Total, 121. Five bowlers were engaged, three with success - viz., Mr C T Studd, six wickets . . .

With the narrow balance of three runs in their favour, the Zingari started their second venture, and when play ceased for the day 162 had been totalled at a cost of four wickets. Mr Forbes made the (at present) principal contribution of the match with a fine innings of 48 before he was caught at wicket . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 8 September, page 8)

Within five minutes of noon the above match was commenced yesterday at Scarborough. On Tuesday evening the I Zingari, having three runs in their favour, started a second innings, and when stumps were drawn had lost four wickets for 162.

Mr Whitfeld, the not-out for 44, added 19 to his score and then hit the ball round into the hands of square-leg, having batted in exceedingly fine form; among his hits were three fours, a three and 19 twos. Nothing of

importance occurred during the remainder of the innings, which realized 236. Emmett secured seven wickets . . .

Yorkshire now required 240 runs to win, a task they fell very far short of achieving, the whole of them being dismissed for 80. Mr C T Studd secured six wickets . . . The subjoined score will show that I Zingari were victorious by 159 runs.

8 September: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive,
www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2524.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 September, page 9)

Yesterday at the Hove Ground, Brighton, the concluding county match of the present season opened. A downpour of rain caused a slight delay in the start, but at half-past 12 it was sufficiently fine to admit of a commencement. Sussex, successful in the toss, at first acted on the defensive, sending in Messrs Greenfield and Ellis. Peate and Bates led the attack.

The start was not hopeful, as in the former's first over Mr Greenfield lifted the ball into the hands of long-field-on. Mr Bettsworth appeared, but rain caused a stoppage of the game for about an hour. Afterwards Mr Ellis had the misfortune to play the ball on to his wicket. Mr King supplied the vacancy, and at the usual interval for luncheon only five runs had been obtained. Upon play being resumed a marked improvement was shown, Mr Bettsworth and Charlwood batting in especially free style . . .

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

Little headway was made on Tuesday in the above county match at Brighton. Sussex, when stumps were drawn, had lost six wickets for a total of 112. yesterday play was resumed in brighter weather, when, at 25 minutes to 12, Charlwood and Mr Blackman, the not-outs, resumed batting. Peate and Bates had charge of the attack, and with an addition of 11 runs to the overnight score Mr Blackman retired bowled.

At 127 Lillywhite was stumped, and five runs later H Phillips taken at mid-off. Payne returned the ball, which, at half-past 12, closed the innings for 149. Charlwood's not-out contribution of 58 was put together in capital style, and contained four 4's, ten 3's, ten 2's &c. Of the four bowlers, three were effective. Peate claimed six wickets . . .

Shortly before 1 the visitors went in, represented by Ulyett and Hall, to whom were opponents Lillywhite and Mr Bettsworth. The former proved to be in excellent form; his fine innings of 69 contained five 4's, six 3's, seven 2's &c. Among the other batsmen, Emmett, Bates and E Lockwood deserve mention for good and steady defence. Five bowlers were tried, three of whom were successful. Mr Bettsworth claimed half the wickets . . . With the finish of this innings play ceased for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 September, page 10)

Saturday last saw the end of the County season, when the above teams completed their return match at Brighton. At the close of the second day's play each side had finished an innings. On Saturday, Sussex, in a minority of 98, commenced their second venture.

The batting showed some slight improvement, Mr Bettsworth and Charlwood again hitting freely, and did Mr Blackman, and at the fall of the last wicket 169 were registered. From the complete score attached it will be seen that Yorkshire were victors by six wickets.