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Thursday 7 May, page 7: THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

The 98th anniversary meeting of the Marylebone Club was held yesterday in the pavilion at Lord's, Lord Winterton in the chair. The official report, which was adopted, stated that the total number of members in 1884 was 2,939, as against 2,863 in the previous year. The total gross income of the club, including a balance on January 1, of £804 17s 4d, was £15,065 6s 3d, and the expenditure £11,584 19s 2d, leaving a balance in favour of the club of £3,480 7s 1d. The total number of matches played was 121, of which 59 were won, 34 lost and 28 drawn.

Since last season a new set of dressing-rooms with bath-rooms attached, and a new players' room have been added to the pavilion; hot water has also been laid on and the whole building has been put in a state of structural repair. It has also been found necessary to rebuild the interior of the tavern. An additional wing has been added to the grand stand, and a terrace has been erected all round the A enclosure. A new tar-paved road and footpath have been laid from the members' entrance to the pavilion, and other improvements and alterations made since last season. The cost of these (amounting in all to about £4,000) does not appear in this year's accounts, as £500 only was paid before the 31st of December.

The Hon Alfred Lyttelton, Sir W Hart Dyke, Messrs C E Boyle and E Hume retired by rotation from the Committee. Lord Winterton, Messrs E L Bateman, S Bircham and A G Steel were elected in their places.

The ground staff will consist of T Hearne, Farrands, West, Flanagan, Clayton, Rylott, Wild, W Mycroft, G G Hearne, Sherwin, Wheeler, T Mycroft, W Hearn, Flowers, Price, Barnes, O'Shaughnessy, Gunn, Scotton, Hay, Woof, Fothergill, Attewell, F Hearne, Parnham, Burton, Wootton, Pickett, Davenport and Pentecost. Several others will be employed during July and August.

The proceeds to the Whitsun Monday match will be given to the widow and family of the late F Morley, who was for many years employed on the ground staff. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton holds to Golden Tennis Racquet and Mr J M Heathcote the Silver Prize.

With the first match of the Marylebone Club the cricket season may be said to begin in earnest. As usual, the M.C.C. have issued a very heavy programme, which comprises matches with the public schools and most of the county and provincial clubs. On June 29 the University match begins, while July 6 and 10 are fixed for Gentlemen v Players and Eton v Harrow respectively. Various improvements have been made at Lord's Ground, notably the extension of the grand stand and increased accommodation in the pavilion.

The champion county of 1884, Nottinghamshire, has the same eleven available as last year, with Alfred Shaw still captain. The Lancashire fixtures are again absent from the programme. Home and home matches will be played with Sussex, Surrey, Yorkshire, Middlesex, Gloucestershire and Derbyshire. In addition to the game with Marylebone there will be a match between England and Nottinghamshire at the Trent-bridge Ground, which forms a feature of the season.

Yorkshire have again a large card. Hall will probably captain the eleven. They have two engagements with Sussex, Kent, Cambridge University, Marylebone Club, Middlesex, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Gloucestershire and Surrey.

Under the captaincy of Mr A N Hornby, The Lancashire Eleven have their usually attractive programme. The Leicestershire and Somerset fixtures are absent from the card, which includes a North v South match for the benefit of A Watson. Their other arrangements are home and home matches with Oxford University, Kent, Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Sussex, Essex, Surrey, Gloucestershire and Cheshire, and one game with Marylebone at Lord's.

Mr A J Webbe succeeds Mr I D Walker as captain of the Middlesex Eleven. The metropolitan county will greatly miss the bowling of Mr C T Studd, who has gone as a missionary to China. The Hon Alfred Lyttelton will probably be able to take part only in two or three of the later contests. The matches are with Surrey, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, Kent and Nottinghamshire.

Surrey have issued a large list of fixtures, and with last year's eleven available (except Mr Roller, who is doubtful), should have a successful season. A North v South match (for the benefit of Richard Humphrey), Gentlemen v Players and Gentlemen of the South v Players of the South will be played at the Oval. Among other matches, there will be two with Oxford University and one with Cambridge University.

Besides meeting Surrey, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Yorkshire, Kent, Gloucestershire and Hampshire twice, the Sussex team visit Cambridge and contest the Light Blues Eleven.

As regards Kent, the list of fixtures includes two matches with the Marylebone Club, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Sussex, Middlesex, Surrey and Hampshire.

The county of the Graces still lacks bowlers, as besides Dr W Grace (who illustrated in a recent match at Yatton that he has not lost his skill with the ball) and Woof, there are none that can be ranked as first-class. The team is very strong in batting. The arrangements are with Surrey, Sussex, Middlesex, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Lancashire and Somerset.

Apparently, from the list of matches published, Derbyshire are by no means daunted by their reverses of last season. They play Surrey, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Hampshire, Cheshire and Nottinghamshire twice and the Marylebone Club and Essex once.

Several of what are sometimes termed second-class counties have issued excellent programmes, notably Hampshire, Essex, Leicestershire and Cheshire. Oxford University, which had such a powerful team last season, will be further strengthened by a number of excellent players from the public schools. Mr H V Page has succeeded Mr M C Kemp as captain.

Cambridge, with such good Freshmen as Messrs R J Lucas (Eton), G A Coulby (Charterhouse), C D Buxton (Harrow), L G B Ford, Repton, and N K Stephen, Fettes, and with several prominent seniors, should be able to place a much stronger eleven in the field than last season.

7 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2928.html)

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

The first match of the Marylebone Club was begun yesterday at Lord's against the Sussex eleven. Owing to recent rain the ground was heavy. The visitors went in first. At the luncheon interval 77 runs were registered.

The game was resumed at a quarter to 3. After ten minutes' play rain began to fall so heavily that the contestants retired, and at 3.40, as there were no signs of it leaving off, stumps were drawn for the day . . .

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

At Lord's yesterday the Marylebone team inflicted a severe defeat on the Sussex eleven. When stumps were drawn the previous day Sussex, who went in first, had lost seven wickets for 77. In fine weather the game was resumed at 11.35, Phillips and Mr Wyatt being opposed by Rylott and Burton.

After making a cut for two the professional was run out, while without alteration in the score Mr Wyatt in attempting to drive was bowled. Juniper followed in. A leg-bye having been recorded, the new batsman drove Rylott to the on for four, but was caught soon afterwards at long-on. Time, 11.50. Rylott claimed four wickets . . .

At five minutes past 12 Gunn and Mr Russell opened the Marylebone innings to the bowling of Tester and J Hide. The professional scored three from the first ball, which went dangerously close to cover-point, while in Hide's over he obtained four by an off-drive. When 27 runs were registered Tester handed the ball to A Hide, who speedily brought about a separation, Mr Russell being taken at slip. One for 30. Davenport joined Gunn, but only five had been added when the former was bowled. Hearn fell to a catch at cover-point with the score at 55, and Mr de Paravicini arrived. Four runs were made before Gunn, who had previously been missed, was secured at deep cover-point. He had played a freely hit innings of 44. Mr Robertson aided Mr de Paravicini. The last-named injured his knee at 68 and retired. Mr Carter was run out at 85, and Sherwin was bowled just prior to the luncheon interval, when 103 runs were announced.

On the game being resumed, rain twice caused the players to seek shelter. Burton was caught at slip, and Mr Robertson, after hitting with freedom for 30, was taken at the wicket. Rylott and Parnham gave the Sussex bowlers considerable trouble, as they put on 25 runs before the latter was bowled, middle stump . . .

With a deficiency of 59 Sussex began their second venture at 4 o'clock. Mr Ellis was the only batsman who stoutly resisted the Marylebone bowling, and the innings terminated for 65. Rylott took six wickets . . .

The home team only required seven runs for victory, and at a quarter to 6 Gunn and Sherwin were sent in to get them. A Hide and Mr Smith were the bowlers. The amateur opened with a maiden, but Gunn cut Hide for two. Sherwin then made a leg hit to the boundary, while in the following

over of Mr Smith's he obtained four by a similar stroke, thus winning the match for Marylebone by ten wickets.

14 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2929.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 May, page 7)

The Sussex eleven did very well yesterday at Nottingham as far as their opportunities went. The fine morning was followed by a wet afternoon and stumps had to be drawn. Mr Wyatt and Mr Ellis batted in capital form, but the most useful innings were played by Humphreys and Jesse Hide, the former of whom hit four fours, seven threes and a two. Both he and Hide were missed, but the chances were very difficult. They put on 71 runs while they were partners.

Special interest was taken in the game from the fact that Barnes, Flowers, Scotton and Attewell made their first appearance in England on their return from their Australian trip, where they have all, and Barnes especially, done themselves credit.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 May, page 14)

After two days' play on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, Sussex, with two wickets down in their second innings, are fifty runs ahead of Nottinghamshire, and thus have a fair chance of success. At any rate they will have made a creditable fight against the champion county.

It will be remembered that on Thursday Sussex scored 149 runs for five wickets. Yesterday the last wicket fell for 201. Nottinghamshire started badly, losing Barnes and Scotton for three runs, and finished 34 runs behind Sussex. The latter went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 May, page 12)

Although at the close of an innings each Sussex had an advantage of 34 runs, they proved unable successfully to cope with the Midland county. When stumps were drawn at the Trent-bridge Ground on Friday evening the scores stood: - Sussex, first innings, 201; second innings, 16 for two wickets; Nottinghamshire, first innings, 167.

The game was resumed on Saturday at a few minutes past 12, the overnight not outs, Mr R T Ellis and Phillips, being opposed by Shaw and Attewell. The professional was well caught at slip after the score had been increased to 22, and Humphreys joined Mr Ellis. These batsmen added 14, and then a change in the bowling was tried, Barnes superseded Shaw. The alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Humphreys, while at 44 Jesse Hide fell to a catch at point. Five down. Two more wickets were captured before luncheon was announced, when 67 runs were registered. The remaining batsmen were got rid of for an addition of 13. Attewell claimed six wickets . . .

Requiring 115 runs for victory, Nottinghamshire sent in Gunn and Scotton. Both batsmen played in fine style, and although the bowling was changed frequently the 100 was hoisted before a wicket fell. One run later, however, Gunn cut the ball into the hands of point. He had played a very fine innings, which included ten fours, two threes and three twos. Barnes came to the assistance of Scotton, and the 14 runs necessary for victory were soon obtained, Nottinghamshire winning by nine wickets . . .

14 May: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2930.html)

The Hampshire Eleven visited Kennington Oval yesterday and began a match with Surrey. Punctually at 12 o'clock Messrs Armstrong and Bonham-Carter opened the visitors' batting to the bowling of Barratt and Lohmann. With the exception of Mr Armstrong none of the side obtained double figures, and the innings closed shortly after 1 o'clock.

Mr J Shuter and Abel began the Surrey batting. Dible and Mr Armstrong were intrusted with the bowling. No separation had been effected at luncheon time, but soon afterwards Abel was caught at forward short leg. One for 86. Mr Dible joined his captain, and the runs were obtained very quickly. The "100" was reached at ten minutes past 3 o'clock, and the second hundred was hoisted at 4.5. Both batsmen showed fine form, but at 209 a smart catch at slip got rid of Mr Diver, whose principal items were ten fours, three threes and four twos. Mr W W Read aided Mr Shuter, who completed his hundred by a cut for four at 4.20. Runs were then obtained rapidly, until at 253 Mr Read was taken at third man. Mr Shuter next had the assistance of Lohmann, but the former was beaten by an excellent delivery of Mr Lacey's, when seven runs had been added. The Surrey captain had played a very brilliant innings of 135, which comprised a five, 20 fours, five threes, seven twos and singles.

Mr Roller followed in. Runs were scored freely and the amateur by a leg hit to the boundary caused "300" to appear at 5.25. Lohmann was run out at 328, and Mr Bowden who followed in was easily taken at mid-off half-a-dozen runs later. Six down. Wood aided Mr Roller, and these two batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 May, page 14)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Kennington Oval on Thursday evening Surrey, having got rid of their opponents for 32, had gone in and obtained 404 for the loss of only six wickets. Yesterday at noon, Mr Roller and Wood, the not-outs, with 81 and 26 respectively, continued the home batting. Young and Dible had charge of the attack.

After the score had been increased to 423, the last-named bowler gave way to Mr Lacey; but the separation was effected from the other end as, without addition, Wood fell to a catch at long-slip. Seven down. Bowley joined Mr Roller, who had the misfortune to play on when he had got within eight of 100. He had batted in a very fine style, contributing, among other items, 12 fours, six threes and six two. Eight for 435. The remaining batsmen added 26, and the innings closed at a quarter to 1.

No fewer than 429 runs were required by the visitors to avoid a single innings defeat. Messrs Bonham-Carter and Armstrong began this formidable task a few minutes past 1 o'clock to the bowling of Bowley and Barratt. Both batsmen scored freely until at 34 Mr Armstrong was dismissed by the fast bowler. Mr Powell joined Mr Bonham-Carter, and as runs were obtained rather quickly, Lohmann displaced Barratt. This alteration speedily brought Mr Powell's innings to a close, as, after a leg-bye had been registered, Lohmann bowled him with the second ball. Mr Lacey filled the vacancy and soon 50 was signalled. Twenty-six runs later on the new batsman was well caught at mid-off and Mr Pember went to the assistance of Mr Bonham-Carter. A late cut by the last-named gentleman for four brought up the score to 100.

Several changes in the attack had previously been made, and Lohmann was now put on at the Pavilion wicket, Mr Roller bowling at the opposite end. Mr Bonham-Carter, who had shown excellent form, was out to a smart catch at slip at 104, while, without alteration in the total, Mr Sheldrake was bowled and Dible caught at mid-off. Young returned the ball ten runs later, Mr Pember was bowled at 133, and at 149 Mr Dible was out in a similar manner. Owing to an injury to his hand Mr Walkinshaw was unable to bat, and the innings consequently closed, Surrey being victorious by an innings and 280 runs.

18 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v C I THORNTON'S ENGLAND ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2931.html)

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

Mr C I Thornton has got together a powerful England Eleven to play against Cambridge University. The game began yesterday at Cambridge soon after 12 o'clock, the visitors going in first. Messrs Studd and Thornton opened the batting, and were confronted by Messrs Buxton and Mirehouse. Two batsmen had been dismissed when Mr Thornton had the wicket measured, and as it was found to be a yard and a quarter too long the game was recommenced.

Before luncheon was announced three wickets had fallen for 60 runs. Afterwards some capital batting was shown by Messrs Crawley, Quinton, Burls and Cottrell, and the innings realized 235 . . . The University went in . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 May, page 6)

At Cambridge yesterday the University eleven were sent to advantage at all points of the game, and they have now none the worse of the match, as the England team with one wicket to fall are 169 runs to the good. There is therefore every prospect of a good finish to-day (Wednesday).

Yesterday's cricket was mainly remarkable for the capital batting of Messrs Bainbridge and Marchant, two old Etonians. The total of the innings was 231, or only four runs to the bad. In the second innings of the England team Mr Thornton and Walter Wright scored 92 runs for the first wicket. Mr Thornton gave an exhibition of brilliant hitting, and made a six and eight fours, the six being a drive out of the ground. Wright was in an hour and 40 minutes for his 23. After these two batsmen were got rid of, wickets fell very rapidly. At the close of play Mr J E K Studd and Crossland were together . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 May, page 10)

Rain at Cambridge yesterday prevented any play in the match between Mr Thornton's England team and the University Eleven. In the second innings of the visitors Mr Toppin claimed five wickets . . . It will be seen from the following score that the match was drawn.

18 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2933.html)

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

After having played their usual opening matches among themselves, the Oxford University eleven yesterday commenced their first trial match, being opposed by a rather strong Marylebone team. The only feature of the day, though that was quite enough to distinguish the match, was the long stand made by Mr E J C Studd and Gunn, who put on 156 runs for the third wicket.

Mr Studd, half-brother of the famous cricketers of that name, has often appeared for Marylebone, but never shown such form as that of yesterday, when he made 110 out of 136 by 13 fours, three threes, 10 twos and singles. He only gave two difficult chances in his long innings. Gunn made 71 out of the first 215 runs, his patience being as remarkable as his hitting. His figures were nine fours, a three, seven twos and singles. He gave one difficult chance, but otherwise deserves great praise. Mr Bastard took five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 May, page 6)

Some very interesting cricket was witnessed yesterday at Oxford, when a match between the powerful team of the M.C.C. and the University eleven was continued. Overnight the score stood as follows: - Marylebone Club and Ground, first innings, 244; Oxford University, first innings, 37 (for one wicket).

Soon after noon the not outs, Messrs Brain and Pemberton, with 19 and 18 respectively, were opposed by Attewell and Barnes. The score was quickly increased to 50, but then Mr Pemberton obstructed his wicket. Without alteration in the figures Mr Page was bowled, Mr Brain caught at the wicket and Mr Key taken at long on. Five down. Messrs Hildyard and Buckland then became partners, and offered a determined resistance to the Marylebone bowling. At length, when 120 runs were signalled, Mr Buckland was bowled. No fewer than 70 runs had been put on since the fall of the last wicket. Mr Walters joined Mr Hildyard, but the batsmen were then dismissed rapidly, the innings closing for 168. Attewell took four wickets . . .

Marylebone went in a second time and lost one wicket for three runs. Gunn and Mr Studd then played brilliantly and took the score to 75. Mr Hadow and Attewell became partners when five wickets were down for 100, and both were not out at the call of time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 May, page 10)

Owing to rain at Oxford yesterday this match had to be abandoned as a draw. The visitors had a decided advantage, as with five wickets to fall in their second innings they were 254 runs ahead . . .

18 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2932.html)

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

Yesterday at Lord's the first [of the] two matches arranged between the Marylebone Club and Kent was begun. The Club went in first, and made of their first innings 140 runs, to which total Mr Hornby contributed 46 and Fothergill 40. The bowling was chiefly entrusted to H Hearne and A Hearne, who took respectively five wickets for 27 and four for 34 runs.

Kent then went in and made 205 runs, of which Mr Thornton made 43. This finished the day's play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 May, page 6)

Mr A N Hornby again proved the highest scorer of the day in this match at Lord's yesterday. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening each side had completed an innings, with the result that Kent were 65 runs ahead. Yesterday morning at 11.35 the game was resumed in dull weather. Mr Hornby and Scotton began the Marylebone second innings, and were opposed by Mr Christopherson and Wootton.

Mr Hornby at once began to score freely. Mr Christopherson handed the ball to A Hearne at 32. At 38 H Hearne superseded Wootton, and when that number had been doubled A Hearne gave way to G G Hearne. Scotton, who had played very patient cricket, was then bowled. One for 76. Mr Russel appeared, and Mr Christopherson took the ball from H Hearne. After scoring 63 Mr Hornby gave a chance to Mr Jones at mid-off, which was not accepted. An excellent ball from Mr Christopherson sent back Mr Russell at 81, and Mr Ross came in. A single by Mr Hornby brought the score up to 100. Five runs later A Hearne displaced G G Hearne, and this alteration speedily had the desired effect, as Mr Hornby was taken at slip. He had hit very freely for 84. Three down.

Mr Ross was bowled at 113. Mr Robertson and Davenport increased the score to 130 before the latter was dismissed. The partnership of Fothergill and Mr Robertson realized 17 runs, the latter being bowling just before luncheon time. The innings soon afterwards closed for 161 runs . . .

Requiring 97 runs to win, Kent sent in Mr Tonge and F Hearne to the bowling of Burton and Fothergill. At 33 Mr Robertson relieved Fothergill, and his first delivery proved fatal to F Hearne. G G Hearne joined Mr Tonge, who was caught at short leg after an addition of five runs. Two for 38. Mr Kemp and G G Hearne carried the score to 71, when the amateur returned the ball. Mr Jones followed in. Eighty runs were announced after as many minutes' play. Only a single was wanted by the visitors for victory when Mr Jones was bowled. O'Shaughnessy appeared, and the first ball sent him by Fothergill he hit to leg for three, thus winning the match for Kent by six wickets . . .

18 May: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2934.html)

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

The first county match of the Yorkshire season began yesterday at Bradford. The weather was bad and the game had several times to be suspended in consequence of rain, and was also abandoned some time earlier than usual.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 20 May, page 6)

Yorkshire had all the better of yesterday's cricket at Bradford in their match against Sussex, as the southern county had an innings to play and 277 runs to make to avert a single innings defeat. Mr Woodhouse, who was 54 and not out on Monday, when the Yorkshire score reached 233 for five wickets, was soon dismissed yesterday; his 63 included a four, five threes and 15 twos. Peel and Emmett afterwards displayed admirable cricket and put on 75 runs during their partnership. Peate afterwards scored 31, and in the end Yorkshire's total reached the large figure of 377.

Sussex proved altogether unequal to the task of playing to the first-class Yorkshire bowling, though in justice to the Southerners it must be said the wicket was less easy as it got drier. Six wickets fell for 49, and in the end the total was 105. An early start and an early termination have been arranged for to-day in order that several members of each team, who are engaged, may journey to Sheffield-park, Sussex, for the match which commences there on Thursday between Shaw's Australian Eleven and Earl Sheffield's selected team.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 May, page 10)

At Bradford yesterday the first match of the Yorkshire season ended in a draw, much in favour of the home county, who headed their opponents on the first innings by 272 runs. Sussex would have had to follow on yesterday had play taken place, but so wet was the weather that at 1 o'clock all idea of proceeding with the match had been given up.

21 May: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2938.html)

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

At Kennington Oval yesterday the metropolitan counties began the first of the two matches arranged between them. The weather was fine, but owing to recent rain the turf was very heavy. Surrey went in first and were dismissed for 166. Mr Robertson took four wickets . . .

At 4.25 Messrs Haycraft and Webbe began the Middlesex innings to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann. A fine delivery of the latter's got rid of Mr Haycraft when only three byes were recorded, and at ten Mr Scott was bowled. Mr Ridley joined Mr Webbe. The Middlesex batsmen then fared badly. Mr Ridley was bowled at 12, at 13 Mr Webbe was dismissed and Mr Pearson caught at slip. West skied the ball to mid-off at 14, at 16 Mr Cottrell was well caught at long-on, and at 18 Mr de Paravicini was taken at the wicket. Eight down. Without alteration in the figures Mr Robertson was run out, and at 25 Mr Williams obstructed his wicket. The innings had lasted exactly an hour. Beaumont took six wickets . . . Being 141 in arrear, Middlesex followed on at a quarter to 6 . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 May, page 10)

At the time fixed for the continuation of this match at Kennington Oval yesterday, rain was falling heavily, and after waiting until a quarter to 5 it was decided not to play. The game will be resumed this morning.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 May, page 12)

It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn in this match at Kennington Oval on Thursday, Middlesex had followed on and lost two wickets for 33. There was no play on Friday on account of rain, and on Saturday the inclement weather prevented a start being made until a quarter to 3. Mr Scott, the not-out with 1, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Ridley. Lohmann (pavilion end) and Beaumont were the bowlers.

The only item in four overs was a hit to leg by Mr Scott for four, after which an appeal against Mr Ridley for leg-before was answered in favour of the batsman. Two maiden overs ensued, and then rain stopped the game for a quarter of an hour. On resuming only a single was obtained in four overs. Mr Ridley then hit the ball to leg and attempted a run. It was smartly returned by Mr Shuter, and before the batsman could reach the crease again hit wicket went down. Three for 38.

Mr Pearson joined Mr Scott, who drove Lohmann to the off for four and to the on for two. After making a run from each end Mr Pearson was bowled, while his successor, West, was dismissed in a similar manner by the first ball sent him. Mr Paravicini soon lost the company of Mr Scott, who fell to a catch at mid-on. Six for 49. Mr Cottrell appeared, and by a single caused "50" to be announced at 20 minutes to 4. Mr Cottrell's middle stump was upset at 52; but the partnership of Messrs Robertson and Paravicini realized 19 runs. The former was then bowled. The remaining batsmen were dismissed for an addition of six, Mr Paravicini, who was missed by Mr Diver at long-on when he had made 15, carrying out his bat. Time, 4.20. Beaumont took six wickets . . . The

subjoined score will show that Surrey won by an innings and 64 runs.

21 May: LORD SHEFFIELD'S ELEVEN v A SHAW'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2936.html)

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

An interesting contest was begun yesterday at Sheffield-park, near Uckfield, Sussex, the seat of Lord Sheffield, who had got together a good eleven of gentlemen and players to oppose the team which, under the management of Alfred Shaw, Arthur Shrewsbury and James Lillywhite, has just returned from Australia. Maurice Read was obliged to be absent from Shaw's team as he was called upon to play for Surrey against Middlesex, and Briggs was also away playing for Lancashire against Oxford University. Dr E M Grace, who was to have taken part in the match, was unavoidably absent, and Painter took his place. The wicket played slow. The Yorkshiremen who were engaged in the match missed their train from London yesterday morning, and were not on the ground till shortly before luncheon, so that all things considered the match did not begin auspiciously.

Nevertheless, some fairly good cricket was exhibited. Frank Hearne, the young Kent professional, batted particularly well for 62 out of 108. In the latter part of the innings of Lord Sheffield's team Jesse Hide and Emmett batted very carefully and put on 47 runs between them. Hide gave one chance, but otherwise showed capital form. The side were out for 184, and in the few minutes remaining before time, Shaw's eleven lost a wicket without scoring a run.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 May, page 10)

Yesterday's play at Sheffield-park, Sussex, occupied only about two hours. The rain, which had seriously interfered with Thursday's play, altogether spoiled that of yesterday. The game was not resumed until nearly 3 in the afternoon, and then, with several interruptions, 80 runs were put on for the loss of two more wickets.

The bowlers and fieldsmen were at a great disadvantage with the wet ball and wet ground, and Ulyett, batting away in his well-known fashion, only more recklessly than he is accustomed to play under more serious conditions, scored 51 with three chances. His score comprised seven fours, a three and five twos. The game will be brought to a conclusion to-day . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 May, page 12)

The weather on Saturday at Sheffield-park was a considerable improvement on that of the previous day, but as it was almost inevitable that the game would end in a draw, the interest in the cricket had largely diminished. At the close of Friday's play the score stood as follows: - Lord Sheffield's eleven - first innings, 184; Alfred Shaw's eleven - first innings, 80 (for three wickets).

On Saturday Shrewsbury, Bates, Flowers and Attewell batted well, and the first innings of the visitors closed with an advantage of 16 runs. J Hide claimed four wickets . . .

On Lord Sheffield's eleven going in a second time, Dr W G Grace batted in fine form, but during the hour and a half left for play both F Hearne and Painter were dismissed . . . It will be seen from the subjoined score that when the game was abandoned as drawn the home team with eight wickets to fall were 48 runs on.

21 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2937.html)

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

Lancashire opened their season yesterday in the Parks at Oxford, where they encountered the University team. There were 12 players on each side. The visitors went in first, Mr Hornby and Barlow being opposed by Messrs Bastard and Buckland. The innings eventually closed for 124.

On the University going in, the bowling of Barlow and Nash proved very effective. With the exception of Messrs Brain and Newton, the side offered little resistance to the attacks of the Lancastrians. At the conclusion of the University innings for 115, stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 May, page 10)

Yesterday's play at Oxford only lasted two hours and a half, it being impossible to make a start until after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Overnight an innings had been completed on each side, the scores being - Lancashire, 124; Oxford, 115.

In their second innings yesterday the Lancashire men, all things considered, did very well, their total at the drawing of stumps being 135 for ten wickets. Barlow gave a chance to the wicket-keeper, but apart from this his innings of 42 was excellent. Watson also showed good form and Crossland made several good hits. To-day the match will be concluded, Lancashire, with a wicket to fall, being now 144 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 May, page 12)

Lancashire defeated the Oxford University team in the Parks at Oxford on Saturday. The visitors had a slight advantage at the drawing of stumps on Friday, as, being nine runs ahead on the first innings, they had gone in a second time and obtained 135 for ten wickets. On Saturday the Lancashire innings closed for an addition of 14 runs. Mr Bastard claimed five wickets . . .

Requiring 158 runs to prevent a reverse, the Dark Blues began their second innings. The ground was then all in favour of the bowlers, and so bad was the start that at the fall of the fifth wicket only 32 runs were recorded. Rain then stopped the game for an hour and three-quarters. On the match being continued, Messrs Page and Buckland batted extremely well and added 64 runs. The last few batsmen, however, fell easy victims to Watson's bowling, and Lancashire were victorious by 50 runs. Watson claimed five wickets . . .

21 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2935.html)

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

In consequence of heavy rain, which delayed the start, stumps were drawn earlier than usual in the match between a Marylebone Club team and the University at Cambridge yesterday. Owing to an injury to his foot, the Hon M B Hawke did not take part in the game.

The Light Blues went in first and scored 143. Titchmarsh took five wickets . . . M.C.C. had lost one wicket for 13 runs when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 May, page 10)

Heavy and continuous rain prevented any play in this match at Cambridge yesterday. The game will be resumed to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 25 May, page 12)

As was inevitable, after the forced loss of Friday, the match at Cambridge between the Marylebone Club and the University ended on Saturday in a draw. At the finish the visitors, with an innings to play, wanted 193 runs to win. Had time permitted, the University would, in all probability, have won the game, as the ground, after the recent rains, was decidedly slow.

The feature of the cricket was a capital innings of 55 by Mr C W Wright, who seems this year to have quite recovered his batting. Among other items, he contributed three 4's, three 3's and seven 2's. Mr Greatorex also played well, he and Mr Wright putting on 50 runs while they were together; Mycroft took five Cambridge wickets . . .

25 May: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2940.html)

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

Despite the unfavourable weather yesterday a very large company had assembled at Lord's by the time the above game began. The Marylebone Club had got together two very fair teams. Successful in the toss, the South began batting with Dr W G Grace and Mr Gilbert, who were opposed by Mycroft (nursery end) and J Wright at 20 minutes to 1.

The Gloucestershire captain obtained a single in the first over, while the opening ball from Wright he drove to the on boundary. After making another single Dr Grace obtained four by an off-drive from Mycroft. In the following over of Wright's Mr Gilbert scored five - two twos (cuts) and a single. Dr Grace next contributed an on-drive for two and a leg-hit for four. This rapid rate of run-getting caused Wright to give way to Rylott at 21. Five overs produced seven runs, and then Mr Gilbert secured four from a very fine cut, while his partner drove Mycroft to the off for a similar number. Mr Gilbert scored a couple to square leg, and then a cut for two by Dr Grace brought 40 on the telegraph board after 25 minutes' play. Having scored a run off Mycroft, the Gloucestershire captain drove Wright to the off for three, but was then out to an excellent catch at long on. One for 44.

Mr Radcliffe appeared, and four overs were sent down for half as many runs. A three to leg by Mr Gilbert was followed by a single from Mr Radcliffe, which caused the "50" to be signalled at 1.20. Two runs later Mr Radcliffe was well caught at slip. Two down. Rain then began to fall so heavily that the players had to seek shelter at 1.25. As the weather did not improve, stumps were drawn for the day at 3.35 . . .

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

Between two and three thousand spectators were present at Lord's yesterday to witness the second day's play in the above match, the proceeds of which are to be given to the widow and family of the once famous Nottingham bowler, F Morley. When the game was resumed yesterday morning at 1.35, the South had scored 52 for one wicket. Mr Gilbert, the overnight not-out with 18, and Mr Pullan continued the South innings to the bowling of Mycroft (nursery end) and Rylott.

Three runs were obtained in ten overs, but at 57 Mr Gilbert was taken at slip. Painter's stay was brief, as after making four he fell a victim to Rylott. Mr Thornton was caught at forward point at 67, Mr Pullan run out at 74, and at 75 West was caught at slip. Seven down. Jones and Fothergill now became partners. Runs were obtained slowly, the fielding being good. Bowley displaced Mycroft at 93, but the Somersetshire professional drove the third ball to the off for three, while a single by the other batsman caused 100 to be signalled at 20 minutes to 1. Jones was caught by Wright running from long-off 13 runs later. During the partnership of Mr Welman and Fothergill 19 runs were obtained. A fine catch at cover-point got rid of the amateur, while at 149 Titchmarsh was easily caught at point. The innings closed at 1.25. Rylott claimed seven wickets . . .

At 1.40 Mr Hornby and Mr C W Wright began the North batting. Dr W G Grace had charge of the bowling at the nursery end. The last ball of the over proved fatal to the Lancashire captain, who was out to a well-judged catch at deep square-leg. Mr Hawke joined Mr Wright. Fothergill bowled

from the pavilion wicket. Dr Grace should have caught and bowled Mr C W Wright before a run had been recorded. Mr Hawke scored three for an on-drive and shortly afterwards placed Fothergill to square-leg for four. An adjournment was then made for luncheon.

On resuming at a quarter to 3 the bowlers were again Dr Grace and Fothergill. The latter gave way to Painter at 14; but the separation was effected from the other end, as when five runs had been added Mr Hawke was finely caught at deep square-leg. Two for 20. Price aided Mr Wright, who was run out at 21. Davenport followed in. Titchmarsh relieved Painter at 33, but at 42 Price was stumped. Four down. Fothergill resumed bowling in place on Titchmarsh on Mr Royle appearing. The last-named batsman had been caught at slip when only one run had been added, while the first ball Brown received he played on to his wicket. Six for 43. Further misfortunes befell the visitors, as at 49 Bowley was caught at deep square-leg, Wright obstructed his wicket at 57 and at 61 Davenport was caught at mid-off. Nine down. Mycroft joined Rylott, who was twice missed at point and once at slip. A catch at slip eventually disposed of Mycroft, the venture closing at ten Messrs past 4 for 67. Dr Grace secured five wickets . . .

As they were 82 runs behind, the North followed on. Mr Hornby and Mr C W Wright were again the first representatives, while the bowling was once more undertaken by Dr Grace (nursery end) and Fothergill. Mr Wright had the misfortune to be run out when only three were registered. Mr Hawke joined Mr Hornby. Both batsmen scored rapidly, and 30 appeared on the telegraph board after as many minutes' play. Mr Hornby hit his wicket, however, four runs later, and Price went to the assistance of Mr Hawke. The amateur scored four from a fine straight drive to the nursery boundary, and made two on-drives for four, each off Dr Grace, who relinquished the ball to West at 57. Eight runs were added and then Price was caught at point, while Mr Hawke was bowled at 67. Four down. Mr Royle and Davenport were now together. The amateur was missed at long-on before he had scored, but at 76 Fothergill bowled down his leg stump. Five for 76.

Brown was bowled without alteration in the figures. Bowley joined Davenport, and the innings defeat was averted a few minutes before 6 o'clock. Dr Grace superseded West at 88, and the alteration speedily proved successful, Bowley being caught at long-off. Seven for 91. J Wright was finely taken at cover-point at 93, while Rylott, who followed, was out to an excellent running catch in the long field at the same total. Mycroft joined Davenport. The new batsman by a single caused 100 to be announced at 6.25. Mycroft was soon caught at cover-point, and the innings ended at half-past 6 for 104. Dr Grace took four wickets . . .

Requiring 23 runs for victory, the South sent in Mr Thornton and Painter, who were opposed by Rylott (pavilion end) and Mycroft. Brown took the ball from Rylott at 14. This variation proved successful, as at 20 Mr Thornton was smartly caught at slip. West joined Painter, who cut Mycroft to the boundary and won the match for the South at 7 o'clock by nine wickets . . .

25 May: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2942.html)

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

Notwithstanding the fact that they took a weak eleven down to Sheffield yesterday, Kent had somewhat the better of the cricket against Yorkshire, for at the close of play each side had completed its first innings, and Kent had a majority of 19 runs.

There was not much to praise in the Yorkshire batting, but the bowling of Mr Christopherson and A Hearne was particularly fine. The amateur took three wickets at the commencement of the innings for a run a-piece, and A Hearne got rid of the last five Yorkshiremen for only 13 runs.

When Kent went in to bat the start was very slow, Peate and Peel bowling exceedingly well. Frank Hearne and Mr W H Patterson then made a long and determined stand, and took the score from 10 for two wickets to 74 for three wickets. This prosperity did not last, for as soon as the pair were separated Peel took the last seven wickets for only 31 runs. Play then ceased for the day, and it is remarkable that, though the weather was dull and threatening, there was no rain to interfere with the crowd of sightseers who thronged the Sheffield ground.

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

A Hearne's bowling, which had so much to do on Monday in the speedy dismissal of Yorkshire, was even more destructive yesterday, when eight wickets fell before it for only 35 runs. This bowling was the main element in the success of Kent, as only Hall could do anything in the second innings of the northern county. This careful batsman went in first and carried his bat right through the innings for 32.

When Kent went in for a second time they had 63 runs to get to win, and they only lost two wickets in obtaining that number. Messrs Jones and Patterson, as well as George Hearne, deserve a share in the praise due to the successful side. The partisans of Yorkshire will be considerably downcast at this early defeat, and indeed the crowd at Sheffield yesterday was a very silent one. In the second innings of Yorkshire A Hearne claimed eight wickets . . .

25 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2939.html)

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

Unluckily for the holiday public at Nottingham, the long-expected engagement between the champion county and Surrey was interfered with yesterday by rain. It is an open secret that, having in view their recent great improvement, the friends of Surrey look forward to a very prominent position for their county this year, and this fact alone is sufficient to draw unusual attention to the contest with Nottinghamshire.

As it happened, rain fell very heavily yesterday from just before 12 o'clock, preventing play till 4 in the afternoon. A commencement was then made, and Surrey, having won the toss, went in first. Walter Wright bowled with great ability and success, and the score was only 39 when the fifth wicket fell. Abel's care and coolness enabled him to stop at the wicket an hour for his 15 runs. Mr Roller and Lohmann after this became partners and took the total to 84 by admirably patient and sound cricket . . .

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

Some most interesting play was witnessed in this match at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening Surrey, who went in first, had lost eight wickets for 90. Yesterday, soon after noon, the game was continued. Owing to the free hitting of Wood and Barratt, Surrey increased their score to 127. Wright claimed four wickets . . .

Shrewsbury and Scotton opened the Nottinghamshire innings to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann. Scotton was well caught by Abel at slip when only two runs were registered. Barnes aided Shrewsbury, but after some very slow play he was easily caught and bowled. Gunn went to the assistance of Shrewsbury, and these batsmen offered a determined resistance to the Surrey attacks. When 81 runs had been recorded Shrewsbury had the misfortune to play on, while only five more were added before Barratt bowled Gunn. The last-named batsman had played a very fine innings of 57 which included seven fours, five threes and six twos. With the exception of Flowers the remaining batsmen did little, and the Nottinghamshire venture closed for 123, or four runs less than their opponents.

Surrey went in a second time at five minutes to 6, and at the close of the day had lost three good batsmen. Upwards of 5,000 people watched the game with the greatest interest. The wicket had suffered from the rain of the previous day, and was never at any time easy, as may be gathered from the fact that during the whole of the day only 218 runs were scored.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 May, page 7)

The first match of the season between Nottinghamshire and Surrey ended yesterday, at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, as a draw, the home county at the finish wanting 82 runs to win with five wickets to fall. As five of the best Nottingham batsmen were out the draw was certainly in Surrey's favour. The result of the match reflects great credit on the Surrey eleven, who were seen to advantage at all points of the game, and who are to be congratulated on making so good a fight

against such a powerful team as that of Nottinghamshire.

On Tuesday night Surrey, after being four runs ahead in the first innings, had lost three wickets in the second innings for 58. They went on batting at five minutes past 12 yesterday, and were not disposed of until 25 minutes to 4, the total reaching 166. Some excellent cricket was shown by Messrs W W Read and Shuter, who raised the score from 38 to 133, thus putting on 95 during their partnership. In Mr Shuter's 48 there were six fours, three threes and three twos, while in Mr Read's 56 there were seven fours, two threes and four twos. In the concluding part of the Surrey innings only Beaumont offered any serious resistance to the Nottingham bowlers.

The home eleven were left with 171 runs to get to win, but as only two hours and 40 minutes remained for play they had scarcely a possibility of making the runs in time. Their only chance, therefore, was to play for a draw. A bad start was made, three wickets falling for 29 runs, and then Surrey looked to have a real chance of winning, but Scotton and Flowers completely altered the aspect of the game, and by some splendid cricket put the chance of defeat for Nottingham out of the question. For an hour and 40 minutes there was scarcely a fault to be found with the batting. It seemed as though the draw would be in favour of Notts, but in the last five minutes Scotton, who had been in for two hours and 35 minutes, was bowled, and Flowers was out in a similar manner. With the fall of Flowers's wicket stumps were drawn and the match ended.

25 May: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2941.html)

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

Very little play was possible at Brighton yesterday in the opening contest between the home county and Hampshire. Rain delayed the start until a quarter past 1, and later fell so heavily during the luncheon interval that further play for the rest of the afternoon was impossible.

Sussex, who won the toss, were first represented by Mr Wyatt and Tester, and in the three-quarters of an hour before the adjournment was taken these batsmen, despite bowling changes, put together 35 runs without losing a wicket.

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

At Brighton yesterday there was very nearly a full day's cricket, rain only delaying play for half an hour after luncheon. There was some brilliant batting by Mr W Newham, Mr Wyatt, Mr Ellis, Tester and Humphreys, and chiefly by their efforts the score, which overnight was 35 for no wicket, was by the luncheon adjournment raised to 211 for the loss of three wickets.

The wet which then fell seriously affected the ground, and on resuming Dible was almost irresistible, and the whole side were out for 260 - a much smaller total than was at one time anticipated. Mr Newham's splendid 82 contained 15 fours, two threes and four twos.

The Hampshire batsmen on going in fared very badly, and when stumps were drawn for the day their total was only up to 58 with six of their best batsmen out. Sussex have, therefore, a great advantage, as the visitors with only four wickets to fall are still 202 runs behind. In the Sussex innings Dible claimed seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 28 May, page 7)

As was only to be expected after the preceding day's play, the home county obtained a very easy victory over Hampshire at Brighton yesterday. It will be readily called to mind that the scores at the close of Tuesday's cricket were - Sussex, first innings, 260; Hampshire, first innings, 58 for six wickets; so that with only four wickets to fall the visitors were still 202 runs behind.

Mr E O Powell, who was not out 17 overnight, batted very well indeed yesterday, but he received little support from the rest of the side; and the Hampshire first innings, in the absence of Mr Wood, closed for 87, leaving the visiting county in a minority of 173. They accordingly had to follow on, and although Mr Powell again batted in excellent form, the rest of the Hampshire batsmen, with the exception of Mr Hall, were quite unable to make any headway against the underhand bowling of Humphreys. The second innings only amounted to 109, and Sussex accordingly obtained a single innings triumph, with 64 runs to spare. In Hampshire's first innings Juniper claimed four wickets . . .

28 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2947.html)

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

Mr K J Key and Mr A H J Cochrane batted well for their University yesterday against a Gentlemen of England team in the Parks at Oxford. At 20 minutes past 12 the Dark Blues sent in Messrs D'Aeth and Key, who were opposed by Messrs Rotherham and Arnall.

The score was soon advanced to 34, at which total Mr Arnall handed the ball to Mr Robertson. As this change did not have the desired effect Mr Godfrey was put on. It was not until 68 had been registered, however, that a wicket fell, Mr D'Aeth being bowled. Mr Key continued to hit freely, and had made 70 out of the first 109 when he was run out. His chief items were three sixes, two fours, two threes and 14 twos. Mr Cochrane then scored 61 in finestyle, and remained not out at the close of the innings. His principal contributions were eight fours, four threes and five twos. Mr Rotherham claimed three wickets . . .

Mr Studd was in fine batting form for the visitors when he was unfortunately hit in the face. Mr Coles, a Freshman, was also seen to advantage.

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

The second day's play in the match between the Dark Blues and the Gentlemen of England team in the Parks at Oxford produced some interesting cricket. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening the University had completed an innings for 206 and the Gentlemen of England in their first innings had lost four wickets for 142. Yesterday Mr Studd, who retired hurt on the previous day, and Mr Pearson resumed the visitors' batting. After they had been separated the innings soon closed.

Being ten runs ahead, the University began their second venture with Messrs D'Aeth and Key, who were confronted by Messrs Rotherham and Robertson. Mr Key was out to a catch at slip at 38, while shortly afterwards Mr D'Aeth was bowled. Messrs Pemberton and Page then became partners. As runs were obtained rather quickly, Mr Robertson handed the ball to Mr Godfrey at 66. This change in the attack soon had the desired effect, as Mr Page was bowled. Mr Buckland's stay was brief, but on Mr Hildyard joining Mr Pemberton the score again rose rapidly. Although further alterations in the bowling were made, the three figures were soon announced. Mr Pemberton increased his score to 40 before he lost his wicket, and Mr Hildyard was bowled for 24. The remaining batsmen were easily disposed of, and the innings closed for 129.

Requiring 140 runs for victory, the Gentlemen of England went in a second time. Messrs J G Walker and Kemp both showed good form, and 66 of the number had been obtained for the loss of only two wickets when play ceased for the day.

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

From the state of the game between Oxford University and the Gentlemen of England at the conclusion of the second day's play the defeat of the former seemed inevitable. The score then

stood - Oxford University 206 and 129; Gentlemen of England 196 and 66 for two wickets.

On Saturday morning, in the Parks at Oxford, Messrs Kemp and Bolitho, the overnight not-outs, with 31 and 4 respectively, continued the innings of the visitors, who then required 74 runs for victory. Messrs Bastard and Cochrane were the bowlers. Both batsmen hit freely, and although several variations in the attack were made, it was not until 132 were recorded that Mr Kemp returned the ball. He had played in brilliant style, his contributions being five fours, four threes, eight twos and 14 singles. Mr Coles came to the assistance of Mr Bolitho, and the eight runs necessary for victory were quickly obtained. Mr Bolitho's excellent not-out innings of 45 comprised three fours, four three, five twos and 11 singles . . . It will be seen from the appended score that the Gentlemen of England won by seven wickets.

28 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2943.html)

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

Mr Bainbridge played a brilliant innings yesterday for his University against Yorkshire. He hit very freely and scored 63. Mr Rock, who, it will be remembered, played a capital innings in the University match last year, batted steadily yesterday, and Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen was also useful. Several of the prominent University batsmen, however, failed altogether.

When Yorkshire went in Hall and Ulyett each had a life in the field. They hit hard, keeping their wicket up to the call of time. In the Cambridge innings Peate claimed four wickets . . .

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

When stumps were drawn in this match at Cambridge on Thursday, the University eleven had scored 138 in their first innings, while their opponents, who had not lost a wicket, were credited with 65. G Ulyett (not out 41) and Hall (not out 22) resumed the Yorkshire innings yesterday at ten minutes past 12.

The score was carried to 77 before Ulyett was out to an excellent catch at mid-on. He had played in fine style. Four more batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 23. Lee and Grimshaw then made a stand, but eventually the innings terminated for 168, or 30 runs to the good. The University on going in a second time offered little resistance to the Yorkshire bowling, and were all out for the meagre total of 44. Peate took five wickets . . .

Yorkshire only wanted 15 for victory, and that number they obtained at the cost of one wicket. Yorkshire thus won by nine wickets . . .

28 May: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2946.html)

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

Yesterday, at Lord's, the Nottinghamshire team made their first appearance on a London ground this season, the match being against a rather powerful eleven of Marylebone. The visitors began batting at ten minutes past 12 with Scotton and Mr Dixon, who were confronted by Fothergill (pavilion end) and Dr W G Grace.

The principal item in 20 overs was a very fine cut by Scotton, which sent the ball to the boundary. Twenty runs were announced after half an hour's play. A single later, however, the amateur was easily taken at mid-on, while Barnes, who filled the vacancy, was speedily caught and bowled. Two for 21. Scotton next had the assistance of Gunn, who cut the Gloucestershire captain for three and drove the other bowler to the off for two and three respectively. The new batsman then got four by a fine square-leg hit and two by a cut. The next ball, however, proved fatal to him, as he was out to a well-judged catch at deep square leg. Three for 35.

Flowers appeared, but he lost his wicket in attempting a third run for a hit of Scotton's. Mr H B Daft, son of the once famous Nottinghamshire batsman of that name, joined Scotton. Having made a couple, Mr Daft should have been caught at point by Dr Grace. Before a run had been added Scotton was easily secured at slip. The retiring batsman had been at the wickets an hour and five minutes for his 10 runs. Selby became Mr Daft's partner. Eight overs were sent down for as many runs, and then a fine leg hit for four by the amateur brought 50 on the telegraph board at 1.25. Four singles were made in seven overs, after which Mr Daft cut Fothergill for four and played him to square-leg for a similar number. Mycroft went on at the pavilion end at 63. Mr Daft cut the new bowler twice for two each, but at 72 he was bowled. Six wickets down. Walter Wright arrived and cut the second ball he received for four. Selby, after hitting Mycroft to leg for three, was finely caught at deep square-leg with the score at 79. The luncheon interval was then taken.

At 20 minutes to 3 C Shore and Wright continued the Nottinghamshire batting. Wright fell to a catch at the wicket without alteration in the figures. The partnership of A Shaw and C Shore produced 14 runs. Sherwin was bowled without scoring and the innings closed for 96 at 10 minutes past 3. Dr Grace claimed seven wickets . . .

Mr Russel and Dr Grace began the Marylebone innings to the bowling of Flowers (pavilion end) and Wright. The largest hit in 10 overs was a very fine cut for four by the Gloucestershire captain, who a few minutes later drove Wright to the on for four. Each batsman contributed a leg hit for two, after which Dr Grace gave a difficult chance to Selby at point, and when he had increased his score to 24 he was almost taken by Mr Dixon at mid-off. Barnes displaced Wright at 34 and the rate of run-getting at once slackened. Five overs produced six runs, and then Dr Grace was missed by Shaw at slip. Both bowlers were difficult to play, and it was not until 4.30 that an on-drive for two by Dr Grace brought 50 up. At length, at 54, Mr Russel had the misfortune to strike his wicket, and seven runs later a fine catch by Mr Dixon at mid-off got rid of Hearn.

Mr G B Studd then joined the Gloucestershire captain. Runs were very difficult to obtain. At 69 Barnes handed the ball to C Shore, who started with two maidens. Mr Studd having scored a single, a fine leg hit by Dr Grace realized four, while the same batsman by a single completed his 50 at 20 minutes past 5. Gunn relieved Flowers at 79. Mr Studd next secured four from an excellent off-

drive. As the batsmen began to score rapidly, C Shore gave way to Mr Dixon at 91. A good off-drive by Mr Studd caused the 100 to be signalled at 25 minutes to 6. Dr Grace next played Mr Dixon finely to leg for three, but in attempting to drive Gunn he was bowled at 109. Although the Gloucestershire captain was let off more than once he had played in quite his old style. Among his hits were three fours, a three and 11 twos.

Mr Newton followed in. Walter Wright relieved Mr Dixon at 117. This variation speedily brought out the dismissal of Mr Newton, who was bowled at 120. Mr G B Studd's excellent innings was closed by a fine catch at long-off at the same total, and at 136 a ball from Wright completely baffled Fothergill. Mr H B Daft bowled in lieu of Gunn at 141; but although further alterations in the attack were resorted to, it was not until the score had reached 173 that a good catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Ross. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

The weather yesterday was very fine, and between two and three thousand people witnessed the play.

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

Mainly owing to the treacherous condition of the wicket and the superb bowling of Dr W G Grace, the Nottinghamshire team were easily beaten by the Marylebone Club at Lord's yesterday. The weather was again fine and the attendance large. When play ceased on Thursday evening Nottinghamshire had completed an innings for 96, and the home eleven, with seven wickets down, had scored 173.

Yesterday, at 11.35, Davenport, the overnight not out with 6, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Welman. C Shore (nursery end) and Flowers were intrusted with the bowling. The play was very slow, the first 12 overs being maidens. Mr Welman than obtained a single off C Shore, while in his two following overs each batsman made a run. After half an hour had elapsed the score had only been increased by three. Flowers having sent down 13 maidens clean bowled Mr Welman with the first ball of his fourteenth over. Eight for 176. The partnership of Titchmarsh and Davenport produced 15 runs, the former driving Shore straight to the nursery boundary and Davenport sending him to the on for a like number. Titchmarsh was well caught at long-off by Gunn, while Mycroft was bowled at 199, the innings closing at 12.35. The latter portion of Flowers's analysis reads as follows: - 23 overs and two balls (21 maidens), three runs, three wickets. Flowers altogether took four wickets . . .

With a deficiency of 103 runs Nottinghamshire went in a second time at five minutes to 1. Scotton and Mr Dixon, who again opened the batting, were opposed by Dr W G Grace (pavilion end) and Mycroft. Only two byes had been registered when the amateur was bowled. Barnes joined Scotton. After each batsman had made a single Barnes was badly missed by Dr Grace, running from point. One run later Barnes was bowled in attempting to his a ball of the Gloucestershire captain to leg. Two down. Gunn joined Scotton. The former obtained a single and a straight drive for two off Mycroft, while Scotton hit Dr Grace to leg for two. Gunn then skied the ball to mid-on, and at 12 Flowers fell to a catch by the wicket-keeper running to leg. Four down. Mr Daft appeared. The principal contributions for some time were a leg hit and a cut for three and two respectively by Scotton and a fine cut by Mr Daft for three. Nine maiden overs ensued, and then an adjournment was made for luncheon.

On resuming at 20 minutes to 3 four runs were added, Scotton was then easily taken at point, and

the second ball that Dr Grace sent to Selby proved fatal to him, as he was caught at the wicket. Six for 26. Wright followed in and made a good leg hit, which realized four. He was bowled at 30, and his successor, C Shore, after making a couple to leg, was dismissed in a similar manner. No alteration had been made in the figures when A Shaw was completely beaten by a ball from Dr Grace. Sherwin was dismissed after a dozen runs had been added and the innings closed at 25 minutes to 4. Marylebone were consequently victorious by an innings and 59 runs. Dr Grace took nine wickets . . .

Of the thirteen batsmen that were dismissed yesterday, no fewer than 12 were out at the nursery end. Throughout the game the visitors had the worst of the wicket. There was a marked improvement in the form of Mr H B Daft, who in the circumstances played wonderfully well. In the double innings of Nottinghamshire Dr W G Grace was credited with 16 wickets, at an average cost of 3.75 runs each,

28 May: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2945.html)

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

Lord Harris and Mr Mackinnon took their places in the Kent eleven yesterday, so that the southern team was stronger than that which so decisively beat Yorkshire on Tuesday. The day's play was full of interest, and there was a large crowd of spectators present at Old Trafford. Kent had something the better of the match, as will be seen from the score and bowling analysis.

The commencement of Lancashire's innings was sensational, as four wickets fell for five runs. Briggs was missed at slip by Lord Harris from the first ball he had to play. He then hit with considerable freedom and saved his side from impending disaster. His best partner was Crossland, who hit pretty hard late in the innings. Briggs's brilliant 58 included nine fours, two threes and four twos. Mr Christopherson's bowling was of very high quality. Messrs Mackinnon, Patterson and Jones batted excellently for Kent, who finished with a majority of 14 runs, their opponents having lost a wicket in the second innings.

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

A fine batting performance was accomplished yesterday at Old Trafford, Manchester, by Briggs, the Lancashire professional, who went in with the score at 65 for three wickets in the second innings of the home team and made 115 out of 180 during his stay. He was in for two hours and 25 minutes and, excepting that he made one or two dangerous strokes, his batting was of a very fine description. The chief hits of his innings were one five, 13 fours, four threes and nine twos.

Mr Hornby hit hard and well for 61. Praise must also be awarded to Robinson and Barlow and to Mr Roper, who stayed with Briggs while 95 runs were put on. Late in the day Kent lost three good wickets for 69 runs, and they have now a formidable task before them, as with seven wickets to fall they still require 187 runs to win.

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

After some most interesting play, the match between Lancashire and Kent, at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, terminated on Saturday in a victory for the home eleven. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening, Kent, who had gone in to obtain 256 for victory, had lost three wickets for 69.

On Saturday at 12 o'clock Mr W H Patterson (not out 12) and Mr R S Jones (not out 15) resumed the Kent batting. Watson and Barlow conducted the attack. The score had been increased to 93 when Mr Patterson was bowled. Four down. Lord Harris joined Mr Jones. Both batsmen showed excellent form, and the three figures were hoisted at a quarter to 1. Eleven runs later Watson handed the ball to Crossland. This alteration soon had the desired effect, as in the new bowler's fifth over the Kent captain was out to a good catch by Mr Roller, who secured the ball low down at mid-on. Five for 125. Wootton's stay was brief, as on Watson resuming the attack at 138, he was soon caught and bowled, while shortly afterwards Mr Christopherson was dismissed. Seven down. A Hearne joined Mr Jones, and when luncheon was announced, the score stood at 158.

After the interval, nine runs were added before A Hearne was bowled. At 186 Mr Jones had the misfortune to be run out. The retiring batsman, who went in on Friday evening with the score at 51, had played very finely. Nine wickets down. H Hearne and Pentecost now became partners. Both players hit freely and carried the score to 213 before H Hearne was bowled . . . The following score will show that Kent were beaten by 42 runs.

28 May: DERBYSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2944.html)

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

Surrey began their second match this week at Derby yesterday, where they encountered the home eleven. Derbyshire went in first, Shacklock and Wood-Sims opening the batting. Beaumont and Lohmann had charge of the bowling. Both the batsmen played in fine style, and later on in the innings Mr Docker and W Chatterton also showed good defence. Eventually the home eleven were all out for 151. Lohmann claimed four wickets . . .

Mr Bowden and Abel began the visitors' innings. The professional was soon dismissed, while Mr Bowden, Mr Diver and Mr Shuter only made 41 between them. Mr W W Read and Maurice Read then became partners. These batsmen hit with freedom and were still together when stumps were drawn for the day . . .

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

Mr W W Read, playing yesterday for Surrey against Derbyshire on the county ground of the latter at Derby, made 123 without a chance. The innings was a superb display of cricket, including 14 fours, seven threes and 13 twos. Surrey altogether scored 289 against the first innings of 151 made by Derby.

When the home county went in for the second time, Lohmann and Beaumont bowled so well that seven wickets were down for 31. In the end the total reached 76, Surrey being left winners by an innings and 62 runs.

1 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2950.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 June, page 7)

The Marylebone Club selected a powerful eleven to represent them against Yorkshire at Lord's yesterday. The prospect of an interesting game and fine weather caused a large company to visit the ground. Play began punctually at noon, when Scotton and Mr Russel opened the home batting. Peel (nursery end) and Preston were intrusted with the attack.

After half an hour had elapsed 16 overs were recorded for s dozen runs. Shortly afterwards the amateur enlivened the play by driving Preston twice to the on, each time for four. Bates superseded the last-named bowler at 22. Mr Russel drove him to the off-boundary and hit him to leg for three. Peel handed the ball to Peate at 37, and the change speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Russel, who was driven on to his wicket. One down. Barnes joined Scotton, and, after scoring a single from Peate, he drove Bates to the off for four, and obtained another four from a very fine late cut. He was then given out caught at the wicket. Two for 26.

Scotton next had the assistance of Gunn. The play was slow, 11 overs only producing three runs. A fine off-drive to the boundary by Gunn caused 50 to appear at a quarter-past 1. The same batsman secured three more runs, and then lost the company of Scotton, who fell to an easy catch at mid-on. He had been at the wickets an hour and 20 minutes for only four runs. Hearn, who followed, began badly, as he was almost caught at short mid-on from the first ball sent him. Runs were still very difficult to obtain, the Yorkshiremen fielding wonderfully well. At length Gunn gained four from an off-drive, and later on he drove Peate to a nursery end, for which he also received four. Ulyett displaced Bates at 71. The principal items in nine overs were two cuts for three by Hearn. A further change in the attack was tried at 80, Peate giving way to Emmett, whose third ball got rid of Hearn - caught at cover-point. Four wickets down. Flowers appeared, and after he had made a single and a square-leg hit for two, the luncheon interval was announced.

On resuming play at a quarter to 3 the bowlers were again Ulyett and Emmett. Without addition to the score, both Gunn and Attewell were dismissed, the former being caught by Hall running from cover-point and the latter taken at the wicket. Mr Newton joined Flowers. A fine cut by the amateur realized four, while Flowers scored three by a similar stroke. Peel bowled in lieu of Ulyett at 93, but five runs were made in his first over. An off-drive for four by Flowers took the score to 102 at 3 o'clock. Eleven runs were added, and then Flowers was stumped, the ball rebounding off Hunter's pads. Mr Robertson filled the vacancy, and as Mr Newton scored three drives for four each, a double change in the bowling was resorted to. Peate received the ball from Emmett at 134, and Bates went on for Peel at 138. The second of the alterations soon had the desired effect, as Mr Newton, who had played an excellent innings, was easily caught at point, while his successor, Lord Dalkeith, was bowled at 148. Sherwin came in, only to see Mr Robertson taken at long-on. The innings then terminated at five minutes to 4 . . .

Ulyett and Hall opened the Yorkshire batting at 10 minutes past 4. Attewell and Flowers (pavilion end) conducted the bowling. The score rose very slowly. With the score at 22, Ulyett was smartly stumped off Attewell. H Lee joined Hall. After some very slow play the former was easily caught at slip. Only a single was added before Bates returned the ball, while the figures were unaltered when Hall was completely beaten by Flowers. Four wickets down. F Lee was finely caught by Gunn running from long-on at 30, and Grimshaw arrived. As the batsmen began to score freely,

Barnes relieved Flowers at 46, but the 50 went up at a quarter to 6. Four runs later Grimshaw was bowled, and only 10 were added when Emmett was well caught at mid-off. Seven for 64. Preston fell to a catch at slip off Flowers, who had resumed bowling at 62, and Peel hit the ball into the hands of cover-point at 66. On Peate and Hunter becoming partners three runs were required to avert the follow on. These were soon obtained, but immediately afterwards Hunter was out leg before wicket, and the innings ended at 6.25. Attewell and Flowers bowled remarkably well. The former claimed five wickets . . .

Marylebone, with an advantage of 79, began their second innings at 20 minutes to 7 with Scotton and Sherwin. Ulyett started the bowling from the pavilion end by sending down a maiden to Scotton, but Peate dismissed Sherwin in his first over. Hearn joined Scotton . . .

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

Only Monday and Tuesday were allotted for the match between the Marylebone Club and Yorkshire at Lord's. The weather was quite a foretaste of summer, and some extraordinary cricket was witnessed. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening the home eleven, who had gone in a second time with an advantage of 79, had lost one wicket for nine runs.

Yesterday morning Scotton and Hearn, the batsmen not out the evening before, with four and five respectively, were opposed by Peate and Bates (pavilion end) at 11.35. A cut for four by Hearn was the most important item for some time. At 39 Emmett superseded Peate. Scotton placed the new bowler to square leg for four. Ulyett then relieved Bates. Despite these alterations in the bowling a snick by Scotton to the boundary brought 50 on the board at a quarter to 12. When Hearn had made 26 he was missed by Bates at slip. A double change in the attack was tried at 67, Peate and Peel displacing Ulyett and Emmett. The former variation speedily brought about the dismissal of Scotton, who was smartly taken by Ulyett at point. He had been at the wickets an hour and a half. Two for 67. Gunn joined Hearn. The former made two leg hits, which realized five, and then lost his partner, who was bowled by Peate. Three wickets down.

Barnes followed in. Five overs produced as many runs, and then Gunn drove Peate to the on for four and two, while later on he obtained two fours from off drives. An appeal against Gunn for a catch at the wicket was answered in the batsman's favour. The three figures were announced at ten minutes past 1. Peate handed the ball to Preston at 108, and half a dozen runs later Peel gave way to Emmett. Still no wicket fell. Gunn scored a four and six (all run out) in an over of Preston's, which caused that bowler to relinquish the ball to Bates at 125. Among other hits Gunn cut Emmett for four and drove the other bowler to the off-boundary. Barnes meanwhile secured four by a cut. Peel went on in lieu of Barnes at 148. A cut for three by Gunn made the score 152 at 10 minutes to 2. Although Ulyett bowled in place of Emmett at 155, no other wicket had fallen up to the luncheon interval, when 165 runs were registered.

The game was continued at 20 minutes to 3, the bowlers being Peel and Preston. Both batsmen scored rapidly. Emmett relieved Preston at 197. Gunn gave F Lee a difficult chance in the long field when he had made 80, and the single thus obtained caused 200 to be telegraphed at 3.10. Peate went on at the pavilion end at 206, and in his first over Gunn nearly ran out Barnes, who completed his 50 at a quarter past 3. Ten minutes afterwards loud cheering announced the fact that Gunn had reached a hundred, his last five hits having produced 17 - two fours by drives, two fours by cuts and a single. Barnes responded to these hits by sending Emmett to leg for four and driving him to the off for three. Another two-fold change in the attack was now resorted to, Peate and

Ulyett going on. In the former's first over Gunn, who had then made 102, was badly missed by Hall at long-off. Barnes cut Ulyett to the boundary, while an off-drive for four by the same batsman sent up 250 at 3.45. Hunter in taking a ball of Ulyett's injured his right hand and retired. Grimshaw took his place at the wicket, and Attewell and Scotton fielded in turn as substitutes.

Ulyett handed the ball to Bates at 271, and at 298 Peel went on at the nursery wicket. Gunn drove the new bowler to the off for two, and the third hundred was hoisted at 4.40. Continuing to play in fine style, Barnes obtained his 100 with an off-drive for three at 20 minutes past 5. Further bowling changes were tried, but without avail. Gunn drove a ball of Hall's over the Grand Stand for six, while he afterwards hit him to the nursery for four. When he had made 198 he was missed by H Lee at third man off Emmett, and when Barnes was credited with 112 Hall missed him at cover-point. A cut for three by Gunn took his score into the third hundred a few minutes before 6 o'clock. Barnes by a snick for two then caused the 400 to appear. A few minutes afterwards Gunn was bowled by Peate. He had played a very fine innings of 203, which included two sixes, one five, 20 fours, eight threes and 24 twos. The partnership of Gunn and Barnes had lasted four hours and a half, during which time they had increased the score by no fewer than 330 runs. Four for 402.

Flowers joined Barnes, who soon sent Emmett to leg for four. Afterwards both the batsmen made several very fine hits, and no separation had been effected when stumps and the match were drawn. Barnes carried his bat out for a fine innings of 140. If anything, he had played better cricket than Gunn, although considering the Yorkshire bowling both had shown very brilliant form. Barnes's chief contributions were 11 fours, nine threes and 15 twos. Peate claimed four wickets . . .

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

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2949.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 June, page 7)

A few years since a match under this title formed a prominent feature of the cricket season. An interesting incident in connection with it is that as far back as 1869, on the same ground, Mr W G Grace (then 21 years of age) and Mr B B Cooper, who started the batting for the Gentlemen, accumulated 283 runs before the fall of the first wicket. After having been allowed to drop out of the programme for some time, the contest was resuscitated yesterday at Kennington Oval. Unfortunately the teams put into the field were not so representative as one could have wished, while the Gentlemen were most lamentably deficient in bowling. The weather was fine, the company numerous and the wicket in good order.

Punctually at noon the Gentlemen, who had lost the toss, turned out into the field. F Hearne and Abel first went to the wickets on behalf of the Players. Mr Horner led off the bowling from the pavilion end. The first ball F Hearne cut for two, and the second he drove to the off for the same number. Mr Gilbert was the other bowler. Ten minutes' play produced as many runs. Abel then cut a ball of Mr Gilbert's very finely for four, but three overs later he lost the company of F Hearne, who fell to a smart return catch. One for 14. Maurice Read joined Abel, who, when only four runs had been added, was caught at wicket. Two down. Hide now went in. G Hearne, who had been batting with great caution, cut a ball of Mr Horner's in very clean style to the boundary. Hide then cut the same bowler for three, which was augmented to five through an overthrow. Fifty runs were obtained in 40 minutes, and when nine had been added G Hearne fell to a catch at wicket. Four wickets for 59.

Humphreys, the next comer, remained while Hide made two fours by an off-drive and a cut in an over of Mr Gilbert's, and was then run out. Tester arrived to the assistance of Hide, who obtained eight by two off-drives from Mr Horner, and was credited with five from Mr Gilbert, three of which were from an overthrow. At 86 Mr Read superseded Mr Gilbert. Hide, having sent the ball to leg for four, was secured by the wicket-keeper. Among his hits were a five, five fours, a three and three twos. Six for 90. Jones came, and at 5 minutes to 2 an off-drive for four by him caused the 100 to be reached. At luncheon the total stood at 107.

Afterwards Messrs Horner and Gilbert continued the bowling. The fielding was rather wild. Jones gained five (four from an overthrow) and four (two from an overthrow). At 131 Mr Gilbert handed the ball to Mr Radcliffe, and nine runs later Mr Bowden relieved Mr Horner. At 3.20 150 was signalled. Jones now hit with great freedom. He sent a ball of Mr Bowden's to leg for four, and hit one of Mr Radcliffe's to square leg with a like result. He then cut the last-named gentleman for four, and then Mr Scott was put on to bowl. A further change was tried at 169, when Mr Read relieved Mr Bowden. Still runs came, although many other changes were adopted. The bowling was weak, and the fielding by no means so smart as one expects in a match of this nature. Jones, having made four by a late cut and three by an off-drive in one over of Mr Key's, caused 200 to be recorded at 5 minutes to 3. In spite of continuous alterations in the attack both batsmen still hit with freedom, Jones particularly so. He made 12 by three drives, and, with a further off-drive for four from Mr Gilbert, completed his 100 amid the hearty cheers of the spectators. Nor was Tester by any means idle, as he made several very clean cuts and leg hits. At five o'clock 300 was registered. Jones then, when he had made 124, gave a chance to Mr Key at cover-point off Mr Ellis's bowling, which was missed. He did not long profit by his escape, as when he had added a single, a catch at

mid-off brought his excellent innings to a close. His chief hits were a five, 14 fours, five threes and 13 twos. Seven wickets for 302.

Lohmann joined Tester, and each batsman gained four by cuts off Mr Read, while Tester sent the same bowler to the boundary on the square-leg side. This batsman, who continued to play with great care, then completed his 100 with a single. Mr Horner having resumed bowling, Lohmann made two off-drives for four each from successive balls. He was immediately afterwards, however, clean bowled. Eight for 338. Wood filled the vacancy, and made two fours by a cut and a square-leg hit from Mr Read. At length Tester's patient and well-played innings was terminated through a catch by third man. Among his hits were eight fours, six threes and 12 twos. Bowley, the last man, obstructed his wicket, and the innings closed at 10 minutes to 6 for 369, after lasting five hours. No fewer than ten bowlers were tried . . .

Messrs Powell and Gilbert first represented the Gentlemen. Lohmann and Hide were the bowlers. Mr Gilbert twice hit Hide to leg for four; but when 12 had been gained a fine ball of Lohmann's completely baffled Mr Powell, while two runs later Mr Gilbert was taken at short-leg. Two down. Messrs Radcliffe and Scott remained together until the score reached 30, when the latter was taken at mid-off. Mr Read appeared and scored six in an over of Hide's (a cut for two and a leg-hit to the boundary). These hits he supplemented with an on-drive for four from Lohmann. With the total at 50, in trying to hit the ball round to leg, he skyed it into the hands of slip. Four down. Mr Diver joined Mr Radcliffe and the pair played out time.

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

Although the interest in the above match had diminished at the close of Monday's play, there was a numerous company of spectators at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness its continuation. The cricket all round proved far more interesting than had been anticipated. In bowling, Lohmann did not come up to expectation; but Tester in the Gentlemen's second innings was very destructive. Mr Diver batted well, as did Mr Bowden, and indeed at one time it seemed probable that the Gentlemen would snatch the victory out of the Players' hands and cause the game to be drawn. It will be remembered that when play ceased on the previous evening the Players had amassed 369 in their first innings, and four of the Gentlemen's wickets were down for 54.

Within a few minutes of noon Mr Radcliffe (not out 17) and Mr Diver (not out 1) proceeded to the wickets. The bowling was again instructed to Hide and Lohmann. Both batsmen began cautiously, as only a single was scored in the first five overs. Mr Diver then made an off-hit for three; but, having added a couple of singles, he was deprived of the assistance of Mr Radcliffe, who was dismissed by a "yorker". Half the wickets were now lost for 60 runs. Mr Key came in. Mr Diver drove Lohmann to the off-boundary and cut him for three, while in the next over he cut a ball of Hide's crisply for four. With the total at 76, Mr Key gave a chance to Tester at short leg, which was not accepted. The batsman soon turned this indulgence to account by making three off-drives for four each. A two-fold change in the attack was now tried, Humphreys and Bowley going on in place of Hide and Lohmann. An on-drive for four by Mr Key from Humphreys caused the 100 to be completed at a quarter to 1. Mr Diver, who was batting very well, made an off-drive for four from Humphreys. A separation was effected immediately afterwards - Mr Key bowled middle stump. Six for 112.

Mr Bowden, who filled the vacancy, hit the second ball he received to leg for four. Seventy were recorded as the result of an hour's play. After this runs came far more freely. Mr Diver drove

Humphreys to the on and off for four, and Mr Bowden sent a ball of Bowley's to the on with a like result. The score rapidly advanced to 145, when Humphreys gave up the ball to G Hearne. Mr Diver cut the new bowler for four, which caused 150 to be signalled at 20 minutes past 1. Mr Diver added a leg-hit for four and a cut for three in an over of Bowley's; but at 169 Mr Bowden was clean bowled. During his partnership with Mr Diver 57 runs had been put on.

Mr Wyatt appeared, and Lohmann at once resumed bowling in place of Bowley. Seven runs had been added when Mr Diver's leg stump was taken. He had batted in good style. Mr Horner made an off-drive for four from Lohmann. Quickly afterwards, however, he was clean bowled. At Mr Ellis had injured his hand in catching Jones on the previous evening, he was unable to take further part in the match, so that the innings closed with the fall of this, the ninth wicket. Total 183. Time 1.50 . . .

After the adjournment for luncheon, the Gentlemen, who were 186 runs behind, went in a second time. Messrs Wyatt and Bowden first occupied the wickets, and were opposed by Lohmann and Hide. Runs came at rather a fast rate. Among other contributions, Mr Bowden cut each bowler for four, and Mr Wyatt drove Lohmann to the off for four. When the total had reached 34, Humphreys superseded Hide, and in his fourth over Mr Bowden hit the ball straight to Lohmann at extra mid-off, but was badly missed. Profiting by this advantage, Mr Bowden drove Humphreys straight for four, and at 46 Bowley relieved Lohmann, while a further change was resorted to at 60, Humphreys giving way to G Hearne. Mr Bowden soon cut him for four, and Mr Wyatt sent a ball of Bowley's to square leg for three. At 77 the last-named bowler relinquished the ball to Tester. The change soon had the desired effect, a sharp catch at point, low down, getting rid of Mr Wyatt. One for 78.

Mr Gilbert arrived to the aid of Mr Bowden, who, after driving a ball from G Hearne for four, was dismissed by a well-judged catch at long-field-on. Among his hits were seven fours and three twos. Mr Key, the next on the list, began hitting vigorously, making an on and straight drives for four each off Hearne in one over. The 100 was completed at 25 minutes past 4. The Gentlemen now only required 86 to avert a single-innings defeat. Abel relieved G Hearne at 103, and Mr Key at once drove the ball to the on for four. With the addition of a single, however, he was smartly caught at short slip. Three for 108. Mr Diver assisted Mr Gilbert, and speedily obtained a couple of fours, sending Tester to leg and driving Abel to the on. These contributions he supplemented by a leg-hit for four from the latter bowler, who at 129 gave place to Hide. After Mr Diver had been missed at wicket, Mr Gilbert cut the ball into the hands of point, and Mr W W Read, who followed, ran himself out. Half the wickets were now down for 140.

Mr Diver was then given out leg-before-wicket to Tester. Messrs Scott and Radcliffe were next together, and at 144 Humphreys superseded Hide. In his first over Mr Scott drove the ball to the off for four, and at 5.30 the 150 was announced. Fourteen runs later Mr Radcliffe was secured at extra cover-point. Mr Powell arrived, and Mr Lohmann relieved Hide. The fourth ball of the over, the new comer played into point's hands. Eight for 165. Mr Horner, the last man, was driven on to his wicket at 10 minutes to 6. Total 166. Seven bowlers had been put on. Tester's analysis was remarkably good. He secured seven wickets . . . From the full score subjoined it will be seen that the Players won by an innings and 20 runs.

1 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v A J WEBBE'S ELEVEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2948.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 June, page 7)

Mr A J Webbe took a rather powerful eleven down to Cambridge yesterday to contest the University team. Soon after noon Mr E J C Studd and Mr J G Walker began the visitors' innings to the bowling of Messrs Mirehouse and Toppin.

Mr Walker had the misfortune to be run out when only a dozen runs were registered. Mr F E Lacey aided Mr Studd. These batsmen scored freely and, despite alterations in the bowling, it was not until 56 that Mr Studd was bowled. Mr Lacey next had the assistance of Mr G B Studd. This pair showed some of the best batting of the day. Mr Lacey's capital innings of 40 included five fours, three threes and four twos, while Mr Studd's 47, the highest individual score of the day, contained six fours and three threes. Mr C I Thornton did not afford his side much assistance, but Messrs A H Studd and Webbe put on 22 runs while they were together, and there seemed every prospect of a large total. Mr Buxton, however, was put on to bowl at 164, and he rapidly finished off the innings. In the first five overs he dismissed Mr Webbe, Mr Studd and Mr Rotherham, while later Mr Welman and Jones were also caught off his bowling, the innings closing for exactly 200. Mr Buxton secured five wickets . . .

Messrs Wright and Bainbridge began the University innings. Both gentlemen played well and, despite bowling changes, they were still together when stumps were drawn.

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

Yesterday was a brilliantly fine day at Cambridge, and the visitors to the ground had the pleasure of seeing the University batsmen at the wickets for the whole of the afternoon. Overnight 72 runs had been scored without the loss of a wicket, and when the innings finally closed a little after 6 o'clock, the total had been raised to 376.

Messrs C W Wright and Bainbridge, who had made such a good start on Monday, were separated at 117, and the best batting yesterday was shown during the partnership of Messrs Kemp and Turner. These gentlemen got together when four wickets were down for 159, and between they put on 115 runs in two hours and a quarter. Mr Kemp, who is a Freshman, from Shrewsbury, was at last run out for a capital 60. Later in the innings Mr Toppin made a long stand with Mr Turner, no fewer than 69 runs being added for the ninth wicket. Mr Turner's admirable not-out innings of 109 included ten fours, nine threes and seven twos.

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

After three full days' cricket, during which 901 runs were scored, the match at Cambridge between the University Eleven and Mr A J Webbe's England team ended yesterday in a draw. At the finish Cambridge had nine wickets to fall and wanted only 96 runs to win the game.

Nearly the whole of yesterday was occupied with the second innings of the England Eleven, which commenced at 11.30 and terminated at a quarter to 6, the total amounting to 298. The feature of the

cricket was the fine batting of Mr J G Walker, who went in with the score at 37 for one wickets and was the sixth man out, the total when he left being 239. He did not give a chance, and included in his admirable innings were seven fours, eight threes and nine twos. While he and Mr Webbe were together no fewer than 103 runs were put on. After Mr Walker's dismissal, the only notable batting was that of Mr A H Studd, who played in praiseworthy style for 47. In the half hour that remained Cambridge lost one wicket for 27.

4 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2953.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 12)

The metropolitan county began their match with Yorkshire at Lord's yesterday. Successful in the toss, the home side decided to go in, and a few minutes after noon West and Mr Webbe opened the batting. Peate led off the attack, and in his first over the professional should have been caught at mid-off by Peel, while when he had scored ten the same batsman was missed by Hall at mid-off.

Runs were obtained rapidly, West making three on-drives for four each, while Mr Webbe cut Bates to the boundary. A double change in the attack was tried at 40, Emmett relieving Peate and Ulyett going on for Bates. The principal items in a dozen overs were a leg-hit for four and a cut for three by Mr Webbe, and two cuts by West for four each. As no wicket fell, Peel took the ball from Emmett at 69; but Mr Webbe scored four by an on-drive and three by a cut. The second ball of the fourth over proved fatal to West, who was taken at mid-off. He had hit freely for 42, which included seven fours and three twos. Mr Webbe was secured at slip off the last delivery of the same over. Two for 80.

Mr G B Studd and Mr Scott now became partners. Peate went in for Ulyett at 93, but an off-drive for four by Mr Studd caused the "100" to be signalled at 1.25. At 111 Mr Studd was well taken at long-off, and Mr Ridley after making a single fell to a catch at the wicket. Four for 112. Mr Pearson now joined Mr Scott. Emmett resumed bowling in place of Peel at 123. This variation soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Pearson, whom Emmett clean bowled. Five for 133. The players then adjourned for luncheon.

The customary interval having elapsed, Mr Scott and Mr Paravicini continued the Middlesex batting, the bowlers as before being Peate and Emmett. Seven runs were obtained in the former's over, including a cut for four by Mr Scott. The last-named was bowled, however, at 149. Mr Cottrell arrived, and by a single increased the score to 150 and five minutes to 3. During the partnership of Messrs Cottrell and de Paravicini several very fine hits were made, among them being a drive by the former on to the covered terrace in front of the grand stand. Mr de Paravicini was easily taken at point at 168, and one run later Mr Robertson played on. Mr Williams stayed until 190 runs were registered, when he was caught at third man. Burton and Mr Cottrell put on 41 for the last wicket. Bates running from cover secured Mr Cottrell, who had played in fine style for 46. He contributed seven fours, two threes, two twos and singles. Peate claimed five wickets . . .

At 20 minutes past 4 Ulyett and Hall opened the Yorkshire innings. Burton (pavilion end) and Mr Cottrell were the bowlers. Both batsmen played in fine style, and despite a bowling change "50" was announced in 40 minutes, while at 5.40 a cut for three by Ulyett caused the "100" to be signalled. At length a smart catch at the wicket for rid of Hall. One for 107. Ulyett was bowled at 124. His chief hits were seven fours, six threes and four twos. Grimshaw was bowled by the first ball sent him, while only two were added when Mr Studd caught Bates at extra mid-off. F Lee was finely taken at mid-off and another good catch at short leg got rid of Preston at 130. At 146 Peel was caught at cover-point. H Lee and Emmett then became partners and played out time . . .

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

It will be remembered that when stumps were drawn in this match at Lord's on Thursday, Yorkshire, having got rid of their opponents for 231, had gone in and lost seven wickets for 158. Yesterday the game was concluded. H Lee and Emmett, the not outs, with eight and six respectively, were confronted by Mr Cottrell (nursery end) and Burton at 11.35.

The latter at 163 gave way to Mr Ridley, who clean bowled H Lee with his third ball. Wormald joined Emmett. Burton relieved Mr Ridley at 169, and seven runs later Mr Cottrell handed the ball to Mr Robertson. As the batsmen hit freely, a further change in the attack was made at 187, West displacing Burton. Wormald drove the new bowler's first ball to the on for two, but from the third delivery he was easily taken at slip. Nine for 187. Emmett and Peate offered a determined resistance to the Middlesex bowling. At length Mr Robertson was tried at the pavilion wicket, and with his first ball he dismissed Peate, the innings closing at ten minutes to 1 for 222. Mr Cottrell claimed four wickets . . .

Having an advantage of nine runs, Middlesex began their second innings at five minutes past 1 with Mr Webbe and West. Peate and Peel were intrusted with the attack. Only four were registered when Mr Webbe was run out, while Mr Scott, who followed in, was bowled by the first ball sent him. Two down. Mr Studd did not long have the assistance of West, who was completely beaten by a ball from Peate. Three for six. A fine catch by Preston at long-off got rid of Mr Studd at nine, and the score had only been increased by eight when Mr Ridley was easily caught at slip. Mr de Paravicini and Mr Pearson now became partners. Both batsmen hit with freedom. Mr de Paravicini drove Peel to the off for four, and his companion, after cutting Peate for a couple, secured five by an excellent on-drive off the same bowler. Mr Pearson then cut Peel for two and drove him to the on boundary immediately afterwards. The luncheon interval was now taken.

The game was resumed at 20 minutes to 3, the bowlers as before being Peate and Peel. Ten overs produced seven runs, and then Mr Pearson by an off-drive for two sent 50 up at 2.50. Soon afterwards Mr de Paravicini drove Peel finely to the nursery boundary. This caused the last-named bowler to relinquish the ball to Emmett at 59. A dozen runs were made in seven overs, after which a smart catch at point sent back Mr Pearson, who had contributed an invaluable 30. Six down. Mr Cottrell appeared, and drove the first ball he received for four, while the second he cut for three. He supplemented these hits by driving Peate to the off and on boundaries in quick succession. Ulyett displaced Peate at 86, but the separation was effected by Emmett, who bowled Mr de Paravicini when two runs had been added. Mr Robertson joined Mr Cottrell. The latter obtained four from an off-drive, while his companion gained a similar number in the opposite direction. Mr Cottrell was secured at mid-on at 105, and Mr Williams appeared. Peate resumed bowling in lieu of Ulyett. Mr Williams and Burton were both stumped at 110, the innings terminating at 20 minutes to 4. Emmett claimed five wickets . . .

The customary interval having elapsed, Yorkshire, who required 123 for victory, sent in Ulyett and Hall. Mr Cottrell and Burton shared the attack. The latter caught and bowled Ulyett with the score at 18. Hall next had the assistance of Bates, who when a few minutes had elapsed made two fine on-drives to the nursery off Mr Cottrell, and secured four by a similar stroke from the other end. An on-drive for two by the same batsman brought 50 on the telegraph board at a quarter to 5. A twofold change in the attack was then resorted to, West superseded Mr Cottrell at 51 and Mr Robertson displacing Burton at 57. Runs, however, came faster than before, Bates scoring the majority of them. Mr Cottrell consequently resumed bowling at 45, and his first delivery caused Bates to retire, clean bowled. Two down.

Emmett's stay was brief, as at 77 he was taken at the wicket. Grimshaw next appeared. The new

batsman by a leg hit for four made the total 103 at 5.35. He obstructed his wicket three runs later, and F Lee, who followed in, was thrown out by Mr de Paravicini from mid-off without alteration in the score. Peel and Hall soon obtained the necessary runs, Hall winning the match for Yorkshire by a leg hit for four at 6 o'clock . . . It will be seen from the subjoined score that Yorkshire won by five wickets.

4 June: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2951.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 12)

Yesterday there was a fairly numerous company of spectators at the Bat and Ball Ground, Gravesend, to witness the first match of the season between these counties. At a quarter-past 12 Sussex sent in Tester and Mr Wyatt. Wootton and Mr Christopherson took charge of the early bowling.

Before a run had been obtained Mr Wyatt played too soon at a ball of Mr Christopherson's and fell to an easy catch at mid-on. Mr M'Cormick succeeded, but his stay was brief, as in the same over he was caught by the wicket-keeper. Thus far two wickets had not realized a run. A dozen were put on by Tester and Humphreys in six overs, when the former retired bowled. After J Hide had joined Humphreys runs came so freely that at 32 Wootton handed the ball to A Hearne. With an addition of nine Humphreys was caught at mid-off. Quaife made his appearance, but a catch at mid-on soon disposed of him. Half the wickets were now lost for 47.

J Hide next had Coomber for a companion. The former hit with great freedom, which brought on H Hearne for Mr Christopherson at 53. A fine ball of A Hearne found its way into Coomber's wicket eight runs later. J Phillips succeeded, but misfortunes continued to fall on Sussex, as only a couple of runs had been made when J Hide was clean bowled. H Phillips joined his brother, and for a time the gave promise of a long partnership. Both batted carefully. With the score at 78 Mr Christopherson superseded H Hearne. Only four runs more had been gained when J Phillips, through very bad judgment, was run out, both batsmen being at the same wicket. A Hide assisted H Phillips, and at luncheon the total was 87 for eight wickets. Only four runs had been added after the interval when A Hide was caught at point. Nine for 91. Juniper came in, and at ten minutes past 3 a cut by Phillips caused 100 to be registered. To this number six were added before the last-comer was clean bowled. Total 106. Four bowlers had been engaged. A Hearne claimed four wickets . . .

After the customary interval, F Hearne and Mr Hine-Haycock went in on behalf of Kent. J Hide and A Hide led the attack. In the third over Mr Hine-Haycock cut a ball of A Hide's for four, and quickly afterwards he scored three by a square-leg hit. The same batsman having added another four by a leg hit, a change in the attack was adopted at 24, J Hide relinquishing the ball to Juniper. The change soon proved effective, as the new bowler disposed of Mr Hine-Haycock - bowled middle stump. G Hearne arrived to the assistance of F Hearne. At 40 Tester relieved A Hide, and with only seven added G Hearne fell to a catch by the wicket-keeper, while F Hearne in the next over was served in a similar manner. Two and three wickets for 47.

Mr Tonge and the Rev R T Thornton were next at the wickets. The latter cut Tester for three. At 53 a catch at the wicket disposed of Mr Tonge, and the first ball sent to Wootton he also played into the hands of H Phillips, who was standing about four yards behind the stumps to Juniper's bowling. Half the wickets, 53 runs. The Rev Mr Thornton and Mr Christopherson were now partners. The latter made two threes by a straight drive and a snick. He was soon dismissed, however, by a catch at slip, and Martin, who succeeded, was clean bowled without having scored. Seven for 66. A Hearne aided Mr Thornton, who, among minor items, cut Juniper twice to the boundary for four. The score having reached 82, A Hide relieved Juniper, and with his third ball he clean bowled Mr Thornton. Eight wickets down. A and H Hearne were partners until at 92 Humphreys went on with lobs. A "yorker" got rid of A Hearne, and his brother played on. Total 97. Five bowlers had been

put on. Juniper secured five wickets . . .

With nine runs to the good, Wyatt and H Phillips faced the attacks of A Hearne and Mr Christopherson. A most disheartening start was made. At two H Phillips fell to a catch at mid-off, a run later Mr Wyatt was clean bowled, at six A Hide was caught behind the wicket, and Mr M'Cormick skied a ball which the wicket-keeper secured. Four for six runs. Quaife and Coomber took the score to 18, when the latter was clean bowled. Half the wickets were now lost. J Phillips assisted Quaife, and at 27 the bowling was given over to Wootton and H Hearne. Nothing further of note occurred . . .

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

Another fine day was experienced yesterday at Gravesend, when the match between these counties was continued on the Bat and Ball Ground. On the previous evening each side had completed an innings, and Sussex, who then had nine runs in their favour, had lost half their wickets in the second venture for 27.

At 20 minutes past 11 the not-outs, Quaife and J Phillips (19 and one respectively) proceeded to the wickets. Mr Christopherson and A Hearne were the bowlers. The first hit of note was an off-drive for three by J Phillips off Mr Christopherson. To this he soon added a cut and two off-drives for three each. Quaife then cut Mr Christopherson for four, and sent the same bowler to square-leg with the like result. An alteration was tried at 50, when Mr Christopherson gave way to H Hearne, and 15 runs later Wootton was substituted for A Hearne. The latter change speedily had the required effect, Quaife being clean bowled. He had batted carefully, and among his hits were two fours, a three and two twos. Six for 68. Hide appeared, and at 71 H Hearne gave way to G Hearne. At length J Phillips's useful innings was terminated by a catch at slip, the ball glancing off his glove. Seven for 81. Tester filled the vacancy, but the second ball he received clean bowled him. Hide and Humphreys put on five runs, when the former's off stump was struck about a yard out of the ground.

Juniper, the last man, assisted Humphreys. The 100 was soon afterwards reached by three byes. A Hearne was tried at 104 for Wootton. Both batsmen played well and offered most unexpected resistance to the attack. Mr Christopherson displaced G Hearne at 107. Humphreys cut the new bowler in very clean style for three, while Juniper drove him for the same number. When the total had reached 122, G Hearne resumed in place of Mr Christopherson. Juniper soon hit him to the off for three. The 130 was announced at 25 minutes past 1, runs having been obtained at the rate of about 50 per hour. Humphreys then hit H Hearne to leg for three and cut him for three. Juniper responded with an off-drive for four. The 150 was signalled at 20 minutes to 2. Several very bad hits were made by Juniper, and in two or three instances the fieldsmen nearly caught him. At last, however, he fell a victim to venturesomeness, Humphreys calling him for a very doubtful run. Total 155. Six bowlers had been engaged . . .

After an interval had been allowed for luncheon, Kent, who required 165 to win, sent in Mr Hine-Haycock and F Hearne to commence getting them. Juniper and Tester were intrusted with the bowling. The professional gave a very hard return chance, while Mr Hine-Haycock might have been caught at the wicket. The total was advanced to 34 when F Hearne retired - clean bowled. One down. G Hearne came next on the list, and at 47 Tester displaced Humphreys. Only three runs had been made when G Hearne was well stumped. Two for 50. Mr Tonge ought to have been dismissed by the wicket-keeper before he had scored, but escaped. It did not, however, make any

material difference, as at 56 he hit the ball into the hands of mid-off. Three for 56.

The Rev R T Thornton became associated with Mr Hine-Haycock. Runs soon came so freely as to cause the attacking side considerable anxiety. A double change was adopted - A Hide and Mr M'Cormick taking charge of the bowling. Still runs came, until, at 96, Mr Hine-Haycock was clean bowled. Among his contributions were two fours, four threes and five twos. Four for 96. Wootton came, and at ten minutes past 4 the 100 was attained. An appeal for a catch at wicket against Wootton was negatived, and it was not until 142 had been reached that he was clean bowled. Mr Christopherson and Mr Thornton were now together. Both hit freely, and at 20 minutes past 5 an on-drive for three by Mr Christopherson won the match for Kent by five wickets. Mr Thornton's not-out innings consisted of six fours, five threes, four twos &c. Seven bowlers had been put on . . .

4 June: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2952.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 12)

The Derbyshire eleven opened their first match of the season against Lancashire yesterday on the latter's ground at Old Trafford, Manchester, in fine weather. Derbyshire first occupied the wickets, but they made a very weak stand against the attacks of their rivals. It may be noted that though Crossland was included in the home team he did not bowl.

Shacklock and Wood-Sims were opposed by Barlow and Watson, who bowled throughout. The innings needs little description. During the first half-hour the visitors lost five wickets for six runs. Chatterton and Disney were the only batsmen who offered the semblance of resistance against the attacks of their opponents. Only 45 runs were obtained from the bat, and towards this number nine batsmen contributed 16 among them. With the aid of byes the innings ultimately realized 54. Watson took six wickets . . .

On behalf of the home county Barlow and Mr Lancashire made a very fair beginning, but both were eventually bowled by Chatterton. Robinson and Mr Leach effected a determined stand and took the score past the 100, although the attack was varied. The former was dismissed by a return catch, and Mr Leach obstructed his wicket. Whittaker, who went in sixth wicket down, saw the dismissal of the rest of the eleven.

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

Mainly owing to the superb bowling of Watson and Barlow and the batting of Robinson and Mr Leach, Lancashire were no fewer than 161 runs ahead when stumps were drawn in this match at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Thursday. Each team had then completed an innings, and yesterday Derbyshire went in a second time. Shacklock and Cropper opened the batting and were opposed by Watson and Barlow.

The first-named batsman soon fell to a catch at the wicket and his place was taken by Chatterton. Barlow handed the ball to Crossland and, with the score at 45, the new bowler got rid of Chatterton, who was caught at long-stop. Cropper next had Mr Eadie for a partner, and, after a delay of half an hour on account of rain, these players advantage the score to 95 before an adjournment was made for luncheon. Afterwards rain prevented any further play . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 June, page 10)

If any illustration were needed of the glorious uncertainty of our national game, it was furnished on Saturday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, where the Lancashire eleven were beaten after a most remarkable match. It will be remembered that at the end of an innings each the home eleven had an advantage of 161 runs. On Friday Derbyshire went in a second time, but owing to the rain there was not any play after luncheon, when the visitors had lost two wickets for 95 runs.

In fine weather on Saturday Cropper and Mr Eadie, the not-outs, with 64 and 9 respectively, continued the Derbyshire batting. Barlow and Watson were intrusted with the attack. Both

batsmen showed excellent form, and it was not until 134 had been registered that a separation was effected. Cropper was then bowled by Crossland. He had made 80 by some capital, though not perfect, cricket, having escaped once or twice behind the wicket. Among his contributions were eight fours, six threes and seven twos. Mr Eadie next had the assistance of Mr Docker, but the latter obstructed his wicket when the score had been increased by 22 runs. Four for 156.

Mr Sugg joined Mr Eadie. Again the Lancashire bowling was mastered, and 46 runs were added before Mr Eadie had the misfortune to be run out. He played in excellent style. The remaining five wickets put on 116, F H Sugg, who had received great assistance from Wood-Sims, taking out his bat for a well-played 81. The partnership of Sugg and Wood-Sims produced 71 runs. The innings terminated at 25 minutes past 4. Crossland claimed five wickets . . .

Requiring 157 runs to avert defeat, Lancashire went in a second time. Sixty-three had been obtained for the loss of five batsmen when Cropper was put on to bowl. This alteration proved most successful, and the innings quickly ended for the addition of 21 runs. Cropper claimed four wickets . . . It will be seen from the subjoined score that the game, which was not over until ten minutes before "time," ended in an unexpected victory for Derbyshire by 73 runs.

4 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2954.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 9 June, page 12)

One of the strongest teams that Surrey are capable of putting into the field visited Oxford yesterday and played against the University Eleven. Good fortune attended Surrey at the outset - viz., winning the toss. A beginning was not made, however, until a quarter to 1, when Maurice Read and Abel opened the batting.

Twenty-seven runs were soon obtained, and then Read hit the ball into the hands of mid-on. Sixteen only had been added when Abel played the ball on to his wicket. Messrs Diver and W W Read were now associated. After a little careful play the batting got the complete ascendancy. Mr Diver, who had given some evidence in the early part of the week at the Oval that he was in good form, did not appear at all disconcerted at the many tactics adopted to get rid of him. Nor was Mr Read by any means backward in his hitting. In fact these batsmen between the fall of the second and third wickets augmented the score by no fewer than 138 runs. Thus the total was taken to 181, when Mr Read fell to a catch at cover-point. His chief contributions were a six, nine fours and five twos. His place was taken by Mr Shuter, who, however, did little, Mr Cochrane finding the way in to his wicket. Four for 199.

Mr Diver, who continued his hard hitting, next had Mr Roller for a partner. He aided Mr Diver to a considerable extent, but eventually the last-named gentleman, after batting for more than three hours, succumbed to a catch at the wicket. His admirable innings, which was chanceless, comprised one five, 22 fours, six threes, 12 twos and singles. Lohmann came and hit with remarkable vigour. He gave two chances, which were not accepted, and at the close of the day's play his wicket was still intact.

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

In fine weather the game between the Oxford University Eleven and Surrey was continued in the Parks at Oxford yesterday. The visitors, who went in first on Thursday, had accumulated no fewer than 413 for the loss of seven wickets when play ceased.

Lohmann, not out 86, and Beaumont, not out 15, continued the Surrey innings, which, however, soon closed, the last three wickets adding only 11 runs. Lohmann did not increase his overnight score. Among his hits were 13 fours and nine twos. Mr Bastard claimed four wickets . . .

Messrs Brain and Coles opened the University innings to the bowling of Lohmann and Beaumont. Both batsmen played in good style, and the attack had to be altered before a separation was effected. Mr Coles then returned the ball to Barratt, who three runs later bowled Mr Brain. Two for 50. Messrs Bolitho and Key were now together. The partnership had produced 31 runs when Mr Bolitho was well taken at extra mid-off. Mr Page and Mr Key caused several variations to be made in the bowling before the latter was secured in the long-field. Mr Page fell to a catch at third man at 145, and two more batsmen - Messrs Hildyard and Cochrane - were dismissed for an addition of 17. Mr Buckland was then aided by Mr Newton. These batsmen by splendid cricket scored 78 runs at a great pace without giving a chance. Mr Buckland's principal hits were seven fours, six threes and four twos, while Mr Newton obtained nine fours, four threes and three twos. The venture

subsequently ended for 282 . . .

In a minority of 142 runs, the Dark Blues followed on . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 8 June, page 10)

There was only two hours' play in this match in the Parks at Oxford on Saturday. During that time the University Eleven batted with such vigour that when rain stopped the game they had averted a single innings defeat. At the drawing of stumps on Friday the score stood thus: - Surrey, first innings, 424; Oxford, first innings, 282, and 35 for four wickets.

On Saturday, within a few minutes of 1 o'clock, Messrs Page (not out, 5) and Buckland (not out, 0) resumed the University batting. Mr Roller and Beaumont had charge of the attack. The score was advanced to 53, when Mr Buckland fell to a catch at short slip. Mr Hildyard followed in. Both batsmen showed good form, and the partnership had yielded 42 runs when Mr Page returned the ball. On Mr Newton joining Mr Hildyard, 47 runs were still wanted to prevent an innings defeat, and only four wickets to fall. Although the bowling was varied, it was not until the score had reached 173 that Mr Newton was given out leg before. He had played in fine style for 42, which comprised four fours, five threes, a two and singles. Since the sixth wicket fell 78 runs had been obtained.

Mr Hildyard then had Mr Cochrane for a partner, but after five runs were added rain caused the players to retire. As there appeared no signs of the weather clearing, the game was abandoned as drawn. In Mr Hildyard's faultless innings of 50 (not out) were three fours, four threes and five twos. Mr Roller took four wickets . . . The score appended will show that Oxford were 36 runs to the good and had three wickets to fall when the play ceased.

8 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2955.html)

Day 1 - no report found

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

There was a full day's cricket at Cambridge yesterday, when the University eleven were enabled to commence their match with Sussex, no play having taken place the previous day on account of bad weather. The wicket was naturally affected by the heavy rain, and during the day play was very slow.

Winning the toss, the University decided to go in, and at 12 o'clock Messrs Wright and Bainbridge opened the innings, J Hide and A Hide bowling. Mr Wright was soon caught at the wicket, and the Hon M B Hawke aided Mr Bainbridge. As runs were obtained rapidly, a double change in the attack was tried, J Hide giving way to Juniper at 36 and Tester relieving A Hide a couple of runs later. The former alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Hawke, who was bowled, while the following ball got rid of Mr Turner, his successor. The remaining Cambridge batsmen offered little resistance, and the innings closed soon after lunch for 86. Juniper claimed seven wickets . . .

Mr M P Lucas and Tester were the first representatives of Sussex. Messrs Leatham and Rock were the bowlers. Both the above-mentioned batsmen and Messrs F M Lucas and Ellis were got rid of when 29 runs only were registered. Humphreys and Jesse Hide then became partners, and by some capital cricket raised the score to 70. A change of bowling at this point caused a wonderfully speedy termination of the innings, the last five wickets going down for as many runs. Mr Rock claimed five wickets . . . Cambridge went in a second time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 June, page 7)

At Cambridge yesterday the match between the University and Sussex ended in a well-earned victory for the county by seven wickets. The score at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday read - Cambridge, first innings, 86, second innings, 51 for two wickets; Sussex, first innings, 75.

Yesterday morning when the match was proceeded with, Mr Leatham and Mr Hawke both reached double figures, but after Mr C A Smith went on to bowl at 93 the old Light Blue took five wickets in 18 overs for eight runs, and the University were all out for 119.

Going in with 131 to get to win, Sussex lost two wickets for 18 runs. Mr F M Lucas and Mr Ellis by very fine cricket then put on 73 before the latter was caught at slip. With Humphreys in, the remaining runs were soon obtained, and the match resulted as stated above. Mr Lucas's faultless innings of 76 included a five, six fours, five threes and six twos.

8 June: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2956.html)

Day 1 - no report found

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

Owing to the heavy rain, a start in the return match between the metropolitan counties at Lord's Cricket Ground was not effected until yesterday at five minutes to 3. Surrey then began batting with Mr Diver and Abel, who were confronted by Mr Burge (nursery end) and Burton.

Before a run had been registered the amateur was clean bowled, and Mr Roller appeared. Fifteen overs produced 25, and then the last-named batsman was finely caught in the long field straight behind the bowler. Two wickets down. Mr W W Read did not long have the company of Abel, who was bowled after 11 runs had been added. Mr Shuter followed in. As the score increased rather rapidly, Burton handed the ball to Mr Robertson at 47. The score was soon advantage to 67, at which total Mr Shuter fell to an excellent catch in front of square leg. Maurice Read arrived, and at 79 West superseded Mr Burge. An excellent catch by Mr Robertson at mid-off got rid of Mr W W Read at 80. He had played a fine innings of 45, which comprised six fours, two threes, four twos and singles. Mr Bowden joined Maurice Read. Burton went on for Mr Robertson at 96, and almost directly afterwards Read was given out leg before. Six wickets for 98. Lohmann went in, and by a single caused the 100 to be announced. Mr Bowden was caught and bowled at 104, and at 117 Beaumont played on. The innings closed for 120 at 5 o'clock.

Mr Webbe and West opened the home batting. Beaumont and Lohmann were the bowlers. The professional was caught at point before a run had been scored, while only six were recorded when Mr Wilson was bowled. At nine Mr Greatorex was dismissed, and Mr Newton went in. At 48 he was easily taken at mid-off, and Mr de Paravicini joined his captain. His stay at the wicket was but short, as he was bowled by Beaumont when the score stood at 54. Five down. Mr Hadow aided Mr Webbe, and these two batsmen played out time . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 June, page 7)

Some exciting play was witnessed in this match at Lord's yesterday, Surrey, after a very close finish, just managing to beat the home eleven. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening, Middlesex, having dismissed their opponents for 120, had lost five wickets for 68.

Within a few minutes of half-past 11 yesterday, Messrs Webbe and Hadow, the not outs with 33 and six, were confronted with Beaumont and Lohmann. Before a run had been obtained Mr Webbe was bowled, and at 76 Mr Burge fell to a catch at the wicket. Without alteration in the figures, Mr Hadow was secured at third man. The partnership of Messrs Robertson and Williams produced 11 runs. The latter was then bowled, while a single later a ball from Lohmann, which disposed of Burton, brought the innings to a close at noon. Beaumont claimed five wickets . . .

Having an advantage of 32 runs, Surrey began their second venture at 12.15, with Mr Roller and Abel. Messrs Burge and Robertson shared the attack. Seven runs came from as many overs, then Mr Roller was bowled. Mr Diver's stay was brief, as after a cut for two and four byes had been recorded Mr Robertson bowled him. Mr W W Read arrived. Abel cut Mr Burge for four and sent

him to leg for a similar number, which caused the bowler to hand the ball to West at 21. Having driven him to the on for four, Abel was easily taken at mid-on, while Mr Read played a ball on to his pad and it rebounded into the wicket. Three and four for 25. No addition to the score had been made when West bowled Messrs Shuter and Bowden with successive balls. Five down.

Lohmann and Maurice Read then became partners. The former was well caught at forward short leg at 29, and Beaumont joined Read. The most important items in eight overs were two straight drives to the pavilion boundary by Read and a leg hit for four by Beaumont. The last-named batsman was caught at mid-on at 45, and Mr Horner followed in. The amateur, by an on-drive for four, made the score 50 at 10 minutes past 1. Read, in attempting to drive West, was bowled at 51, and Barratt aided Mr Horner. The latter, after playing a no-ball of Mr Robertson's on to his wicket, gained two fours by leg hits. At 61, however, Barratt was bowled, the innings having lasted an hour and five minutes. West claimed five wickets . . .

Requiring 94 for victory, Middlesex sent in Messrs Webbe and Greatorex at 1.35 to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann (pavilion end). A promising start was made. In the first four overs Mr Webbe contributed an on-drive for four, a straight drive for three and a single. His companion responded by driving Beaumont to the on for a couple and to the off for four. Mr Webbe was then bowled, and one run later Mr Greatorex was caught at mid-off. Further misfortunes quickly befell the home county, as at 21 Mr Newton ran himself out, at 25 Mr Wilson was bowled, and at 27 Mr de Paravicini was caught at cover-point. An adjournment was then made for luncheon.

After the interval Mr Hadow and Wes greatly altered the aspect of the game. Twenty runs were registered in a dozen overs, and then the bowlers crossed over. A cut for four by West brought "50" on the telegraph board at 3 o'clock. Barratt went on in lieu of Beaumont at 59, and at 65 Mr Horner displaced Lohmann. Twelve runs were obtained in Barratt's two overs, each batsman driving him to the boundary, and Beaumont again went on at 73. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as West was bowled. He had played in fine style for 24, and since the last wicket fell he and Mr Hadow had increased the score by 46 runs. Six down. Mr Robertson obstructed his wicket at 73, and at 74 Mr Hadow was bowled. Mr Williams was taken at third man at 79, while Mr Burge was out in a similar manner at 81, the innings closing at a quarter to 4. Surrey thus won an exciting game by 12 runs . . .

8 June: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2957.html)

Day 1 - no report found

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

The rain of Monday was followed by beautiful weather yesterday at Huddersfield, and there was a full day's cricket on the St John's Ground. The visitors went in first and scored 103 against some admirable bowling, Peate's figures being really remarkable. After luncheon he took four wickets for two runs. The feature of the innings was the hitting of Mr L C Docker, who made 41 by excellent hitting.

When Yorkshire went in Hall was brilliantly caught at the wicket, and then Bates and Grimshaw conquered the bowling and put on 68 runs for the second wicket. Bates was out at 85 for 55 - a first-rate innings, consisting of seven fours, two threes, six twos and single. After his departure the Yorkshire wickets fell rapidly before the excellent bowling of Cropper, who took six wickets for 45 runs. Peate hit freely towards the close, and with Hunter added 40 runs for the last Yorkshire wicket. At the conclusion of the home innings play ceased for the day, Yorkshire being 59 runs ahead . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 11 June, page 7)

Yesterday at Huddersfield the match between the above counties was concluded in an hour and a half. When play ceased on Tuesday evening, each side had completed an innings, with the result that Yorkshire were 59 ahead. At five minutes past 12 yesterday the visitors began their second innings to the bowling of Peate and Emmett.

The Derbyshire batsmen could make little headway against the attacks of their opponents. Only two on the side - Mr Walker and Sugg - obtained double figures and the venture closed for 53, which left Yorkshire victorious by an innings and six runs. Peate and Emmett bowled throughout. The former claimed five wickets . . .

Wednesday 10 June, page 5: CROSSLAND

We are informed that the committee of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club have lodged an objection against Crossland - the well-known Lancashire fast bowler about whose style there is so much controversy - playing for Lancashire. The ground of the objection is an alleged lack of the necessary residential qualification, Crossland having, it is stated, resided in Nottingham all last winter.

11 June: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2959.html)

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

The Gloucestershire eleven made their first appearance on a London ground this season yesterday, when they met a powerful Surrey team at Kennington Oval. The weather was very fine, and between 4,000 and 5,000 spectators witnessed the play.

Abel and Maurice Read opened the Surrey innings to the bowling of Woof and Dr Grace. The score rose rapidly, and had reached 118 when the players adjourned for luncheon. The innings closed at a quarter to 4 for 166 runs, 73 of which were scored by Mr W W Read . . . Woof claimed seven wickets . .

Dr W G Grace and Mr Gilbert began the Gloucestershire innings at five minutes past 4 to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann. Dr Grace held his place at the wicket, living out several partners, till the score had reached 100, but was smartly caught at point by Mr Read. He had played quite in his old style for 55 runs, which included seven fours. The innings terminated at 6.40 for 129 . . .

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

It is seldom that a more exciting finish is witnessed than that which took place yesterday at Kennington Oval, when the home county's victorious career was checked by Gloucestershire after a most even game. At the close of Thursday's play the visitors, when each side had completed an innings, were 37 runs behind.

Yesterday morning, within a few minutes of noon, Abel and Maurice Read began the second innings of Surrey. Woof (Pavilion end) and Dr Grace were intrusted with the attack. Each bowler opened with a maiden, after which Abel cut Woof to the boundary. Only four were added, however, when Read was well caught at slip. Mr Diver aided Abel, who fell to a catch at point after 22 runs had been added in 13 overs. Mr Walter Read did not long have the company of Mr Diver, the latter being completely beaten by a ball from Woof with the score at 31. Mr Shuter arrived to the assistance of Mr Read. The Surrey captain opened his score by making a very fine off-drive for four. Nine overs produced 15 runs, the 50 going up after a little less than an hour's play.

Without alteration in the figures, however, Mr Read was splendidly caught by Mr Brain at long-off about three yards from the boundary. Another good catch by the same gentleman at long-off caused Mr Shuter to retire a single later. Five down. Dr Grace bowled Mr Roller's leg stump down at 56, and at 61 a brilliant piece of fielding by Mr Pullen at mid-on caused Lohmann to be run out. A ball from Dr Grace struck Beaumont's leg stump at 75, and 13 runs later Wood, who had played excellently, was cleverly caught at point. Barratt was soon taken at the wicket, the innings closing at five minutes past 3 for 91. woof claimed five wickets . . .

Requiring 128 to avert defeat, Gloucestershire sent in Messrs Brain and Gilbert, who were opposed by Mr Horner and Beaumont, at 3.25. Both batsmen at first played with great caution; but after awhile they began to hit freely, and at 23 an alteration in the attack was made, Lohmann displacing the amateur. Mr Gilbert cut the new bowler three times for four each, but at 36 was clean bowled.

Mr Brain next had the assistance of Painter, who by a cut for two made the score 50 at ten minutes past 4. Abel took the ball from Lohmann at 53, and eight runs later Mr Roller superseded Beaumont. Despite these variations, the score rose rapidly, the professional, among other hits, driving Abel to the off and on boundaries in succession. Mr Horner resumed bowling at 78, but the wicket was obtained from the other end, as Painter was brilliantly caught by Mr Shuter at cover-point. Mr Pullen joined Mr Brain, and although Beaumont went on in lieu of Mr Roller, the 100 was reached at a quarter to 5. Mr Horner gave way to Mr Roller at 101, and two runs later Lohmann was put on at the pavilion wicket.

A complete change now came over the game. Mr Brain was bowled without alteration in the figures, and at 110 Mr Pullen was caught at cover-point. Four down. Mr Grace was given out caught at the wicket with the score still 110, and the total was unaltered when Mr Vizard was dismissed in a similar manner. Lohmann bowled Mr Griffiths at 112, and Gregg fell to a catch at slip at 122. Eight down. Amid intense excitement Woof and Mr Winterbotham became partners. The professional obtained two for an off-drive, while a bye made the score 125. The amateur then called Woof for a short run, and had the ball been returned to the pavilion end he would have been run out. A couple to leg by Woof made the match a tie; then a sharp run gave Gloucestershire the victory by two wickets. Woof played in capital style for his ten (not out). Lohmann took four wickets . . .

11 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2958.html)

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

At the Trent-bridge Ground at Nottingham yesterday a match was begun between an eleven of England and Nottinghamshire. A fairly strong eleven went into the field to oppose Nottinghamshire, and as the weather was fine a large crowd of spectators was present. The day's cricket was excellent. It is seven years since a single county attempted to play England.

Shrewsbury and Scotton opened the Nottinghamshire innings to the bowling of Barlow and Mr Christopherson. The wicket was in excellent condition and both batsmen showed fine form. Peel relieved Mr Christopherson at 23. Runs were obtained rapidly, and a further change in the attack was tried at 48, Barlow handing the ball to Ulyett. Eight runs later Bates bowled in lieu of Peel. This alteration proved effective, as when nine had been added Scotton was secured at slip. One wicket for 65. Barnes joined Shrewsbury, and although the bowling underwent more changes - Barlow and Peel going on - no separation had been effected whether the luncheon interval was announced.

Afterwards Barlow and Bates conducted the attack. The former soon gave way to Hide. Barnes was caught at point off the other bowler, while Mr O'Brien secured Shrewsbury in the long field. Gunn and Flowers advanced the score to 132, when the last-named was easily taken at mid-on. Gunn was bowled at 169, and Mr Daft and Selby became partners. Runs were obtained rapidly, and it was not until 254 had been recorded that the sixth wicket fell. After Mr Daft and Selby had been dismissed Attewell and Walter Wright played out time . . .

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

Yesterday's play at the Trent-bridge Grounds, Nottingham, was scarcely so interesting as that of Thursday. The weather was again beautifully fine, and there was a large attendance of spectators. It will be remembered that on the opening day Nottinghamshire, who went in first, scored no fewer than 271 for the loss of seven wickets.

Yesterday morning Attewell and Walter Wright, the not outs, with eight and three, continued the home batting. Barlow and Bates had charge of the bowling. Wright had the misfortune to be run out for 278. After his dismissal both Shaw and Sherwin hit freely, and the innings closed for the large total of 312. Bates took five wickets . . .

Ulyett and Hall opened the England innings to the bowling of Walter Wright and Attewell. When Ulyett had obtained 13 his companion was thrown out by Flowers, while only four were added when Ulyett was caught at long-slip. Mr Wright and Barlow were now together. The partnership was brief, as at 28 the amateur fell to a catch at mid-on. Three down. Bates was stumped at 35, and Mr Bainbridge aided Barlow. These batsmen by good cricket raised the score to 93, but afterwards the innings was rapidly finished off for an addition of 17 runs, Mr O'Brien, who had injured his hand, being unable to go in. Barnes took four wickets . . .

Being 202 runs behind England, of course, had to follow on. Mr Christopherson and Ulyett hit freely, but the visitors required 161, with eight wickets to fall, to avert a single innings defeat when

play ceased for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 June, page 10)

As was only to be expected from the first two days' play, Nottinghamshire easily beat the eleven who represented England at Nottingham, on Saturday. It will be remembered that the county on Thursday and Friday put together the large total of 312 before they were disposed of, while the England side were all got rid of on the second day for 110, and on following on had lost two wickets for 41 runs.

On Saturday the second innings was resumed, but owing to the result being quite a foregone conclusion, the attendance was small, though had the finish been at all likely to be close there is no doubt that considerable interest would have been shown. The England eleven in their second innings scored only 156, and Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 46 runs.

15 June: LANCASHIRE v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2961/.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 7)

A large number of persons witnessed the first day's play in this return match at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday. Mr O'Brien made his first appearance for the University eleven this season, but had not entirely recovered from the injury he received at Nottinghamshire last week.

Going in first, the University for a time did very well, and the score reached 150 with only five wickets down, but Briggs was put on at 157 and took the last five wickets in eight overs at a cost of only 11 runs. Mr Page's admirable 52 included eight fours, two threes and three twos.

The weakness of the Oxford bowling was soon apparent when Lancashire went in. The feature of the innings was the stand made by Barlow and Robinson, who got together when the score was 101 for three wickets, and stayed together until time was called. In the University innings, Watson claimed five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 7)

Heavy rain at Manchester yesterday prevented any further progress being made in this match at Old Trafford. The weather was wet all the morning, and at 3 o'clock it was agreed to abandon the idea of continuing the game until to-day. When stumps were drawn on Monday evening the score stood - Oxford, first innings, 176; Lancashire, first innings, 165 for three wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 June, page 10)

The Oxford University team, who up to the present have had a most disastrous season, suffered another defeat at Manchester yesterday, when the victory rested with Lancashire by nine wickets. No play took place on Tuesday on account of rain, but yesterday the wicket played fairly well.

At the start yesterday the Lancashire score was 165 for three wickets. Barlow and Robinson, the not-outs, were soon disposed of. The former's admirable 62 included six fours, three threes and seven twos; while in Robinson's 44 were seven, a three and three twos. Later in the innings Mr Lancashire and Watson put on 73 runs for the seventh wicket, and the county total reached 271.

Going in 95 runs in arrear, Lancashire batted very poorly. Mr Brain, who had injured his knee, played a good innings of 39, and Mr O'Brien, despite his injured hand, scored 23, while just at the finish a vigorously-hit 25 by Mr Cochrane averted a single innings defeat. The others, however, did very little indeed and the innings was over for 129. The 35 runs wanted to win were obtained by Lancashire for the loss of one wicket.

15 June: YORKSHIRE v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2964.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 7)

The Cambridge team which appeared at Sheffield yesterday against Yorkshire and had a very even day's cricket with the northern county will, it is understood, be substantially the same as that which will meet Oxford at Lord's on the 29th of this month. More than usual interest attached to the game, inasmuch as no University team had previously played at Bramall-lane.

Yorkshire, going in first, lost their three best batsmen for 15 runs, and it was mainly due to Peel and Preston that the score reached 159. During the partnership of these players 45 runs were added for the seventh wicket. Peel himself was batting while 100 runs were put on, and his innings was in every way creditable.

Messrs Bainbridge and Wright made a capital start for Cambridge, the score being 44 before the first wicket fell. After they were dismissed, however, the Light Blues did not do so well, and when play ceased for the day the visitors had half their wickets down and were 75 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 7)

Yesterday's cricket at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, lasted only about two hours, owing to the rain. On Monday Yorkshire completed an innings for 159, and the Light Blues had lost five wickets for 84. Messrs de Paravicini and Turner, the over-night not-outs, with 14 and 0 respectively, continued the Cambridge innings to the bowling of Peate and Peel.

The latter dismissed Mr Paravicini when the score had been increased by five. Mr Buxton joined Mr Turner. Despite several alterations in the bowling, the batsmen played in excellent style, and 37 runs had been added before Mr Buxton obstructed his wicket. Mr Turner next had the assistance of Mr Bainbridge, who showed good form. The score was carried to 142 before Mr Turner was stumped. Mr Toppin appeared, and Mr Bainbridge was bowled for a fine innings of 36. Messrs Toppin and Smith then became partners. Rain falling, it was decided to draw stumps. The game will be resumed this morning at 11 o'clock.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 June, page 10)

The concluding day's play in this return match at Sheffield was rendered noteworthy by some splendid batting on the part of the Yorkshiremen, who, going in at 25 minutes to 12, remained at the wicket until stumps were drawn at half-past 5. They scored 321 for the loss of seven wickets, being at the call of time 282 runs on with three wickets to go down.

The chief contribution to this fine performance was Grimshaw, who went in with the score at 81 for three wickets, and carried out his bat for 129. Throughout he batted in excellent form, and the nature of his hitting may be gathered from the following figures: - fifteen fours, five threes and 16 twos. This is Grimshaw's largest score in a first-class match. Another good innings was played by Ulyett, who made 84 out of the first 126 runs, and then had the misfortune to sprain his ankle - an accident which will probably keep him out of the cricket field for some days to come. Nine fours,

seven threes, seven twos and singles made up his innings. Good cricket was also shown by Hall and by F Lee, the latter assisting Grimshaw while the score was increased by 108 runs.

15 June: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2963.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 7)

In the opening of the first of the two annual contests between Sussex and Gloucestershire at Brighton yesterday, 355 runs were scored for the loss of only 12 wickets. Gloucestershire went in first, and Dr W G Grace and Mr Gilbert batted so well that they put on 70 runs before they were separated. In the middle of the innings, however, there was a comparative breakdown in the batting, and at one period nine wickets had fallen for 153 runs; then Mr Bush joined Gregg, and in a most unexpected way they made a most determined stand and put on 74 runs while together. Gregg hit in the most brilliant style, and his 62, which was the highest individual score on the side, included eight fours, a three and seven twos.

Against Gloucestershire's complete innings of 227, Sussex went in and, mainly owing to the batting of Tester and Mr F M Lucas, they put together 128 for the loss of only two wickets, Mr Lucas being not out 61 at the close of the first day's play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 7)

At Brighton yesterday, in continuation of the home county's match with Gloucestershire, Mr F M Lucas, the old Harrow and Cambridge University batsman, achieved one of the most brilliant batting performances of the season. He had gone in overnight at the fall of the first wicket for nine runs, and was not out when stumps were drawn for 61.

Yesterday he continued batting throughout the remainder of the innings, which closed for the formidable total of 401, and he was not out at the finish for a finely-played 215. The figures of this remarkable innings were 34 fours, and three and 14 twos. Mr Lucas had been batting in all six hours and three-quarters.

When play ceased, Sussex had completed their innings as stated above for 401, while Gloucestershire, going in for half an hour's batting, had lost one wicket in their second innings for 31; so that on the resumption of play to-day the western county have 143 runs to make to avert a single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 June, page 10)

Sussex beat Gloucestershire at Brighton yesterday by an innings with two runs to spare - a result mainly due to the splendid batting of Mr F M Lucas on Tuesday. The scores from which the game was resumed yesterday were - Gloucestershire 227 and 31 for no wicket, Sussex, 401, so that the visitors had still 143 to get to avert a single innings defeat.

Their only chance was of course to play for a draw, but soon after the resumption matters went very badly for them, and any idea of saving the game was dispelled when Dr Grace pulled the second ball he received into his wicket, and Mr Gilbert was caught at slip from the first ball he had to play. Five wickets were down for 75 when Mr Pullen, who had gone in at the fall of the third wicket for 47, was joined by Painter, and a gallant stand was made. The professional hit very hard, but just

before luncheon, he was caught in the slips, and the sixth wicket fell for 117. Afterwards Mr Pullen hit with great brilliantly, but he could not get any one to stop with him. When the ninth wicket fell the score was 153. Mr Bush stayed with Mr Pullen until 172, when he was dismissed, and the innings closed with the result stated above. Mr Pullen had batted in almost faultless style for his not-out score of 70.

15 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2962.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 7)

From the results of yesterday's play in this match at Lord's it must be gathered that cricket in the Midland county has improved. Marylebone played a very strong eleven.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 7)

Owing chiefly to the determined hitting of the last few Marylebone batsmen, and the fine bowling of Flowers and Barnes, the home eleven gained an easy victory over Derbyshire at Lord's yesterday. At the close of Monday's play the score stood thus: - Derbyshire, first innings, 131; Marylebone, first innings, 162 for eight wickets.

Yesterday morning Mr Hornby (not out 9) was not present when the game was continued, and Mr Marshall (not out 50) and Sherwin went on with the Marylebone batting. The attack was intrusted to W Mycroft and W Chatterton. Runs were obtained rapidly, 200 being reached after half an hour's play. At 208 Mr Marshall was caught at slip. He had played a brilliant innings of 80, which comprised one five, seven fours, eight threes, seven twos and singles. Mr Hornby joined Sherwin. The score rose faster than ever, and 250 was soon announced. A dozen runs later, however, the Lancashire captain was bowled. He had made one eight (overs), one four, two threes, ten twos and singles. Since the fall of the eighth wicket on the previous evening no fewer than 119 runs had been added. W Mycroft claimed four wickets . . .

Being 131 runs in arrear, the county team went in a second time at 10 minutes past 1. The first five wickets were captured for 88 runs, and the innings eventually closed for 114, leaving Marylebone victorious by an innings and 17 runs. Barnes claimed four wickets . . .

15 June: HAMPSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2960.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 June, page 7)

In the above match, which was begun yesterday at Southampton, the home side were completely over-matched at all points by the Marylebone team to which they were opposed. Going in first, the visitors batted very creditably, and the total was taken to 269 before the side was all out. Towards this number Davenport contributed 101, the result of some excellent cricket. Mr J S Russel also batted capitally.

When the county went in, Gunn and Attewell bowled very finely, and the last wicket fell with the total at 74. Hampshire, being 195 runs behind, will this morning follow on their innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 June, page 7)

At Southampton yesterday Gunn and Attewell brought the above match to a conclusion in an hour and a half, the Marylebone Club winning by an innings and 113 runs. It will be remembered that on Monday Hampshire's innings was finished off for 74, or 195 runs less than their opponents' total.

Yesterday they went in a second time, and offered so feeble a resistance to the bowling of Gunn and Attewell that the last wicket fell when the score was at 82. In the two innings Gunn took 11 wickets for 85 runs, and Attewell eight for 70.

18 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2967.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 June, page 7)

Yesterday, at Kennington-oval, the Surrey eleven began their annual match with the Cambridge University team, who appeared for the first time this season on a London ground. The weather was fine and the attendance large. Soon after noon the Surrey batting was opened by Mr Bowden and Abel. Messrs Rock and Toppin were intrusted with the attack.

The professional was caught at slip with the score at 20, and soon afterwards a ball from Mr Toppin found its way into Mr Diver's wicket. Two for 21. Mr W W Read went in next. The batsmen scored quickly, and 50 was reached after an hour's play. Mr Toppin handed the ball to Mr Smith at 51; but it was not until 73 that a separation was effected, Mr Read being then out leg before. Maurice Read, who followed in, did not long have the company of Mr Bowden, as at 96 the amateur obstructed his wicket. Mr Shuter came next. The score reached 100 just before luncheon, after which the bowlers were Messrs Smith and Buxton.

Mr Smith gave way to Mr Toppin at 139. At 153 Mr Rock superseded Mr Buxton, who went on at the other end half a dozen runs later. With the score at 176 Mr Shuter played on, and only one run was added when Lohmann fell to a catch at slip and Wood was bowled. Seven wickets down. Beaumont had his leg stump upset at 183. During the partnership of Bowley and Read 30 runs were put on. Bowley returned the ball, and the innings terminated for 233. Read carried out his bat for a well-played innings of 88, which comprised 11 fours, four threes, nine twos and singles. Mr Rock proved the most successful bowler.

On the visitors going in, some excellent batting was shown by Mr Turner, Mr Kemp and Mr Buxton.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 June, page 8)

Some interesting cricket was witnessed at Cambridge University yesterday, when the game between the Surrey and the Light Blue elevens was continued. Overnight the score stood: - Surrey, first innings, 233; Cambridge, first innings, 114 (for six wickets). Soon after noon Messrs Buxton (not out 32) and the Hon M B Hawke resumed the visitors' batting. Mr Horner and Beaumont were intrusted with the attack.

The amateur handed the ball to Lohmann at 132, and the alteration quickly brought about the dismissal of Mr Hawke, who was caught at the wicket. Seven for 142. Mr Marchant became Mr Buxton's partner. The new batsman, by a leg hot for four, caused the 150 to be announced after three-quarters of an hour's play. At 152, however, Mr Buxton was bowled. He had shown excellent form for 48, his chief hits being two fours, five threes and seven twos. Eight down. Mr Toppin joined Mr Marchant, who scored a couple, and thus averted the "follow on." Lohmann bowled Mr Toppin at 159, and 16 runs later he also disposed of Mr Smith, the innings closing for 175.

Surrey, who were 58 runs ahead, sent in Mr Bowden and Abel. Messrs Rock and Smith were the bowlers. The game had not long been started when rain stopped play for 10 minutes. On resuming, the professional had a life at the hands of slip, when he had scored nine. The record was carried to

28 by a few minutes before 2 o'clock, and as rain came on again, the luncheon interval was taken.

Messrs Rock and Buxton had charge of the bowling on the game being continued. The former dismissed Mr Bowden at 48 and Mr Diver appeared. The amateur at once began to hit freely, three good drives for four being among his contributions. Abel was run out at 72, and at 90 Mr Diver was disposed of in a similar manner. Three down. Mr W W Read and Maurice Read were now together. The 100 was announced at 4 o'clock, but at 125 the amateur was bowled. Four down. Maurice Read and Lohmann afterwards played very good cricket. The former's 59 included nine fours, two threes and three twos.

The Light Blues were now set the heavy task of obtaining 270 to avoid defeat. Only 20 of these had been scored for the loss of one wicket when stumps were drawn.

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 June, page 12)

As was generally anticipated after the first two days' play in the above match at Kennington Oval, the county eleven had little difficulty in beating the Light Blues on Saturday. When stumps were drawn the previous day, the score stood as follows: - Surrey 233 and 212; Cambridge University 175 and 20 for one wicket.

At five minutes past 12 Mr Wright (not out 14) and Mr Hawke continued the University batting. Bowley and Beaumont were the bowlers. Half-a-dozen overs produced seven runs. Mr Hawke was then easily taken at point, the second wicket falling at 27. Rain now stopped the game until 20 minutes to 1, when on resuming Mr Wright had the assistance of Mr Kemp, who showed excellent form. The new batsman drove Bowley straight for three, and Wright obtained two for a cut. Lohmann then superseded Bowley, who retired owing to a slight injury. Mr Wright cut the last ball of the over for four, while his partner drove Beaumont twice to the on for four and three respectively. A clean cut by Mr Wright to the boundary brought 50 on the telegraph board at 1 o'clock, and the same batsman shortly afterwards scored four more by a similar piece of play. Mr Horner displaced Beaumont at 63, but when 11 runs, which included a cut for four by the Old Blue, had been added, Mr Wright was well taken at the wicket. He had played in admirable style for 42, which comprised seven fours, five twos and singles.

Mr Buxton then went in and quickly drove Lohmann to the off for three, but presently lost the company of Mr Kemp, who retired, clean bowled. Four for 80. Mr Turner arrived, and the first ball sent him he cut to the boundary. After obtaining two more, however, Lohmann found out the weak point in his defence. Five down. Mr de Paravicini occupied the vacant wicket, but his stay was brief, as at 89 Mr Horner clean bowled him. Mr Rock was next in order. Both Mr Horner and Lohmann proved very difficult to play, and it was not until a quarter to two that an off-drive for four by Mr Rock sent up the "100." Beaumont recorded the ball from Lohmann at the same total, but after Mr Buxton had made a cut for three the last-named bowler relieved Mr Horner. Five runs were obtained, and then as rain came on an adjournment was made for luncheon.

The game was resumed at a quarter to 3, the bowlers again being Beaumont and Lohmann. At 116 Mr Buxton was dismissed, and Mr Marchant, after giving a chance of stumping, was bowled at 124. Mr Rock got out of his ground at the same total and before he could regain the crease the bails had been removed. Nine for 124. During the partnership of Mr Smith and Toppin 15 runs were added. The former was then bowled, and Surrey were victorious by 131 runs.

18 June: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2966.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 June, page 7)

In fine weather and before a very large number of on-lookers these counties began their first match this season at Lord's yesterday. Middlesex started the batting with Messrs Webbe and Studd. Dr Grace and Woof had charge of the bowling.

Before a run was scored Mr Webbe was bowled, while at 14 Mr Studd was finely attained at mid-on. Mr Scott joined Mr O'Brien, who at once began to score quickly. Gregg relieved Dr Grace at 55, and a dozen runs later Mr Page superseded Woof. At length, with the score at 75, Mr O'Brien was bowled off his pads. His 54 included ten fours, two threes and two twos. Mr Newton went in next, and Woof and Dr Grace resumed bowling at 90. The professional dismissed Mr Newton with his second ball, and West appeared. The new batsman hit very hard, and 100 was signalled at a quarter past 1. West continued to score freely, twice driving the ball into the pavilion. At 132 Dr Grace crossed over and Woof went on at the pavilion end. A further change was tried at 139, Mr Townsend displacing the Gloucestershire captain. The 150 was reached, however, at 20 minutes to 3. Woof handed the ball to Gregg three runs later, and at 166 Mr Page went on in lieu of Mr Townsend. The latter change immediately had the desired effect, as West was out leg-before at 166. Mr Hadow assisted Mr Scott in raising the total to 184, when he was caught by the wicket-keeper. Six wickets down.

After the luncheon interval Messrs Cottrell and Scott resumed the home innings to the bowling of Dr Grace and Page. An off-drive for three by Mr Scott brought 200 on the telegraph board at 10 minutes to 3. Woof took the ball from Mr Page at 210. Mr Scott completed his 100 by a leg-hit for two amid loud cheering. Mr Cottrell fell to a good catch at mid-on at 254, and Mr Robertson went in. Mr Page bowled in place of Woof at 273. Nine runs were added, and then Mr Robertson was run out, while Mr Williams was dismissed without alteration in the figures. Burton stayed with Mr Scott until 308, when he was secured at mid-on. Mr Scott's excellent not-out innings of 135 was composed of 11 fours, seven threes, 16 twos and singles.

Dr W G Grace and Painter began the Gloucestershire batting. Mr Cottrell and Burton (pavilion end) were the bowlers. In spite of changes in the bowling, runs were made very quickly. Dr Grace's principal hits were six fours and 13 twos . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 June, page 8)

Rain fell early yesterday morning and caused the wicket at Lord's to play somewhat treacherously. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening, Gloucestershire, having dismissed Middlesex for 308, had lost seven wickets for 214. At 20 minutes to 12 Mr Brain (not out 35) and Gregg (not out 11) were confronted by Mr Cottrell and Burton. The score was soon advantage to 227, at which total Mr Brain was secured at short leg, and Gregg was bowled two runs later. The partnership of Mr Bush and Woof produced 21, and the innings closed at 12.29 for 250.

Middlesex, with an advantage of 58, began their second innings with Messrs Webbe and Studd, who were opposed by Dr W G Grace (pavilion end) and Woof. Only 13 had been recorded when Mr Webbe was bowled, and Mr Scott took his place. At 38 a well-judged catch at long-off disposed

of Mr Studd, and his place was taken by Mr O'Brien. The game then went very badly for Middlesex, as at 57 Mr O'Brien was caught at short leg and Mr Scott at slip. Further misfortunes soon befell the home county, as at 58 West was stumped and a single later Mr Newton skied the ball to short leg, where Gregg secured it. Seven wickets were down for 59. Without addition Mr Cottrell was caught by the wicket-keeper running to slip. Mr Robertson hit with great freedom, and it was not until 96 that a very fine catch by Mr Brain at long-on got rid of him. Eight wickets down. After luncheon rain fell slightly, and prevented the game being continued until half-past 3. Mr Williams then went in, but was soon bowled. At 199 Burton was out in a similar manner, and the innings closed at a quarter to 4.

Requiring 178 to win, Gloucestershire started their second innings with Mr Gilbert and Dr Grace. Burton and Mr Cottrell conducted the bowling. In spite of changes in the bowling, these two players kept together till, at 85, Mr Gilbert was bowled. Mr Townsend went to the assistance of Dr Grace. At 102 Dr Grace was well caught at the wicket for a fine innings of 54. His chief hits were one five (an off drive), six fours and six twos. Mr Pullen joined Mr Townsend. Several alterations in the attack were tried, but the batsmen were now thoroughly set. Mr Pullen made three fours (a square leg hit, an on drive and a leg hit) in an over of Mr Hadow's, the last of which won the match for Gloucestershire by eight wickets at 10 minutes to 7.

18 June: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2965.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 June, page 7)

Although Yorkshire were playing without Ulyett at Manchester yesterday, they had considerably the better of the day's play against Lancashire, who, in the absence of Mr A G Steel, were also unable to put their best strength into the field. The weather was beautifully fine, and 7,000 spectators watched the cricket during the day.

The home county, who went in first, began badly, losing four wickets for 47 runs; but when Mr Hornby, who had put himself in late, joined Mr Taylor, matters improved considerably, and before they were separated the partnership made no fewer than 90 runs. Mr Hornby was bowled at 137 for a dashing score of 61, in which were eight fours, two threes and six twos. After he left the others did very little, and the last five wickets added only 31 between them.

When Yorkshire went in they made a bad start, as Bates, after scoring the first four runs, was run out, but when Grimshaw joined Hall, the pair completely mastered the Lancashire bowling until just before the call of time, when Gm was bowled for a faultless 74, which contained eight fours, three threes and seven twos. The total was then 117 for two wickets, so that Yorkshire, with eight wickets to fall, are but 51 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 June, page 8)

A good deal of rain fell at Manchester on Thursday night, and the wicket yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground was soft and dead. The absence of sunshine, however, prevented it being really treacherous. When play ceased on Thursday Lancashire had completed an innings for 168 and Yorkshire had lost only two wickets for 117. Yesterday the visitors' innings was finished off in an hour and 55 minutes for the addition of 41. Barlow and Watson bowled uncommonly well and were greatly supported by magnificent fielding.

Two showers made the wicket play somewhat easily when Lancashire went in a second time. Between half-past 1 and a quarter to 6 a total of 136 was obtained. Mr Leach was in two hours and three-quarters for his 39, and, except for one chance, his batting was admirable. Mr Hornby hit very hard, but did not play anything like such a good innings as on Thursday. Emmett bowled very effectively, his seven wickets only costing 50 runs. Rain prevented any play after a quarter to 6 . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 22 June, page 12)

A draw in favour of Lancashire was the result, on Saturday, of this county match at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. Heavy rain in the morning delayed the start until a quarter to 2, and no wicket was practicable after a quarter to 5. The draw was all in favour of Lancashire, as Yorkshire, with only four wickets to fall, wanted 74 runs to win.

The bad weather was in every way regrettable, as under favourable circumstances the finish of the match would very likely have been close and exciting. Hall played an excellent and patient innings of 31, and the bowling of Watson and Barlow was again admirable.

22 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2968.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 June, page 10)

With one exception, Mr J A Turner taking the place of the Hon C M Knatchbull-Hugessen, the Cambridge team which appeared at Lord's yesterday will oppose Oxford on Monday next. Mr Hawke, having won the toss, sent in Messrs Wright and Bainbridge, who were confronted by Flowers (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson.

Only four runs had been recorded when Mr Bainbridge was caught at slip. Mr Hawke, who joined Mr Wright, was soon disposed of by a smart catch at slip with the score at 24, while three runs later Mr Wright was well taken at third man. Mr Buxton, after making a single, was bowled, and Mr de Paravicini appeared. Barnes received the ball from the amateur at 51, but the separation was effected from the other end, as Flowers bowled Mr Kemp at 57. Five wickets down. Mr Rock retired - stumped - at 58, and four runs later Mr de Paravicini was bowled. Seven wickets for 62. Mr Marchant and the Hon C M Knatchbull-Hugessen were now together. The partnership produced nine runs, when the latter was bowled. Mr Toppin went to the assistance of Mr Marchant, and at the luncheon interval the score was 81.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, the bowlers were Flowers and Mr Christopherson. Runs now came fast. At 103 Mr Toppin was caught at slip. Mr Smith joined Mr Marchant. Flowers, who had been bowling exceedingly well, dismissed Mr Smith at 115, the innings closing at a quarter past 3.

Messrs G B and J E K Studd began the Marylebone innings to the bowling of Messrs Rock and Toppin. Before a run had been scored Mr J E K Studd was taken at slip, and in his place Mr A G Steel appeared. Both batsmen played in fine style. Mr Smith went on in lieu of Mr Toppin, and shortly afterwards a well-judged catch at long-on by Mr Marchant got rid of Mr G B Studd. Two wickets for 55. Runs came very quickly, the majority of them being obtained by the amateur. At 73 Mr Toppin resumed in place of Mr Smith, and only two runs were added when Mr Steel was bowled. He had played a fine innings of 45, which included four fours, five threes and three twos. Mr Jones came in, and at 86 the bowlers crossed over. The new batsman was caught at slip at 91. Mr Newton followed in, and the 100 was reached at a quarter past 5.

Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was keeping wicket, then had to retire owing to the ball striking him in the face. Mr Wright took his place at the wicket, and Mr Spiro fielded as substitute. Mr Buxton displaced Mr Toppin at 117. Mr Newton was secured low down at slip for 132, and Flowers was bowled a couple of runs later. Mr Booth was the next partner of Barnes. Mr Toppin went on at the nursery wicket at 141, and shortly afterwards Mr Rock resumed at the opposite end. Mr Booth was bowled at 160, and at 193 Mr Spiro was also dismissed. Barnes had the misfortune to be run out at 211. He had played an excellent innings of 75, among his hits being seven fours, four threes and six twos. Messrs Christopherson and Welman then became partners, and were still together at the drawing of stumps.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 June, page 6)

When play ceased in this match at Lord's on Monday evening, the Marylebone team having dismissed their opponents for 115, had gone in and scored 228 for the loss of nine wickets. During

the play yesterday morning, which was interrupted by rain, the batsmen increased the score to 247, and then Mr Welman was bowled.

Wanting 132 runs to avert a single innings defeat, the Light Blues went in again and gave their opponents considerably more trouble than in their first innings. The Cambridge captain in particular showed excellent form, scoring 73, which total was composed of eleven fours, four threes, a two and singles. Several changes were made in the bowling, but the score rose steadily till the venture closed at 6.35 for 228.

Marylebone, requiring 97 to win, sent in Messrs G B Studd and J E K Studd. Messrs Rock and Smith were the bowlers. Mr G B Studd played Mr Rock to square leg for four, and sent the other bowler to the on with a like result. A few minutes later stumps were drawn for the day . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 June, page 7)

The last of the University trial matches was concluded at Lord's yesterday in fine weather. At the close of Tuesday's play the score was in the following position: - Cambridge, 115 and 228; Marylebone, 247 and 13 (no wicket down). Consequently when the game was resumed yesterday morning at 11.35, the home eleven required 84 to win. Messrs G B Studd (not out 11) and J E K Studd (not out 2) were opposed by Mr Rock (pavilion end) and Mr Toppin.

Mr G B Studd placed the former to leg for three, and soon afterwards made two fours (both leg hits) off the other bowler. Mr Smith relieved Mr Toppin at 31, and in his first over Mr J E K Studd was run out. Mr Jones followed in. Mr Studd snicked Mr Smith for four, and his companion drove the same bowler to the off boundary and sent him to leg for four. An off-drive by Mr Jones for three brought 50 up at five minutes past 12. Mr Buxton superseded Mr Smith at 53, but in his first over Mr Studd drove him twice to the off for four each, and to the on for a couple. Later on Mr Studd cut Mr Buxton for four, and drove Mr Rock to the off for a like result. Mr Toppin was tried at the pavilion end at 83. A fine leg hit by the Kent amateur realized four, but after Mr Studd had secured three from a cut, Mr Jones was caught at the wicket. Two for 90. Since the fall of the last wicket 59 runs had been added.

Flowers came in, and Mr Toppin bowled a maiden over to Mr Studd. The professional cut Mr Buxton for four, and making a single got to the other end. He then hit Mr Toppin to leg for two, and won the match for Marylebone by eight wickets. Mr Studd's brilliant innings of 59 comprised nine fours, two threes, three twos and singles.

22 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2969.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 June, page 10)

The return match between Surrey and Oxford University was begun yesterday at Kennington Oval. The weather was fine and there was a numerous company. Successful in the toss, the visitors decided to go in, their first representatives being Messrs Brain and Coles. Beaumont and Lohmann had charge of the bowling.

After Mr Brain had secured four, both batsmen were caught at slip. Messrs O'Brien and Key then became partners; but the former was dismissed by a bailer, when only 16 runs were announced. With three of their best batsmen out, the prospects of the University looked anything but bright. Messrs Key and Page, however, hit freely, and the score was soon advantage to 46. Mr Horner then displaced Lohmann. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as at 58 Mr Page obstructed his wicket. Mr Hildyard filled the vacancy. A further variation in the attack was tried at 67, Beaumont giving way to Mills. The batsmen still played in excellent style, and at 80 Lohmann relieved Mr Horner. Each gentleman obtained two fours, and the three figures were announced at 1.25.

Despite further changes in the bowling, it was not until 116 that Mr Key was bowled. He had shown brilliant form for 61, his principal items being eight fours, three threes and six twos. Since the fall of the previous wicket, 58 runs had been added. Two more wickets were quickly captured, both Messrs Cochrane and Buckland being run out at 116 and 120 respectively. Mr Newton assisted Mr Hildyard in raising the score to 165, when the former was well taken at third man. Messrs Godfrey and Bastard gave the home bowlers little trouble, the innings closing at a quarter-past 3. Mr Hildyard carried out his bat for an excellent 62. His chief hits were seven fours, four threes and five twos.

The usual interval having elapsed, Mr Shuter and Abel began the Surrey batting. The bowlers were Messrs Godfrey and Bastard. The former proved very expensive, the first 22 runs being scored from him, and he handed the ball to Mr Cochrane. Abel played on at 25. During the partnership of Messrs Diver and Shuter runs were scored rapidly, and it was not until 95 that Mr Diver was caught behind the wicket. Mr Shuter was beaten by a ball from Mr Cochrane at 119. His superb innings of 55 comprised nine fours, two threes, three twos and singles. Maurice Read joined Mr W W Read, who was run out at 150. The former saw the dismissal of two more batsmen for 68, but on being joined by Wood the pair played out time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 June, page 6)

Surrey easily defeated the Dark Blues eleven at Kennington Oval yesterday - a result that was generally anticipated at the close of Monday's play. The score then stood: - Oxford University, first innings, 177; Surrey, first innings, 258 (for six wickets). Yesterday morning, within a few minutes of 12 o'clock, Maurice Read (not out 84) and Wood (not out 22) were confronted by Messrs Bastard and Cochrane.

When a dozen runs had been added Wood was bowled. Seven for 270. Beaumont, who was next on the order, was bowled after a short delay on account of rain, the eighth wicket falling for 281.

Mills joined Maurice Read. The former soon obtained 10 runs, which included two cuts for four, and then lost the company of Read, who was bowled at 295. He had played a very fine innings of 97, among his contributions being 11 fours, four threes and 10 twos. Mr Horner arrived only to see the dismissal of Mills, who was disposed of without alteration in the figures.

Oxford, who were 118 in arrear, began their second venture with Messrs Brain and Coles. Beaumont and Mr Horner conducted the bowling. The score was carried to 26, at which total the amateur relinquished the ball to Lohmann. The separation, however, was effected from the other, as only five had been added when Mr Coles cut the ball into the hands of point. A further misfortune quickly befell the University, as Mr O'Brien played on with the figures still at 31.

Matters now went very badly for the visitors. Three more batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 25, Mr Brain, who made 32, being fifth out - a smart catch at slip dismissing him. Messrs Hildyard and Cochrane advantage the score to 73, when the former was secured at short leg. Messrs Buckland and Cochrane were bowled at 74 and 78 respectively. Eight down. Messrs Godfrey and Newton now made a determined effort to save the game, but without success, as at 97 the former was taken at slip, while four runs later Mr Newton fell to a catch at the wicket. Surrey consequently won by an innings and 17 runs. The wicket yesterday played rather treacherously, while Lohmann and Beaumont both bowled exceedingly well.

22 June: SUSSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2970.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 June, page 10)

Three hundred and thirty-seven runs were scored at Brighton yesterday for the loss of 15 wickets. The two counties had not met for several seasons, and the match therefore excited a good deal of interest.

Lancashire went in first and made so bad a start that five wickets were down for 45. Afterwards, however, the character of the cricket underwent so complete a change that the total reached 215. Mr W E Leach played the best cricket of the innings, his 56 being a really admirable display. He hit no fewer than eight fours. Mr Haigh made 73 and also played fine cricket, but he gave two chances, one of being caught and bowled and the other of being stumped. Included in his innings were 11 fours, two threes and six twos. Mr R C Leach was in while 110 runs were being put on.

Sussex had two hours' batting and lost five wickets for 122. Mr Newham made his runs in splendid style; the only blemish in his innings was a hard chance of being caught and bowled when he had scored nine. The spectators expressed emphatic disapproval of Crossland's bowling.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 June, page 6)

Some capital cricket was shown at Brighton yesterday, and the fortunes of the game varied considerably. At one time in the afternoon the Sussex men had decidedly the best of the match, but when they went in at 5 o'clock, with 177 runs to get to win, they lost five wickets for 74, and the chances now looked all against them.

In the first innings of Sussex Mr Brain [sic] hit brilliantly for 57, and owing chiefly to his efforts the overnight score of 122 was increased to 192. Lancashire on going in for the second time scored 57 runs for one wicket, after which there was a rapid downfall, the total for seven wickets being 88. Watson, after giving a chance in the long field, hit most vigorously and took out his bat for 48. His innings included eight fours. Lancashire's total was 153. Arthur Hide bowled remarkably well and took six wickets for 37 runs.

When Sussex went in for the second time, Tester played finely and remained in for an hour and a half, but no one else did much against the capital bowling of Barlow and Watson.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 June, page 7)

The match at Brighton between Sussex and Lancashire ended yesterday, after an hour and a-half's cricket, in a victory for Lancashire by 33 runs. Overnight, Sussex had been left with 103 runs to get to win and five wickets to fall. Mr Wyatt played in capital style for 36 not out, an innings which included seven fours, but did not receive much support. Barlow took five wickets for 36 runs, his admirable bowling contributing in a great degree to his county's success.

25 June: SOUTH v NORTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2973.html)

Thursday 25 June, page 7

Dr W G Grace is unable to play for the South at the Oval to-day. His place will be taken by Abel, of Surrey. In the North team Walter Wright and Emmett play instead of Shrewsbury and Ulyett.

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

Yesterday, in dull weather, the annual North v South of England match was begun at Kennington Oval, for the benefit of Richard Humphrey, who several years ago rendered his county (Surrey) excellent service. He is now cricket coach to Clifton College, and two of his old pupils were Messrs J H Brain and K J Key, both of whom are members of the Oxford University eleven. There was a numerous company of spectators present.

The home eleven began batting on a slow wicket at 12.20 with Messrs Bainbridge and Gilbert. Peate opened the bowling from the gasometer end and Wright from the other side. Both bowlers were very difficult to play, only eight runs being recorded in 15 overs. A single later Mr Bainbridge was given out leg before, and Maurice Read appeared. Ten runs were announced after twenty-five minutes' play. The Surrey professional returned the ball at 11, while after six runs had been added Mr W W Read had his leg stump upset. Mr Diver was the next to go in. The play was now very slow, and at the end of 40 overs Wright's analysis read 20 overs (15 maidens), eight runs, three wickets. Mr Gilbert was beaten by a ball from Wright in the succeeding over, and four wickets were down for 36. Hearne came to the assistance of Mr Diver. After 19 maiden overs had been sent down, a few hits from both batsmen caused to 50 to be announced at 10 minutes to 2.

After luncheon the bowlers were Peate and Wright. Runs came slowly, and presently the amateur was completely baffled by a ball from Wright. Five wickets were now down for 69. Mr Roller aided Hearne. Thirteen runs were added, when Peate easily caught and bowled Mr Roller. Six wickets for 82. Hearne next had Abel for a companion. With the score at 90 Hearne was bowled, and Peate dismissed Abel without alteration in the figures. Beaumont and Tester became partners. The score was increased by five, when Beaumont was taken at cover-point, while a catch by Grimshaw got rid of Tester, the innings having lasted two hours and 50 minutes. Wright bowled wonderfully well, his six wickets being obtained for 32 runs.

At 4.25 Hall and Mr Hornby started the visitors' innings to the bowling of Beaumont and Woof. The score rose steadily. G G Hearne displaced Woof at 34, and a dozen runs later Beaumont handed the ball to Mr Roller. At length a good catch by Mr Roller at mid-off got rid of Mr Hornby, and only a single was added when Mr Read finely caught Hall at point. Two wickets for 55. Gunn joined Scotton. Runs were very difficult to obtain, and it was not until a quarter to 6 that 70 was hoisted. With the total at 81 Beaumont and Woof resumed bowling at their respective ends. Both batsmen played with caution, and after they had been together an hour only 26 runs had been added. In spite of several changes in the bowling the batsmen were thoroughly set, and had not been separated when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 June, page 14)

The weather was again very dull and cold yesterday when the above game was resumed at Kennington Oval for the benefit of Richard Humphrey. At the close of Thursday's play the score stood: - South, 96, and North, 146 for two wickets. Gunn and Scotton, the not outs with 63 and 22 respectively, were confronted by Mr Roller (gasometer end) and Beaumont.

Two singles were obtained in three overs, after which Scotton played the professional finely to leg for three. With the total at 159 a splendid ball from Beaumont completely beat Gunn, who had played an excellent innings of 68, and no fewer than 104 runs had been added since the last wicket. Bates joined Scotton, but after some careful play, during which eight runs were added, he was easily caught at mid-off. Four for 170. Scotton next had Grimshaw for a companion. Mr Roller handed the ball to woof at 173. The alteration soon had the desired effect, as only 11 were added when Scotton was easily taken at point. Briggs joined Grimshaw who, after a couple of maiden overs, rove Beaumont to the off for three and sent the other bowler to leg for four - the first boundary hit of the day. Briggs was let off by Abel at slip before he had scored, while in the following over from Beaumont he gave a hard chance to Mr Gilbert at point. Profiting by this mistake the Lancashire professional obtained four by an excellent off-drive, while Grimshaw hit Woof to square leg with a like result. The latter item sent up 200 at 1.20. Three runs were obtained and then two wickets fell - Grimshaw being secured at mid-on and Emmett clean bowled. Seven for 203.

Wright joined Briggs. Runs were obtained rapidly, and it was not until 244 was reached that Wright fell to a catch at cover-point. Eight down. Sherwin followed in, and Briggs scored 10 in an over from Woof by two square leg hits for four each and a cut for two. Luncheon having intervened, Briggs was well caught at cover-slip. Nine for 259. Peate came in and speedily made eight. He was then taken at mid-off, the innings closing at five minutes past 3 for 267.

Requiring 171 to prevent a single innings defeat, the South went in a second time at 3.30. Mr Gilbert and Hearne were the first pair of batsmen. Wright (pavilion end) and Peate opened the attack. When half an hour had elapsed only 10 runs were recorded, and the figures had not been altered when Hearne was bowled. Mr Bainbridge assisted Mr Gilbert while 20 runs were made. He was then caught at the wicket. Two down. Maurice Read was stumped at 39, and Mr W W Read came in. Fifty was announced at 10 minutes to 5, but only five runs were added when Mr Gilbert was well caught at mid-on. He had played a very useful innings of 30, and except for a hard return chance when he had made 17 his cricket was excellent.

Mr Diver and Mr W W Read now became partners. The former was bowled at 69, and 10 runs later Mr W W Read skied the ball to cover-point. Abel aided Mr Roller. The first 100 had only produced 88 runs, 52 being maidens. The largest items for a considerable time were a cut for three and a leg hit for a like number, both by Abel, who later on drove Wright for three. He was easily stumped with the total at 97, and Tester filled the vacancy. At 99 the first change in the bowling was tried, Emmett superseded Wright. A single by Tester caused the 100 to be recorded at 6.20. Bates displaced Peate at 103. Tester made a fine square leg hit to the boundary, and at 120 Wright resumed the attack at the pavilion end, while a few overs later Peate relieved Bates. The batsmen, however, were still together at the drawing of stumps.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 June, page 10)

It was not generally anticipated at the close of Friday's play that the South would avert the innings

defeat. This surmise, however, proved incorrect, as, owing to the excellent batting of Mr Roller, Tester and Beaumont, and South set their opponents the task of getting 49 runs to win. The weather on Saturday was very fine, and in the afternoon there was a large company of onlookers at Kennington Oval. On Friday evening the score was in the following position: - South, 96 and 131 (for seven wickets); North, 267.

On Saturday at a quarter past 12 Tester and Mr Roller, the not-outs, with 22 and 7, continued the second innings of the home side. Peate (gasometer end) and Wright were the bowlers. Both batsmen played with great caution, and 14 overs produced half as many runs, which included a four to leg by Tester. The amateur was then nearly caught and bowled by Peate, the ball dropping just in front of the Yorkshireman. A dozen maiden overs having been sent down, Mr Roller secured a single from each end, while shortly afterwards he drove Peate to the on-boundary. This caused the latter to give way to Bates at 144, and when three runs had been added Emmett superseded Walter Wright, who had bowled since the start 15 overs (11 maidens) for eight runs.

From the first ball of Emmett's second over Mr Roller gave a difficult chance to Hall at point. Profiting by his escape, he obtained four by an on-drive, which sent 50 up at five minutes past 1. Tester was then missed by Gunn at slip off Emmett's bowling. Mr Roller drove Bates to the on for three, and subsequently cut the other bowler to the boundary and drove him to the off for four. Mr Roller secured four more by an on-drive, which caused Briggs to take the ball from Emmett at 169. In the Lancastrian's second over Sherwin appealed against Mr Roller for a very smart piece of stumping, but the decision was in the negative. A single by Tester saved the innings defeat at 1.35. When the score had been increased by four Wright was tried at the gasometer end in lieu of Bates. Mr Roller cut him for three, and after several smaller contributions each batsman sent him to leg for a similar number. In the following over from Briggs the batsmen were at length separated, the ball taking Mr Roller's leg stump. Since the fall of the seventh wicket 97 runs had been added.

The retiring batsman had shown by far the best cricket on his side. He was at the wickets three hours and a quarter, and among his hits were six fours, five threes and four twos. Beaumont joined Tester, and Gunn at once displaced Wright. An on-drive by Beaumont realized four, and a single by Tester brought 200 on the telegraph board at ten minutes to 2. Six runs later the players retired for luncheon.

After an interval of 50 minutes the game was resumed, the bowlers, as before, being Gunn and Briggs. The Surrey professional scored ten runs by an off-drive and a leg hit for four each and two singles, and then Peate relieved Briggs. The alteration speedily had the desired effect, as before a run had been added Beaumont skied the ball to point. Woof came in, but after making a square-leg hit for three he lost the company of Tester, who was caught at long-off, the innings terminating at 3.10 for 219. Wright and Peate were the most effective bowlers, the former taking four wickets for 83 runs and the latter five for 52.

Requiring 49 runs to win, the North sent in Gunn and Bates, who were opposed by Beaumont and Woof, at half-past 3. In the first ten overs the principal items were a snick for four and a cut for three by Gunn, and a square-leg hit for four and drives for three and two by Bates. A twofold change in the attack was tried at 27, Mr Roller receiving the ball from Woof and G G Hearne going on for Beaumont. Both alterations were successful, as the score was still 27 when Abel neatly caught Bates at slip; two runs later he secured Gunn in a similar position. Grimshaw and Hall were now together. Runs were obtained quickly, and at 42 Beaumont resumed bowling for Mr Roller. At 25 minutes past 4, however, a leg hit for three by Hall won the match for the North by eight wickets.

25 June: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2972.html)

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

With the exception of Messrs Buckland and Page, the Oxford University Eleven offered little resistance to the Marylebone bowling at Lord's yesterday, where they began the last of their trial matches. The weather was dull and cold, and the heavy rain of the previous night caused the wicket to play slow.

Messrs Brain and Buckland started the Oxford batting soon after 12. Wootton and Attewell were the bowlers. Three wickets were down for 41 when Messrs Page and Buckland got together. These batsmen steadily raised the score to 58, at which total Flowers took the ball from Wootton. This alteration speedily had the desired effect, as before a run had been added Mr Buckland returned the ball. Mr Page was bowled at 73. After his dismissal the batsmen offered little resistance to the Marylebone attacks, the last five wickets falling for an addition of 27. Flowers bowled very effectively, his six wickets being obtained for 26 runs.

Messrs Fowler and Marshall opened the home team's innings. Only 11 runs were announced when the former was easily taken at third man. Barnes joined Mr Marshall. The score rose rapidly and, despite variations in the bowling, it was not until 54 had been registered that the professional was clean bowled. Mr Kemp's stay was brief and unproductive, as the figures were unaltered when Mr Cochrane got rid of him. During the partnership of Flowers and Mr Marshall 56 runs were added. Besides these batsmen Mr Trevor and Attewell also hit hard, and the home total reached 194, Mr Trevor taking out his bat for 35. Mr Marshall's 51 comprised two fours, three threes, 12 twos and singles. It will be seen from the appended score that the University require 94 runs to avert a single innings defeat, with their second innings in which to get them.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 June, page 14)

Although at the close of an innings each there was a difference of 94 runs, the match between Marylebone and Oxford University had an exciting finish. This fact was mainly due to the brilliant batting of Mr J H Brain, who scored 135 out of a total of 231. Yesterday morning at Lord's when the game was resumed the score was in the following position: - Oxford 100; Marylebone 194.

Oxford, who were 94 in arrear, began their second venture at 20 minutes to 12, with Messrs Brain and Buckland. Attewell and Flowers had charge of the bowling. Mr Buckland made a single, and was then clean bowled by Attewell. Mr Key joined Mr Brain. The total gradually reached 24, at which total Attewell gave way to Wootton, while after three had been added Barnes displaced Flowers. Mr Brain drove the Notts professional to the on for four, and played him to square leg for a like number. As the alterations in the bowling did not prove successful, Attewell and Flowers again went on. The 50, however, was signalled after nearly an hour's play. Mr Key was missed by Barnes behind the bowler, but he profited little by his escape, as he was finely caught at slip by the same fieldsman, when 67 runs were recorded. Without alteration in the figures, Mr Coles fell to a catch at slip.

Mr Page went in third wicket down. Runs were scored very quickly, and the 100 was soon announced. Barnes bowled in place of Flowers from 105 to 117, the last-named then resuming.

Flowers then dismissed Mr Page. Four for 124. After being let off at long-on by Mr Fowler, Mr O'Brien was bowled at 147. Flowers got rid of Mr Cochrane at 152, and Mr Newton appeared. Mr Brain continued to play in fine style, but after he had made his 100 he hit with great freedom, and gave a couple of chances in the long field. The second hundred went up at 3.25. At length Mr Brain was smartly stumped. His very fine innings of 135 included 16 fours, two threes and 15 twos. Seven for 221. The remaining three batsmen added ten. The innings closed within a few minutes of 4 colonist for 281. Attewell proved by far the most successful bowler.

Marylebone, wanting 138 to win, began their task at a quarter-past 4. Eight wickets were down for 122, when Messrs Marshall and Russell became partners. These batsmen soon obtained the necessary runs, and the game ended in a win for the M.C.C. by two wickets. Mr T R Marshall seems to be in fine form this season. His 48 (not out) was composed of six fours, a three and three twos.

25 June: HAMPSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2971.html)

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

The batting of F Sugg was the great feature of yesterday's play at Southampton. Sugg went in when three wickets were down for 91, and hit in a most brilliant manner, scoring far more than half the runs. It will be seen from the subjoined score that only seven of the visitors' wickets fell.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 June, page 14)

This county match at Southampton, which opened on Thursday, finished yesterday in a very decisive victory for the visitors, who won in one innings with 243 runs to spare. Sugg scored 187, a superb innings, in which were a six, a five, 17 fours, nine threes and 17 twos.

In the first innings of Hampshire Mr Lacey carried his bat through the innings for a highly meritorious 61, but in the second innings the team was dismissed for 49, Cropper and Chatterton bowling with great effect.

29 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2974.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 June, page 10)

From the meagre scoring which characterized the majority of the Universities' trial matches this season, it was naturally expected that the run-getting at Lord's yesterday, when the annual encounter began, would not be heavy. So far as the previous contests may be taken as an index of the ultimate result, Oxford appear to possess a slight advantage. The opening day's play, however, furnished another illustration of the proverbial uncertainty which forms one of the charms of our national pastime. The weather, although threatening at noon, held fine, and nearly 15,000 spectators were present.

The Dark Blues batting proved somewhat disappointing, especially in the face of their match last week with Marylebone, the redeeming features being the score of Mr O'Brien and the patient play shown by Messrs Page and Bolitho. Cambridge's start proved an almost unqualified success. Mr Wright, in conjunction with Mr Bainbridge, delighted the onlookers (the former by his finished style and the latter by his free hitting), the pair securing 152 runs before a separation could be effected. On both sides the fielding proved excellent, and the wicket played true.

Within three minutes of noon the appearance of the Light Blues in the field showed that their opponents had won the toss and were going in. They were quickly followed by Messrs Brain and Buckland, who opened the Oxford batting. Mr Rock started the bowling from the nursery end and Mr Toppin had charge of the attack at the other end, Mr Wright being wicket-keeper to both bowlers. Mr Rock bowled a maiden to Mr Brain, but from Mr Toppin's first ball the other batsman scored a single. Three overs were sent down for a couple of runs. Mr Brain was then secured at short leg by Mr Rock. One down. Mr Key came in and scored three singles, while his companion obtained three from a cut and four by a square-leg hit. Half-a-dozen overs produced eight runs, all by Mr Buckland. A single later, however, he was beaten by a good ball from Mr Rock, and two wickets were down for 23. Mr O'Brien followed in, but without alteration in the figures Mr Key played on. The speedy dismissal of these three formidable batsmen caused great cheering among the partisans of the Light Blues.

Mr O'Brien next had the assistance of his captain (Mr Page). The former, after scoring a single, made three drives for two each and a leg-hit for four off Mr Toppin, and five runs later he cut Mr Rock for four. A little later a cut for three by Mr Page brought 50 on the telegraph board. A change in the bowling was tried at 53, Mr Buxton superseding Mr Rock. A further change in the attack was made at 61, Mr Smith relieving Mr Buxton. An appeal for leg before against Mr O'Brien was answered in the negative. Mr Rock resumed bowling at the nursery wicket at 76, but the separation was effected from the other end, as Mr Smith, with a full pitched ball, got rid of Mr Page. He had played a most useful innings of 22. Mr Hildyard was next on the order. Mr O'Brien a little later, but after adding a few more to his score, was neatly caught at slip. His excellent innings of 44 comprised four fours, a three, six twos and singles. Mr Bolitho then aided Mr Hildyard, and the rapid scoring soon caused Mr Toppin to be put on again for Mr Smith, and in his first over he clean bowled Mr Hildyard. Six for 107. Mr Newton's stay was brief and he was given out leg before. Seven for 111. An adjournment was then made for luncheon.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, Mr Bolitho was accompanied by Mr Cochrane, but a ball from Mr Toppin took the new batsman's leg stump. Mr Whitby joined Mr Bolitho, who, among other hits,

scored a three and a two, both by leg hits. At 123 Mr Toppin bowled Mr Whitby's off-stump out of the ground. Mr Bastard, the last man, appeared. Mr Bolitho snicked a ball from Mr Rock for four, and later on played the same bowler to leg for three. At 136, however, he was clean bowled, the innings closing at a quarter past 3. Mr Toppin was by far the most successful bowler, as he took seven wickets for 52 runs.

Messrs Wright and Bainbridge were the first representatives of the Light Blues. Mr Cochrane and Mr Whitby had charge of the bowling. Mr Bainbridge scored a single, and then his partner cut Mr Whitby twice in succession for four each. Five runs had been added when Mr Wright again cut Mr Whitby to the boundary. With the total at 17 Mr Cochrane crossed over to the pavilion end and Mr Bastard took his place at the nursery. Mr Bainbridge obtained three for a leg hit, after which half-a-dozen runs came from eight overs. Mr Bainbridge cut Mr Bastard for four, but on Mr Page taking the ball from Mr Cochrane at 33, the rate of run-getting slackened. Mr Wright gained four by an off-drive, and three by a cut from Mr Page, who handed the ball to Mr Cochrane at 48. A straight drive for two by Mr Bainbridge caused 50 to be hoisted at half-past 4. Three runs later Mr Buckland displaced Mr Cochrane. The batsmen, however, were well set, and 60 runs were registered amid cheering after a little over an hour and a quarter's play. Mr Whitby now received the ball from Mr Buckland. From his second delivery, Mr Bainbridge made an exceedingly bad stroke to square-leg, and although Mr Newton strove hard to reach it he failed. Soon afterwards the same batsman sent Mr Whitby to leg for four.

Seventy appeared at 5 o'clock, and a few minutes later Mr Bainbridge, by off and on drives for four and three, made his score 51. In the following over from Mr Bastard he secured eight by two cuts for four each. Mr Page relieved Mr Bastard at 88, while one run later Mr Whitby gave way to Mr Cochrane. The score, however, continued to rise steadily, and a cut for four by Mr Bainbridge brought the total up to 102 at half 5. At this stage Mr O'Brien was tried in place of Mr Cochrane. The new bowler's third ball Mr Bainbridge hit to leg for four. Each batsman obtained several twos, and then Mr Wright sent Mr Page to square leg for four and drove him to the off for a similar number. At 121 a twofold change in the attack was resorted to, Messrs Buckland and Whitby going on. The scoring for a time was slow, but it was soon enlivened by a fine off-drive to the boundary by Mr Bainbridge. Mr Bastard displaced Mr Whitby at 129, but in his first over Mr Bainbridge made three fours (two off-drives and a leg hit), the Oxford total being passed at ten minutes to 6. Mr Brain was tried at 147 for Mr Buckland, and the change soon proved successful, as when Mr Bainbridge had completed his hundred by an on-drive for four he was easily taken at mid-off. He had played a brilliant innings of 101, and had been batting two hours and 35 minutes. Among his hits were 11 fours, three threes and seven twos.

Mr Hawke joined Mr Wright. After bowling a couple more overs, Mr Brain gave way to Mr Cochrane, while at 163 Mr Page bowled in lieu of Mr Bastard. Runs were now much more difficult to obtain, as may be judged from the fact that only 14 were scored in half an hour. At 166 Mr Whitby superseded Mr Cochrane, who went on at the other end for Mr Page, whom Mr Hawke had twice hit for four. Mr Wright scored four (by a cut) and two twos from drives, all off Mr Whitby. The latter retire in favourite of Mr Brain. At 191 Mr Hawke was bowled, 39 runs having been added since the last wicket fell. Mr Rock came in . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 July, page 7)

The interest in the University match had not been diminished by the advantage which the Light Blues gained on the first day, and yesterday between 15,000 and 16,000 persons assembled at

Lord's to witness the continuation of the game. The weather was beautifully fine and the wicket again played true.

Yesterday morning Mr Wright added only four to this over-night score. Indeed, so excellent was the Oxford bowling and fielding that the last eight Cambridge wickets added only 89. On Oxford going in, Mr Brain again failed to come off; but Messrs Key and Bolitho improved matters considerably. With Messrs O'Brien and Key together, Oxford appeared as if they would make a determined struggle for the match. Misfortunes, however, soon befell them, Mr Key being caught at 108, and shortly afterwards, Mr O'Brien, who was thoroughly set, attempted an ill-judged run and paid the penalty.

The chances of the Dark Blues then greatly altered. Mr Page could not get any one to make a substantial resistance with him, until Mr Bastard, the last man, arrived. The latter kept up his end while his captain hit, and the last wicket put on 62 runs. Mr Page obtained his runs in good style, and in the double innings contributed 100, being only once out. Cambridge went in with 89 to get for victory, and before stumps were drawn they lost one wicket (Mr Wright's). The fielding of both teams was again very fine, especially that of Oxford. The score on the resumption of play was: - Oxford 136, Cambridge 198 for two wickets.

Shortly after half-past 11, the Dark Blues made their appearance in the field, and at 11.35 Mr Rock (not out 1) and Mr Wright (not out 74) took up their positions at the wickets. Mr Whitby opened the bowling from the pavilion end by sending down a maiden to Mr Rock. Mr Cochrane's first over also produced a maiden. Mr Rock then drove Mr Whitby to the on for three, which caused 200 to be signalled at 11.40. The same batsman obtained a single from each end, while his companion secured two by an on drive. With his following ball, however, Mr Cochrane clean bowled Mr Rock. Three for 205. Mr Turner joined Mr Wright. The bowlers were very difficult to play, and four maiden overs were sent down, during which Mr Wright received a slight injury from a delivery of Mr Whitby's. Three leg-byes, a cut for two by Mr Wright and a single increased the score to 211, at which total the Nottinghamshire amateur was bowled by Mr Whitby. With the exception of a chance to Mr Buckland at slip when he had made 29, he had played in fine style, his 78 comprising eight fours, three threes, seven twos and singles.

Mr Kemp aided Mr Turner. The former played Mr Whitby to leg for four, but at 218 the last-named clean bowled Mr Turner. Mr Buxton was next on the list. Mr Kemp obtained four for a cut and two by a square leg hit. Runs came very slowly, however, the Dark Blues fielding splendidly, and Mr Whitby being loudly cheered for a fine return from cover-point. Mr Bastard relieved Mr Cochrane at 224. After four overs had been bowled without a run, Mr Buxton secured two from a cut; but a very fine catch at the wicket then dismissed him. Six for 226. Up to this point four wickets had fallen for an addition of 28 to the over-night score. Mr Kemp next had the assistance of Mr Marchant. Two singles were recorded in three overs. Mr Marchant gained three by an on drive, while his companion cut Mr Bastard for four. Each batsman contributed a three, and then Mr Marchant gave a possible chance of stumping on the leg side. Mr Cochrane resumed bowling in lieu of Mr Bastard at 224, and only three were added when Mr Marchant was run out, the ball being well fielded by Mr Bastard at mid-on. Seven for 247.

Mr de Paravicini followed in, and a four by Mr Kemp sent up 250 at a quarter to 1. Mr de Paravicini was bowled at 252, and two runs later a very fine catch low down at mid-off by Mr Bolitho got rid of Mr Kemp, who had shown excellent form for 29. Nine for 254. Mr Smith and Mr Toppin were now together. Among other items, the former drove Mr Cochrane to the off for four, and later on repeated the stroke with a like result, while Mr Toppin drove Mr Whitby straight

for four. Mr Bastard relieved Mr Cochrane at 279, and a single later Mr Page displaced Mr Whitby. Mr Smith gave a difficult chance to cover-point, the ball afterwards going to the boundary. But off the next ball he was caught at long-off by Mr O'Brien, the innings closing at 20 minutes past 1 for 287. Messrs Cochrane and Whitby were the most successful bowlers.

Requiring 151 to save a single innings defeat, Oxford sent in Messrs Bolitho and Brain. Mr Rock bowled from the nursery end. After Mr Bolitho had scored a single, Mr Brain was given out leg-before. Mr Key aided Mr Bolitho. The latter at once began to score freely, hitting Mr Toppin (the pavilion bowler) to leg for four and cutting the other bowler for a couple. He next obtained two and four by a cut and an on drive respectively. With the score at 23 the luncheon interval was taken.

Three-quarters of an hour having elapsed, the batsmen were confronted by Messrs Rock and Toppin. Seven runs, including a cut for four by Mr Bolitho, was obtained in four overs, after which Mr Key gained two twos by drives. He then drove a ball from Mr Toppin to the pavilion rails and played the same bowler square for three. Later on the Surrey amateur drove each bowler to the off-boundary, and the 50 was announced at 3 o'clock. A leg hit for three by Mr Bolitho increased the score to 55, at which total Mr Smith relieved Mr Toppin. The alteration at once had the desired effect, for when two leg-byes had been recorded Mr Bolitho played a ball hard into his wicket. Two for 57.

Mr O'Brien came in, and four overs produced half-a-dozen runs. Mr Key then drove the ball among the people at the nursery end, while his companion hit Mr Smith to square leg and drove him to the on, the ball on each occasion pitching among the spectators. After being nearly run out, Mr Key secured three by a leg hit, and a few minutes later he sent a ball of Mr Rock's to square leg for four. At 91 a two-fold change in the attack was decided upon, Messrs Buxton and Toppin superseded Messrs Rock and Smith. Mr Key made a cut for four and Mr O'Brien a leg hit for the same number. An off-drive by the Surrey batsman brought the 100 on the telegraph board at 3.35, the runs having been scored in 70 minutes. An addition of eight, however, saw the dismissal of Mr Key, who fell to an easy catch at mid-on. His principal hits were seven fours, three threes and two twos. Mr Page went to the assistance of Mr O'Brien, who cut Mr Buxton finely for four, which caused that bowler to give way to Mr Rock at 112. Without alteration to the figures Mr O'Brien, who had several times previously shown anxiety to score, ran himself out.

Messrs Hildyard and Page now became partners. The former hit Mr Toppin to square leg for four, and after some other contributions he sent the other bowler to leg for three. Mr Smith displaced Mr Toppin at 137. Mr Page drove Mr Rock to the on for a couple and hit him to leg for three. At 147 Mr Rock handed the ball to Mr Buxton and the change proved effective, for after Mr Hildyard had cut him for four, which prevented a single innings defeat at 4.30, he was caught at the wicket. Five for 151. Mr Buckland's stay was brief; when three runs had been added he was bowled. Mr Newton joined his captain and a short stand was made. Mr Page drove Mr Buxton to the off for two and scored three by a leg hit from the other end, while Mr Newton obtained a four and a three by a leg hit and a cut. Mr Rock superseded Mr Buxton at 172, but Mr Page cut him for four. Without addition Mr Smith bowled Messrs Newton and Cochrane with successive balls, and eight wickets were down for 176. A single later Mr Whitby skied the ball to Mr Hawke at mid-on, and Mr Bastard appeared.

Mr Page secured ten (two fours and a two) by on drives, thereby completing his 50 at 20 minutes past 5. Mr Bastard drove Mr Smith to the off for four, while his partner, by a drive to the opposite boundary, caused 200 to be announced at 5.25, amidst tremendous cheering. A leg hit for three by the Oxford captain made the total 204. Mr Toppin then received the ball from Mr Smith, who two

runs later took Mr Rock's place. A fine cut by Mr Bastard realized four. Three twos by Mr Page raised the score to 218, when Mr Turner was tried in lieu of Mr Toppin. The former, however, handed the ball to Mr Rock at 221. Mr Page cut the new bowler for two, and amid loud applause he hit the ball to square leg among the people. As no wicket fell the bowlers changed ends at 2.30. Four byes and a leg hit for two by Mr Page further augmented the score, but at 239 Mr Bastard was at length bowled, the innings closing at five minutes past 6. No fewer than 62 runs had been put on for the tenth wicket. Mr Page had played sound cricket for 75 (not out), and great credit is due to him for the manner in which he batted when things were going so badly for his side. Mr Bastard also showed good form. Among Mr Page's hits were five fours, three threes and 11 twos.

Cambridge, who wanted 89 for victory, sent in Messrs Wright and Buxton, who were opposed by Mr Cochrane and Mr Whitby (pavilion end). The first four overs produced three runs. Each batsman then obtained a four, Mr Buxton by an off drive and Mr Wright by a leg hit. In the following over from Mr Whitby Mr Buxton scored three by an on drive and Mr Wright two fours (a snick and an off drive). This free hitting caused Mr Whitby to retire in favour of Mr Buckland at 23. The largest contribution in half-a-dozen overs was a cut for two by Mr Buxton. Mr Bastard took the ball from Mr Cochrane at 27. The latter change proved successful, as after four overs had been sent down for a single, Mr Wright was neatly caught at slip. Stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

Four times in succession the University match has ended in a victory by seven wickets. Yesterday, the weather, although threatening in the early morning, kept fine, and the foregone conclusion which had been indicated by the result of the first two days' play was verified. Although Mr Bainbridge for Cambridge gained the only three-figure score in the match, the Oxford captain, considering his not-out contribution of 78, obtained the best average. Seldom has such fine fielding as that shown by both elevens been witnessed. About 2,000 spectators were at Lord's to see the close of the match. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening the score stood as follows: - Oxford, 136 and 239; Cambridge, 287 and 28 (for one wicket). Consequently when the game was resumed yesterday, the Cambridge men required 61 to win, with nine wickets to fall.

Mr Bainbridge and Mr Buxton (not out 13) continued the Cambridge batting at 11.35. Mr Bastard (nursery end) and Mr Buckland were the bowlers. Mr Bainbridge cut Mr Bastard for three, and from the first ball of the other bowler he scored four in the slips. A snick to leg by Mr Buxton realized three, and after several maiden overs had been sent down he secured a four to leg. Without addition, Mr Bainbridge obstructed his wicket. Two for 46. Mr Kemp came to the assistance of Mr Buxton. Mr Cochrane then went on in place of Mr Buckland. Mr Buxton hit the new bowler to leg for three, while his partner drove him to the off for a couple, which brought 50 on the telegraph board. A leg hit for two by Mr Buxton increased the score to 53. Each bowler having sent down a maiden over, Mr Whitby took the ball from Mr Cochrane. Five overs produced four runs, the Oxford fielding being exceptionally good. Mr Kemp then enlivened the play by hitting two successive balls from Mr Whitby to the leg boundary. This caused the last-named bowler to give way to Mr Page at 65.

Each batsman obtained two by a drive, after which Mr Kemp drove Mr Page twice to the off for four each. The same batsman a few minutes later gained four by an on drive. This made the score 81. Three singles were recorded in twice as many overs, and then a ball from Mr Bastard bowled Mr Kemp's leg stump out of the ground. Since the start, Mr Bastard's analysis read - 18 overs (12

maidens), 13 runs, two wickets. The Hon M B Hawke came to the aid of Mr Buxton, who had been playing very good cricket. The Cambridge captain made a single from the first ball he received, while the second delivered to him by Mr Page he hit to leg for four, and won the match for the Light Blues by seven wickets at 12.35.

29 June: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2975.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 June, page 10)

Heavy scoring was witnessed in the match between these counties at Kennington Oval yesterday. Successful in the toss, the home eleven began batting at 10 minutes past 12 with Abel and Mr J Shuter, who were confronted by Jesse and Arthur Hide.

The Surrey captain, after scoring 27 out of 31 runs in brilliant style, was clean bowled by J Hide. Diver joined Abel. When ten runs had been added Tester relieved A Hide, but with the score at 53 Mr Diver was bowled from the other end. Mr W W Read followed in, and at once began to hit freely. At 89, however, he lost the company of Abel, whom Tester dismissed. Maurice Read joined his namesake and, despite alterations in the attack, the three figures appeared on the board at 20 minutes to 2. The score was increased by 40 before luncheon was announced.

After the interval, runs were again scored quickly until the total reached 167. The professional was then bowled for 40, which included five fours, a three and six twos. Mr Read next had the assistance of Mr Roller. Although the bowling was repeatedly changed Mr Read completed his 100 at 4 o'clock, the 200 having gone up a quarter of an hour previously. The third 100 runs were obtained in an hour and five minutes; but at 311 Mr Read was taken at the wicket for a very fine innings of 163, which comprised 21 fours, five threes, 17 twos and singles. During the late partnership 131 runs had been added. Afterwards Mr Roller recorded great assistance from Mr Bowden and Wood . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 July, page 7)

An extraordinary score was made by Surrey at Kennington Oval yesterday. The home eleven, who went in first on Monday and obtained 462 for seven wickets, completed their innings for no fewer than 631.

At five minutes past 12 Mr Roller (not out 131) and Lohmann went on with the Surrey batting. Tester and J Hide had charge of the bowling. The score rose rapidly, and at 485 A Hide displaced Tester. A further change was tried at 492, Humphreys going on. At a quarter past 1 500 was reached. Fourteen runs later a double alteration was made in the bowling, Messrs Newham and Brann being put on. A separation was soon effected, Lohmann being bowled at 523. Beaumont joined Mr Roller, who, despite the repeated variations in the attack, completed his 200 at a quarter to 2. When luncheon was announced the batsmen were still together, the telegraph board recording 529 for eight wickets.

The usual interval having elapsed, the game was continued. Only six runs were added when a good one-handed catch by the bowler sent back Mr Roller. Throughout his long innings he had not given the slightest chance. His principal hits were 17 fours, 17 threes and 27 twos. Beaumont and Mr Horner added 46 runs for the last wicket, the innings closing at 3.30 for 631. Seven bowlers had been tried, and of these J Hide, Mr Newham and Humphreys claimed three wickets each.

The first five Sussex batsmen obtained 137 runs, but the remaining wickets added only 31.

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

As was naturally expected after the heavy score made by Surrey in this match at Kennington Oval, the home eleven easily defeated Sussex yesterday. It will be remembered that at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening each side had completed an innings with the result that Surrey were 463 ahead.

At five minutes past 12, Sussex followed on, Mr Wyatt and Tester again being their first representatives. Beaumont and Lohmann conducted the attack. The former dismissed Mr Wyatt when only 16 runs were recorded, while half-a-dozen later Tester was also bowled. Two for 22. Ten runs were added, and the Mr Ellis was caught at third man. Humphreys followed in, and having assisted Mr Newham in raising the score to 51 he was easily taken at point. The fifth and sixth wickets fell at 62, J Hide and Quaife being got rid of. Messrs Newham and Brann then became partners, and although the bowling was varied to 100 went up at ten minutes to 2. The score was increased by ten runs, and then an adjournment was made for luncheon.

The usual interval having elapsed, the game was continued, the bowlers being Lohmann and Beaumont. At 117 Mr Brann was sent back. During the late partnership 55 runs had been obtained. J Phillips aided Mr Newham. The latter was bowled at 131 after playing a very fine innings of 62, which consisted of a five, four fours, five threes, seven twos and singles. H Phillips joined J Phillips. Both batsmen hit freely, and the 150 was soon announced. Change after change was made in the bowling without effect, and the second hundred was telegraphed. At length at 238 the batsmen were separated, J Phillips being caught by the wicketkeeper. No fewer than 107 runs had been added since the fall of the eighth wicket. J Phillips's principal hits were one five, five fours, two threes and five twos. H Phillips did not long have the company of Arthur Hide, and the innings closed for 242. The former's excellent 55 (not out) comprised three fours, five threes, nine twos and singles. Exactly 1,000 runs were made from the bat during the three days' play. The following score will show that Surrey won by an innings and 221 runs . . .

29 June: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2976.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 June, page 10)

A good and fairly even day's play was witnessed yesterday at the Bramall-lane ground, Sheffield, in the first of the two annual matches between Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire. At the drawing of stumps Yorkshire, with eight wickets to fall, were 63 runs behind. The wicket had been rendered slow by the recent rains, and during the whole day only 181 runs were scored for the loss of 12 wickets. On both sides the bowling was excellent, and though Notts were batting for three hours and 40 minutes the score reached only 122. The number of overs bowled was 129, and the bowlers who most distinguished themselves were Peate and Emmett.

Matters went fairly well with the visitors up to the fall of the fifth wicket, when the total was 93; but after that Peate and Emmett got rid of the last five batsmen for the addition of only 29 runs. Scotton and Gunn batted remarkably well, and each scored 33. The former was batting for two hours and a quarter, while Gunn's stay at the wicket lasted an hour and fourth 40 minutes.

Yorkshire had an hour and a half's batting, and in that time lost two wickets for 59 runs. Hall played with great patience, and Bates hit well. It may be mentioned that 9,708 persons paid for admission at the gate. Below will be found the present state of the game, and cricketers will notice with pleasure that Ulyett had sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to reappear in the Yorkshire team.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 1 July, page 7)

A capital batting performance was accomplished yesterday by the Yorkshire eleven at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, and it is a long time since the Nottinghamshire bowling has been so severely treated. On Monday the visitors completed a first innings of 122 and Yorkshire lost two wickets for 59 runs.

Yesterday the Yorkshiremen were batting from five minutes past 12 until 20 minutes past 5, the total reaching 269. The chief credit belongs to F Lee and Emmett, who put on 110 runs for the seventh wicket. Both men played very fine cricket, but Emmett gave two chances when he had scored 10. Emmett's chief hits were three fours, three threes and nine twos, while included in Lee's faultless not-out innings of 66 were 10 fours, two threes and four twos. Hill was at the wickets for three hours and a quarter, and showed untiring patience.

Nottinghamshire, who were 147 runs behind, had 50 minutes batting, and in that time scored 31 without losing a wicket, Shrewsbury and Scotton playing very carefully. From the following score it will be seen that Notts, with 10 wickets to fall, are 116 runs behind.

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

After three full and intensely interesting days' play at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, the first of the two annual encounters between these northern counties terminated yesterday in a very even draw. Up to the close of Tuesday's play the cricket had been considerably in favour of Yorkshire,

who had completed an innings for 269 against Nottinghamshire's first innings of 122 and score of 31 for no wicket. Therefore, on resuming, the visitors, although they had all their wickets to fall, were still 116 runs behind.

The not-outs were Shrewsbury and Scotton, who were respectively 21 and seven. The latter was caught at the wicket at 34, and Shrewsbury was taken at point at 64. Barnes and Gunn then became partners, and made a most brilliant and determined stand. Gunn gave a very difficult chance to point when he had made only four, and later a possible catch to mid-off, but otherwise both he and Barnes batted faultlessly and defied the Yorkshire bowling for a long time. In all 123 were put on before they were separated. Barnes's 77 included eight fours, seven threes and three twos, and Gunn's 88 eleven fours, five threes and six twos.

Gunn and Flowers added 63 for the fourth wicket. At 256, however, seven wickets were down. Some free hitting by Attewell and Alfred Shaw made the draw look much more even than was at one time probable. When play ceased Nottinghamshire, with two wickets to fall, had a lead of 158 runs.

Wednesday 1 July, page 7: The committee of the Marylebone Club has passed the following resolution: - "That it having been established to the satisfaction of the committee that Crossland resided in his native county, Notts, from October, 1884, until April, 1885, this committee is of opinion that he no longer possesses a residential qualification for Lancashire."

This question came before the M.C.C. committee on an objection made by the Notts committee to Crossland playing for Lancashire on the ground that he, being a Nottinghamshire-born man, did not reside in Lancashire regularly and continuously. The result of this resolution will probably be to exclude Crossland from county cricket during this and next season.

2 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2977.html)

The Players' team which the Surrey executive got together for the annual match at Kennington Oval yesterday could scarcely have been strengthened. Barlow was to have played, but owing to the county match at Manchester he could not get away, and his place was taken by Scotton. The eleven comprised six players from Nottinghamshire, three from Yorkshire and one each from Lancashire and Surrey. Although a very good side, the amateur team, in the absence of Lord Harris, Mr A G Steel and Mr W E Roller, was not thoroughly representative. The weather was very fine and nearly 10,000 people witnessed the play.

Shrewsbury was fortunate in winning the toss, and the professionals began batting on an excellent wicket. Gunn, who is in splendid form this season, obtained his 93 in very fine style. He gave one chance when he had made 68, but otherwise his batting was perfect. With six wickets down for 165 the Players did not look like making the anticipated heavy score. Before the next batsman was got rid of, however, no fewer than 199 runs had been put on. Shrewsbury's 64 had been obtained in his best style, and on his retirement he was loudly cheered, as also was Briggs, whose 85 was made without a mistake.

A few minutes before noon Dr W G Grace and Shrewsbury, the respective captains, tossed for choice of innings. The professional won, and decided to go in.

At ten minutes past 12 Scotton and Gunn opened the Players' batting, and were confronted by Mr Christopherson (pavilion end) and Dr Grace. Gunn obtained three from a leg hit and his companion four by a cut, both off the Gloucestershire captain. Four singles - two by each batsman - were recorded, and then Gunn cut the Kent amateur for four. Seven runs were scored in as many overs, which made the score 22 after 25 minutes' play. Scotton was then out to a catch by the wicket-keeper standing back. Ulyett came in. The play for a time was slow, half a dozen overs producing only four runs. Ulyett cut each bowler to the boundary, and at 36 Dr Grace handed the ball to Mr Toppin. Gunn cut Mr Christopherson for three, and later on he obtained two snicks from the Light Blues for four each. An off drive for two by the same batsman brought 50 on the telegraph board at 1 o'clock. Three runs later Mr Horner displaced Mr Christopherson. Gunn cut him for four, while by a single he made the score 60 after one hour and five minutes' play. A cut by Ulyett realized three, while in two overs of Mr Horner's Gunn secured four by a similar stroke. A single later a fine catch by Dr Grace at deep slip got rid of the Yorkshireman. The Gloucestershire captain caught the ball high up with his left hand.

Barnes joined Gunn, who completed his 50 by a single at half-past 1. Barnes drove Mr Horner to the off for two, and a similar stroke by each batsman sent the ball to the boundary. Dr Grace resumed bowling at the gasometer wicket at 92, but his first ball Gunn drove to the off for four. In the following over he was appealed against for leg-before, after which he cut Dr Grace for four, the three figures appearing on the telegraph board at a quarter to 2. A leg hit for four by Gunn and a cut for three by Barnes were the largest items in four overs. Barnes having driven Mr Horner to the off for two was clean bowled by the Surrey amateur in the following over. The ball broke in a great deal, Barnes not attempting to play it. Three for 110. Shrewsbury aided Gunn, who was missed by Mr Kemp at the wicket when he had scored 68. On the players retiring for luncheon 117 runs were announced.

After an interval of 50 minutes the game was resumed. Mr Horner and Dr Grace shared the

bowling. Gunn drove the latter's first ball over the ring for four, and then scored a single from either end. Shrewsbury obtained two by an on drive, and his companion secured six by a leg hit and an off drive for two and four respectively. In seven overs Gunn scored two twos and as many singles, while Shrewsbury gained five (four by a square-leg hit). Mr Toppin displaced Dr Grace at 143. Gunn gained three by a drive from the other end and cut a ball from Mr Toppin to the boundary. He was then bowled - leg stump - for a very fine innings of 93, which consisted of 13 fours, three threes, five twos and singles. Maurice Read's stay was brief, as when four runs had been added he was also bowled - leg stump - by Mr Toppin. Five for 156. Bates followed in, and among other items he contributed an on drive for three and a leg hit for two. At 165, however, in attempting to hit to leg he was caught at third man. Six down.

Briggs went to the assistance of Shrewsbury, who gave a difficult chance to Mr W W Read at point when he had made 14. Profiting by his escape, the Nottinghamshire professional drove Mr Horner to the on for four, which caused the latter to give way to Mr Christopherson at 171. Runs were then scored freely off the Light Blue bowler. Briggs cut him twice for four, and later he obtained three twos by drives and a leg hit. He then scored for to square-leg, while Shrewsbury sent the other bowler to leg for three. Dr Grace went on in lieu of Mr Toppin at 194, but Shrewsbury made five (an off drive for four and a single) in his opening over. A cut for two by the same batsman caused the second hundred to be signalled at a quarter-past 4. The score continued to rise quickly. Briggs gained four from an off drive, and his partner secured three and four by cuts and three by an off drive. Mr Page received the ball from Dr Grace at 221. In a couple of overs from the new bowler, Briggs drove a ball to the off for three and Shrewsbury gained two by a leg hit. Mr Horner relieved Mr Christopherson attained 228. After a fine piece of fielding by Mr Newham at third man, Briggs drove Mr Page to the on for two and hit him to leg for three. Two runs later Briggs, in an over of Mr Horner's, made two cuts for four each. An off drive for four by the Lancastrian sent 250 up at 5 o'clock.

At 265 Mr Toppin went on at the pavilion wicket in place of Mr Horner, and Briggs scored a two and a four by drives, while in the following over he made two leg hits for four and three respectively. Shrewsbury shortly afterwards obtained three fours (off and on drives and a leg hit) in succession from Mr Page, but he was then easily caught and bowled. More finished cricket than that shown by the retiring batsman is seldom witnessed. His principal hits were seven fours, three threes and six twos. No fewer than 199 runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket.

Flowers joined Briggs. The former hit Mr Page twice to leg for four and three, while Briggs, after driving the same bowler to the on for four, made a single, which advanced the score to 300 at half-past 5. Without additional total Flowers gave a difficult chance to Dr Grace at deep slip. Each batsman secured four from a cut, and after some smaller hits Flowers drove Mr Horner to the on for four. The last-named bowler gave way to Mr Christopherson at 324, and the change speedily had the desired effect, as at 325 Briggs skied the ball back to the bowler. He had played a brilliant innings of 85, which comprised 11 fours, four threes, seven twos and singles. Flowers and Sherwin put on 19 runs before the latter was thrown out by Mr Kemp from short-leg. Nine for 344. Peate came in, and at 352 Dr Grace took the ball from Mr Toppin. Off his third delivery Flowers was taken at the wicket for a freely-hit 36, the innings closing at 20 minutes past 6 for 352. Five bowlers were tried.

Mr Brain and Dr W G Grace began the Gentlemen's innings at 6.40. Peate started the bowling from the gasometer wicket. With his second delivery the Yorkshireman bowled Mr Brain, the ball glancing off the batsman's legs. Mr Newham aided his captain, who drove Barnes (the other bowler) to the off for four. A ball of the latter's went to the boundary as byes, and shortly

afterwards the Gloucestershire captain obtained four by a fine cut. The batsmen were still together at the call of time . . .

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

The second day's play in the above match produced very interesting and thoroughly enjoyable cricket. Fine weather again favoured the game, and the attendance was even larger than the previous day. Yesterday morning Dr Grace had the misfortune to play on, and, owing principally to a fine innings of 49 by Mr Key and the patient defence of Messrs Pullen and Newham, the score reached 172.

When the Gentlemen followed on two wickets were lost for 13 runs. Dr W G Grace and Mr W W Read became partners. By excellent cricket these celebrated batsmen completely mastered the bowling, and before Dr Grace was unfortunate enough to play on no less than 135 runs had been added to the score. It is seldom that such cricketers as Messrs Grace and Read meet on the same side, and we believe we are correct in stating that on no other occasion has such a stand been made by them when in together. During their partnership the interest was intense, and Dr Grace was greatly applauded on retiring.

At the drawing of stumps on Thursday evening the score stood: - Players, 352; Gentlemen, 17 for one wicket.

Within a few minutes of noon Dr Grace (not out 8) and Mr Newham (not out 5) continued the Gentlemen's innings to the bowling of Peate (gasometer end) and Barnes. Five overs were sent down for a single, and then the Gloucestershire captain drove Barnes twice to the off for four each, the ball on one occasion bounding on to the pavilion seats, and cut him for two. Mr Newham obtained two by an on drive. After Dr Grace had cut Barnes for three he played a ball into his wicket. Two for 34. Mr W W Read aided Mr Newham. The former, however, having made a single, was easily taken at third man. Three for 35.

Mr Pullen followed in. Both bowlers were exceedingly difficult to play and the score rose very slowly. After several maiden over Mr Pullen cut Barnes for four and later on his partner sent the ball to the boundary by a similar stroke. An off-drive by Mr Pullen for four caused 50 to be signalled at five minutes to 1. Up to this point Peate's analysis read - 23 overs (17 maidens), nine runs, two wickets. Flowers displaced Barnes at 54. Eleven overs produced half a dozen runs, after which Mr Newham hit Flowers to leg for three and his companion drove the other bowler to the off for two. The Gloucestershire amateur next secured four by an on drive, and shortly afterwards he scored six (off drives for four and two) in an over of Peate's. He was then easily caught at slip. Four for 79.

Mr Key arrived, and without addition Peate missed Mr Newham at slip. After being nearly run out, the same batsman was let off by Bates at cover-point, with his score still 23. He then cut Flowers for four, and Mr Key drove the Yorkshireman to the on with a like result. A single later, however, Mr Newham was well taken by Flowers running from mid-off to behind the bowler. Mr Page followed in and hit Peate twice to the on for four each, while a drive for two by the same batsmen brought 100 on the telegraph board at 10 minutes to 2. At 101 Mr Page was caught at the wicket. Six down. Mr Kemp aided Mr Key. The old Dark Blue added two singles and then the luncheon interval was taken.

The game was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, the bowlers being Flowers and Peate. With his third delivery the former clean bowled Mr Kemp. Seven for 103. Mr Toppin was next on the order. Each batsman cut Flowers for three, while Mr Toppin drove the same bowler to the on for four. Mr Key scored a similar number by a square-leg hit and two by a cut. He next played Flowers to square leg for three and hit a ball of his to leg for four. In playing forward to Flowers at 133 Mr Topping was clean bowled. Thirty runs had been obtained since the fall of the last wicket. Mr Key next had the assistance of Mr Christopherson. The former drove Peate to the on for four, and the Kent amateur obtained two fours by drives in an over of Flowers. Mr Christopherson was then caught at the wicket, the score being 149.

Mr Horner aided Mr Key, who drove a ball from Peate to the on boundary, which sent 150 up at a quarter to 4. Another drive by Mr Key for four off Peate caused that bowler to relinquish the ball to Barnes at 161. The Dark Blue cut the new bowler twice for four each and drove him to the off for three. From the last ball of Flowers's next over, however, Mr Key was well caught by Scotton running in from long-off. He had played in excellent style for 49, which consisted of seven fours, three threes, a two and singles. The innings closed at 4 o'clock for 172. Flowers claimed five wickets at an average of 10.2 runs each and Peate four at an average of 16.25 each.

Being 180 runs behind, the Gentlemen, of course, had to follow on. Dr Grace and Mr Brain opened the second innings at 4.25 to the bowling of Peate and Flowers (pavilion end). Dr Grace scored a single and Mr Brain gained two by an on drive. The Gloucestershire captain gained five runs (a cut for four and a single), and the Mr Brain was taken at the wicket. One for 8. Only five runs were added when Mr Newham was easily caught at point. Dr Grace was next joined by Mr W W Read, who at once scored three by a leg hit. Each batsman obtained a couple, after which Mr Read drove Peate twice to the on for four each. Dr Grace made an off drive for two and leg hits for three and two. Seven overs produced three runs. Mr Read having scored 13 gave Peate a hard return chance, the ball going low down near his left hand. The largest contributions in ten overs were two fours (a drive by each batsman). A single by Dr Grace caused 50 to be announced at 20 minutes past 5.

The bowling proved exceedingly true and runs were very difficult to obtain. At length Mr Read made a fine off drive for four and his companion drove Flowers to the on for three. A single by each batsman raised the score to 69, at which total Barnes superseded Peate. Dr Grace cut Barnes for four and Mr Read drove Flowers to the off for a similar number. This caused the last-named bowler to retire in favour of Bates at 77. A run to each batsman was recorded in three overs. Mr Read then nearly ran out Dr Grace who had called him for an easy second run, and would have done so had the ball been returned to the pavilion wicket. The principal items in nine overs were two fours, a drive by each batsman. Mr Read then drove a ball from Barnes to the on-boundary, to which his partner responded by placing Bates to square leg for three. The score was further increased by a boundary hit to square leg for three by Mr Read and a single to Dr Grace, the latter item making the 100 at 20 minutes past six. Just afterwards Mr Read completed his 50 by an on-drive for three, while a similar stroke by the same batsman realized four. In an over of Barnes's Dr Grace scored 10 (a leg hit and an off-drive for four each and a straight drive for two), his runs numbering 56 at 6.25. Barnes handed the ball to Briggs at 117; but off the Lancastrian's fourth delivery Mr read obtained four from an on drive. The Surrey amateur secured two by a leg hit, while Dr Grace drove Flowers to the off for two. The Gloucestershire captain hit Briggs to leg for four and, after gaining a single from each end, he repeated the stroke with a like result. He then drove the Lancastrian to the on for two and cut him for the same number.

This rapid rate on run-getting brought on Flowers in lieu of Bates at 141, while after Mr Read had gained three by a cut and Dr Grace a single, Peate displaced Briggs. Three runs were the result of

five overs; but then Dr Grace had the misfortune to play the ball on to his body from which it glanced on to his leg stump and displaced the bail. He had been at the wickets two hours and 20 minutes, and during that time had obtained his runs in his best style. His 76 comprised eight fours, three threes, seven twos and singles. The late partnership had yielded no fewer than 135 runs. Mr Pullen went to the assistance of Mr Read, who added a single before stumps were drawn for the day. It will be seen from the score appended that the Gentlemen are still 31 runs behind, and have seven wickets to fall.

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

It was not anticipated that the Gentlemen would be able to avert defeat on Saturday, as when stumps were drawn on the previous evening they had lost three wickets and were still 31 runs behind. Mr Read, however, increased his not-out score by 93 runs, and owing afterwards to some free hitting by Messrs Kemp, Pullen and Christopherson, they set their opponents 193 runs to get to win. Scotton's mistake in the long field, when he let off Mr Read, in all probability cost the Players the match. Ulyett has not yet recovered from the injury to his ankle and his bowling proved a great loss to his side. The wicket-keeping of both Mr Kemp and Sherwin was remarkable, as during the match no fewer than ten batsmen (five on each side) were out to catches at the wicket.

The heavy scoring of the past week at Kennington-Oval clearly demonstrates the excellent condition of the turf. With the exception of two hours on Wednesday there have been six full days' cricket at the Surrey Club's headquarters, with the result that 2,085 runs have been scored for the loss of 65 wickets. The weather on Saturday was fine and the attendance large.

The game was resumed by Messrs W W Read (not out 66) and Pullen (not out 0), who were confronted by Peate (gasometer end) and Flowers. The former started with a maiden, but Mr Read cut the first ball from Flowers for three, and the 150 was announced. A single to each batsman was recorded, after which Mr Read secured four by an on-drive, while his partner contributed two by an off-drive. The Gloucestershire amateur next drove Peate to the off for four, and Mr Read scored 12 in an over of Flowers' by two off-drives and a square-leg hit for four each. A ball from Peate, which nearly bowled Mr Pullen, went to the boundary, the innings defeat being averted at 20 minutes past 12. Mr Pullen gained four by a drive to the on, and then the rate of run-getting slackened considerably. Eleven overs produced seven runs. Mr Read drove Peate to the on for four, and two overs later a drive for two by the other batsman caused 200 to be signalled at 12.40, 51 runs having been obtained since the start at 12 o'clock. Barnes now took the ball from Peate. The largest contribution in eight overs was an off-drive by Mr Pullen for two; but after he had secured four by a cut Sherwin dismissed him by a good catch at the wicket.

Mr Key followed in. Mr Read made two leg hits for two each, by the first of which he completed his hundred amid loud cheers. Off and on drives by two and three respectively increased the total to 216, and then Peate bowled in lieu of Flowers at the pavilion end. Four maidens having been sent down, runs were scored quickly by Mr Read, who obtained 12 in three hits. Mr Key sent the Yorkshireman to the off for two and drove Barnes in the same direction for four. From the succeeding ball, however, he was given out, caught at the wicket. Five for 237. Mr Page's stay was brief, as after Mr Read had driven Peate to the on-boundary, the Oxford captain scored three and was then finely caught by Bates deep in front of square-leg. Six for 244.

Mr Kemp was next in. Without alteration in the figures, Mr Read was badly missed off Peate by Scotton running in from long-off. The Surrey amateur had then scored 125. For a short time the

batsmen played carefully, but runs were then put on rapidly. Mr Read gained a four from each end by an on-drive and a leg hit. A fine piece of fielding by Shrewsbury at point then nearly cost Mr Kemp his wicket, the ball having been quickly returned to Sherwin, who put the stumps down. A two-fold change in the attack was here decided upon, Briggs superseded Barnes at 263, and Flowers going on for Peate when five runs, including an on-drive by Mr Read for four, had been added. The latter drove a ball from the Nottinghamshire bowler to the on-boundary and Mr Kemp hit the Lancastrian to leg for four. These items increased the score to 276, and then the luncheon interval was taken, Mr Walter Read being not out 148.

Three quarters of an hour having elapsed, the batsmen were opposed by Briggs and Flowers (pavilion end). The latter started with two maidens, but in Briggs's two first overs Mr Kemp sent the ball to leg and to the on, each hit realized four. A single by Mr Read made his score 150 at five minutes to 3. Eight runs were obtained in six overs during which some excellent fielding was shown by Gunn at short mid-on. The third hundred was hoisted at five minutes past 3. Mr Kemp cut Briggs for two and Mr Read drove Flowers to the on for four. The last ball of the same over, however, proved fatal to Mr Read, who was smartly taken at slip by Barnes. Despite the two chances at 13 and 125 respectively, he had played a brilliant innings of 159. He had been at the wicket four hours and 40 minutes, and among his hits were 24 fours, six threes and ten twos. The late partnership had produced 62 runs.

As Messrs Toppin and Kemp appeared likely to make a stand, a further change in the attack was tried at 311, Peate receiving the ball from Briggs. Mr Toppin hit the Yorkshireman to square-leg for four, but in playing forward to Flowers was clean bowled. Eight for 318. Mr Christopherson came to the assistance of Mr Kemp, who gave Peate a very difficult return chance. Profiting by this escape, both batsmen began at once to hit hard. After several smaller items, Mr Christopherson scored four by a straight drive, and later on a single by the same batsman was increased to five by an overthrow. He next drove Flowers to the pavilion rails, and the force of the hit may be judged from the fact that the ball rebounded to within about 30 yards of the wicket. The Players' total was reached at a quarter to 4. At 357 Barnes took the ball from Flowers, and in his second over Mr Christopherson ran himself out. Nine for 359. The last wicket had put on 13 runs when Mr Kemp should have been caught at mid-off by Barnes. The latter, however, quickly returned the ball and Mr Horner, who had left his wicket, was run out, the innings closing at ten minutes past 4 for 372. Mr Kemp's freely hit 60 (not out) included one five, four fours, a three, nine twos and singles.

With two hours and a-half for play and requiring 193 runs to win, the professionals began their second venture at half-past 4. Mr Horner opened the bowling from the pavilion end, the batsmen being Gunn and Scotton. The former sent the second ball he received to square leg for four, but from the third he was out to a good catch at the wicket. Ulyett joined Scotton. Mr Toppin was the other bowler, off whom Scotton gained four by a leg hit and Ulyett four by an off-drive. Another off-drive to the boundary by Ulyett, who had just previously given a difficult chance at the wicket, caused Dr Grace to relieve Mr Toppin at 26. The Yorkshireman obtained two twos and a fine cut for four from Mr Horner, but then lost the company of Scotton, who was given out, caught at the wicket on the leg side.

Barnes arrived to the aid of Ulyett. The new batsman sent a ball from Dr Grace to leg for four, and Ulyett drove him to the on with a like result, and cut him for three, which sent 50 up after three quarters of an hour's play. Mr Christopherson displaced Mr Horner at 54. Three runs had been added when Dr Grace clean bowled Ulyett. Three for 57. Shrewsbury joined Barnes, who hit the Gloucestershire captain to leg for four and three, and drove the Kentish bowler to the off for three. At 68, however, he was caught at the wicket, and Maurice Read appeared. The new batsman scored

four fours (two leg hits and two on-drives) and his companion by a single sent the 100 up at a quarter-past 6. Mr Horner bowled in lieu of Mr Christopherson at 103, and after Read had gained a couple of fours by an on-drive and a leg hit and Shrewsbury three from a cut, Mr Page went on at Dr Grace's end. In his first over Shrewsbury played him to square-leg for four and drove him to the off-boundary. The score rose rapidly, and at 136 Mr Page handed the ball to Mr Christopherson.

Two singles were recorded in seven overs. Read then placed a ball to square-leg for four, and later on made a cut for the same number. He was then finely caught by Mr Brain low down at slip, and stumps and the match were drawn. Read hit eight fours and two threes, and Shrewsbury three fours, four threes and two twos. It will be seen from the appended scores that the Players with five wickets to fall wanted 45 to win.

6 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2978.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 July, page 5)

So far as can be judged from the opening day's play in this contest between the Amateurs and the Players of England at Lord's, the Players have unquestionably the better of the situation. Yesterday the weather proved fine, and an approximate estimate of the complete number of spectators may be gathered from the fact that 6,989 paid for admission. The most noticeable points in the day's play were the fielding of Shrewsbury at point and Sherwin's wicket-keeping.

Successful in the toss, the Gentlemen decided to go in, and at five minutes past 12 Mr Brain and Dr Grace opened the batting on an excellent wicket. Peate (nursery end) and Flowers conducted the attack. The former started with a maiden, while from the last ball of Flowers Dr Grace scored a single. Four maidens followed, when Mr Brain was caught at the wicket. One down. Three singles were made in two overs, after which the play was very slow. Ten runs were announced after a quarter of an hour had elapsed. Dr Grace then hit Flowers to leg for two, but in the following over from that bowler he was taken at slip. Two wickets down for 12 runs.

Mr Steel came to the assistance of Mr Lucas, who drove successive balls from Peate to the on for four and three respectively. Each batsman having contributed a single, Mr Lucas sent Flowers to leg for three and placed the other bowler in the same direction for four. A square-leg hit by Mr Steel realized four, while his companion drove a ball from Peate to the nursery boundary, and later on increased the score by three drives for two each. The score had reached 50 after as many minutes' play. The rate of run-getting then slackened considerably, 11 overs being sent down for five runs. Mr Steel drove Peate to the on for two and three, and the Sussex amateur gained six in two hits. The first change in the bowling was tried at 66, Attewell relieving Peate. In his opening over Mr Lucas scored three and Mr Steel two, both by leg hits. Flowers gave up the ball to Barnes at 73. Mr Lucas hit the new bowler to leg for four, and securing a single got to the other end. He then drove Attewell to the off for two. Mr Steel next placed Barnes to square-leg for a couple and hit him to leg for three, while his partner contributed an off-drive and a leg hit for two and four. By singles the score was advanced to 100 at 10 minutes to 2. Mr Lucas made a fine off-drive for four from Barnes, and later on he cut the same bowler for four. An adjournment was then made for luncheon, 101 runs having been added since the last wicket fell.

Attewell and Barnes were again the bowlers after luncheon. There were only two hits in half a dozen overs - namely, two on-drives for three and two by Messrs Lucas and Steel respectively. Half a dozen singles came from ten overs, and then a brilliant catch at the wicket got rid of Mr Steel, who had shown admirable form for 38. Since the fall of the last wicket no fewer than 112 runs had been put on. Mr Patterson appeared, and Attewell bowled a maiden. The last batsman gave Sherwin a difficult chance at the wicket, but he profited little by his escape, as the last ball of the over struck his off stump. Four for 124. Mr Roller's stay was brief, as after his companion had driven Attewell to the off boundary he was completely beaten by a delivery from Barnes. Five for 128. Mr Wright was next on the order. Mr Lucas drove Attewell to the off for two and Barnes in the same direction for three. Attewell handed the ball to Peate at 139, and the change speedily brought about the dismissal of Mr Lucas, who well taken at mid-off at 146. He had played faultlessly for 89, and had been at the wickets two hours and three-quarters. His chief hits were nine fours, five threes and eight twos.

Mr Kemp came to the assistance of Mr Wright. The former sent Peate to leg for two and drove him to the off for three, which brought 150 on the telegraph board at 10 minutes to 4. Mr Wright obtained six (four and two) by drives, and was then caught at the wicket. Seven wickets for 159. Mr Page was quickly disposed of, as after Mr Kemp had cut Flowers for two the Oxford captain was caught deep on the on-side. Eight for 161. The two remaining wickets added ten runs, Mr Christopherson being bowled by Barnes and Mr Horner by Peate. The innings closed at 20 minutes past 4, Mr Kemp carrying out his bat for 15.

After an interval Hall and Gunn began the Players' batting. Mr Christopherson (pavilion end) and Dr Grace were the bowlers. Hall cut the Kent amateur for four and Gunn gained a single from the other end. The latter, when he had made five, was badly missed by Mr Page at third man. Only 13 were recorded when Hall obstructed his wicket and Ulyett joined Gunn. The Yorkshireman cut Dr Grace for four, and Gunn hit him to leg and drove him to the off-boundary. He next cut the fast bowler for four and two. Ulyett responded to these hits by driving the Gloucestershire captain for two and cutting a ball of his to the boundary. The score was rapidly increased to 44, at which total Mr Horner displaced Mr Christopherson. Ulyett quickly drove the Surrey bowler to the off for four, bringing the score to 50 after 40 minutes' play. Mr Steel now took the ball from Dr Grace. This alteration soon had the desired effect, as only eight were added when Gunn was finely caught low down at third man by Mr Page. Two for 58.

Barnes joined Ulyett, who drove Mr Horner to the off for two and cut him for four. This caused Mr Horner to give way to Mr Christopherson, who with his first delivery bowled Ulyett, middle stump. Three for 66. Barnes joined Shrewsbury. The score now rose rapidly. Barnes obtained four by a leg hit, and Shrewsbury the same number by an on-drive. After some smaller contributions Barnes scored four and three by off-drives and three by a leg hit. At 91 Mr Steel handed the ball to Mr Horner. Barnes gained two by a draw, and Shrewsbury sent Mr Horner to leg for two and then by a single caused the three figures to appear at 6 o'clock. Mr Roller now relieved Mr Christopherson. Shrewsbury made two cuts for two each and Barnes a similar stroke for four. Nine maiden overs were then sent down, after which Shrewsbury hit Mr Roller to leg for four. Without further addition a neat catch at slip got rid of Barnes, who had played in his best style for 28. Forty-six runs had been added since the fall of the last wicket.

Briggs joined Shrewsbury, who placed Mr Horner to leg for four and later on cut him for three. Mr Christopherson superseded Mr Roller at 127. Briggs cut the Kent bowler for two, and after Shrewsbury had secured three by a leg hit he made a cut for four. Six runs later, however, Shrewsbury was out to a good catch at deep slip. Five for 142. Flowers joined Briggs, who after cutting Mr Christopherson for four gave a hard chance off that bowler to Mr Roller at cover-slip. Stumps were shortly afterwards drawn for the day . . .

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

The continuation and, as it proved, the conclusion of the above match at Lord's yesterday furnished a somewhat exciting finish. Again the weather was fine, but the wicket at the nursery end played rather untrue, which accounts in a great measure for the meagre scoring. The Players, who went in for the moderate number of 77 to win, found great difficulty in getting them, and in so perfect a manner did the Gentlemen field that at one time the ultimate result seemed very doubtful. A curious feature of the match was that in each innings on both sides the number of "extras" was identical.

It was 25 minutes to 12 when Flowers (not out 2) and Briggs (not out 18) took up their positions at the wickets. Dr Grace and Mr Christopherson conducted the attack. After the Lancastrian had given a difficult chance of stumping, the batsmen at once began to hit freely. Briggs obtained three from a square leg hit, and Flowers scored two fours and three by drives. At 174, however, Briggs was caught at the wicket and Bates joined Flowers. When two runs were added, Mr Christopherson handed the ball to Mr Roller, who quickly brought about the dismissal of Flowers - caught at cover-slip. Seven for 176. Attewell's stay was brief and unproductive, as only four had been added when Mr Roller dismissed him with a bailer. A fast ball from the same bowler took Sherwin's middle stump at 186, while seven runs later Dr Grace got rid of Peate, the innings closing at a quarter-past 12 for 193.

The usual interval having elapsed, the Gentlemen, who were 22 runs behind, sent in Dr Grace and Mr Patterson. Peate (nursery end) and Barnes were the bowlers. Eight overs produced 11 runs, and the score had only been carried to 18 when Barnes clean bowled the Gloucestershire captain. One down. Mr Lucas came to the assistance of Mr Patterson. The Sussex amateur did not long have the Dark Blue for a companion, as at 31 a very fine catch by Shrewsbury low down at point caused him to retire. Mr Steele aided Mr Lucas, who cut each bowler for two, and then secured three by a similar stroke. Singles were made by both batsmen, after which a fine on-drive by Mr Steel realized four. Three overs having been bowled for one run, Mr Lucas drove a ball from Peate straight for two, and the 50 was telegraphed at 1.20. Mr Steel gained a single off Barnes, and three by an on-drive from the other end. His off stump was then struck by the Notts professional. Mr Brain filled the vacancy. Mr Lucas soon drove Barnes to the off-boundary, and with the total at 63 a change in the bowling was tried, Attewell superseded Peate. The separation, however, was again effected by Barnes, off whom Mr Brain was easily taken at slip. This batsman seems somewhat out of form just now, as may be judged from the fact that up to the present his last six innings have yesterday only three runs. Mr Kemp was next on the order. He at once gained four by an on-drive, and a few minutes later he cut Attewell for two. Half-a-dozen maiden overs ensued, and then Mr Lucas, who had again shown excellent form, was out to an easy catch at slip.

Luncheon having intervened, the game was resumed at a quarter to 3, Mr Kemp being accompanied by Mr Roller. Attewell and Barnes were the bowlers. A single by the Surrey amateur was converted into four by an overthrow. Mr Roller obstructed his wicket at 82, while the score had only been increased by four in nine overs, when Mr Wright fell to a smart catch at slip. Without addition to the total Mr Kemp was caught at the wicket, and at 90 a very fine piece of stumping got rid of Mr Page. On Mr Horner going in, Mr Christopherson scored eight (an on-drive for four and two twos) and then skied the ball back to the bowler. The innings closed at 25 minutes past 3 for 98. It may be noted that Barnes's bowling proved very effective, as he took seven wickets for an average of 8.2 runs each.

Requiring 77 runs to win, the Players began their second venture at a quarter to 4 with Bates and Hall, who were confronted by Mr Roller (pavilion end) and Mr Horner. Three overs produced a single. Bates cut Mr Horner for four, but with the score at 10 he was bowled by a "yorker." Gunn came in. Only 15 runs were recorded when an excellent catch at the wicket disposed of the Yorkshire captain. Two down. Ulyett joined Gunn. Each batsman gained four by an off-drive, and Gunn cut a ball from Mr Horner to the boundary. These items made the score 27, at which total Ulyett fell to a very fine catch at extra mid-off. Gunn next had Barnes for a companion. The last-named quickly cut Mr Horner for four, and 30 runs were signalled after 40 minutes' play. This rate of run-getting brought on Dr Grace for Mr Horner at 32. The Gentlemen were now fielding in a very brilliant manner, which caused the spectators to cheer repeatedly. Ten runs, including a cut for two by Barnes and a leg hit for three by Gunn, advanced the score to 41, when a catch at the

wicket disposed of the last-named.

Shrewsbury followed in. He quickly drove Mr Roller to the off for two and snicked the other bowler for three. A leg hit for two by the same batsman made the score 51 at a quarter to 5. Mr Christopherson was now put on for Mr Roller. From the new bowler's first delivery a brilliant catch by Mr Wright got rid of Barnes, and half of the wickets were down for 51. Briggs arrived to the aid of Shrewsbury. The former scored two threes by a cut and a snick from Dr Grace and four from a leg hit at the other end. At 67, however, a ball from Mr Christopherson struck the top of the Lancashireman's wicket. Flowers joined Shrewsbury. The new batsman cut the second ball sent him for four, and after two singles by his companion, he obtained a couple by a similar stroke. Shortly afterwards Flowers drove Mr Christopherson to the off for four, which hit won the match for the Players by four wickets at a quarter-past 5.

6 July: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2979.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 July, page 5)

There was some very heavy scoring yesterday at Southampton in the return match between these counties. The Surrey eleven, although playing without three of their best men - Mr W E Roller, Mr C E Horner and Wood - were batting the whole of the day, putting together a total of 390.

The great feature of the match was the success of Mr M P Bowden, who went in fifth wicket down and scored 125 out of 214 during his stay. He did not give a chance and his hitting was of the finest description. His figures were a six, 20 fours, four threes, five twos and 17 singles. Apart from Mr Bowden there was some excellent batting shown by Abel, who made 72 by six fours, seven threes, six twos and singles. Mr W W Read played fine cricket for 50, and Bowley hit with great vigour towards the close of the Surrey innings. As it was 10 minutes past 6 when the last wicket fell, stumps were drawn for the day.

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

Yesterday at Southampton Surrey beat Hampshire in one innings with 252 runs to spare. On the opening day of the match the wicket at the new Southampton ground played very well, but yesterday considerable assistance was afforded to the bowlers. Nevertheless, the performance of the Hampshire batsmen was as poor as that of the Surrey bowlers was powerful. Lohmann took 12 wickets for 34 runs, while in the first innings Beaumont obtained four at the cost of only 15.

9 July: NORTH v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2980.html)

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

Alexander Watson, who first played for Lancashire in 1871, has done such good service for his county that it was only a fitting compliment for the committee to arrange a good benefit match for him. Very fortunate dates had been secured, no other first-class contest being arranged for the same days. Watson was born at Coatbridge, Lanarkshire, in November, 1846, and, becoming qualified for Lancashire by residence, he turned out to be one of the most faithful servants the Northern county has ever had. It is as a slow round-arm bowler that Watson has chiefly been known; but at times he is a dangerous run-getter and is always a smart field, especially at short slip.

The sides were selected by Messrs A N Hornby and J Shuter respectively, and it can safely be stated that it is a long time since such good representative teams have taken part in a North and South match. Mr Shuter stood out of the match, which began at Manchester yesterday, but he is to be congratulated on having got together so good a Southern side. Watson was more fortunate in every way than was Richard Humphrey a fortnight ago. Then Dr W G Grace was unable to get away, but yesterday the great batsman appeared in the Southern eleven, and his presence, of course, lent additional interest to the match. In Humphrey's match the weather was dull and threatening, but yesterday the sun shone out brilliantly, and over 10,000 persons paid for admission at the gates. The cricket was of a good and interesting character, and, as there is every likelihood of three days' cricket, Watson should receive a substantial benefit.

The North, who, except for the absence of Mr A G Steel, had about their best team, won the toss and stayed at the wickets from ten minutes past 12 until ten minutes to five, the total reaching 192. In the early part of the innings Shrewsbury played a admirably patient 41 and, later on, Briggs hit very finely, included in his 52 not out being seven fours, four threes and four twos. The Southerners bowled and fielded well, although Beaumont proved expensive.

Going in at ten minutes past 5, the South made a capital start. Dr W G Grace and Maurice Read opened the batting and did so well that at the call of time the score was 78 without the loss of a wicket. Read was missed at mid-on when he had scored 25, and the Gloucestershire captain might possibly have been caught at point, but apart from these blemishes no mistakes were made by either batsman. From the following score it will be seen that the South with all ten wickets to fall are 114 runs behind.

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

There was another exceedingly large attendance yesterday at Manchester on the second day's play of the above match, and it is highly probable that the benefit which Watson will derive from the contest will be very substantial. The first day's cricket went rather in favour of the South Eleven. Their opponents were all disposed of for 192, notwithstanding the fine batting of Briggs and Shrewsbury, and the southern team scored 78 without the loss of a wicket.

This advantage was not maintained yesterday, Dr Grace and Maurice Read receiving very little assistance from the other members of the side. Only three more - Messrs Horner, Walter Read and Welman - reached double figures; and although the five batsmen just mentioned scored between

them 173 runs, the total only reached 183, or nine behind. Peate obtained three wickets and Barnes and Barlow two each. It is worthy of note that the first wicket fell with the total at 99, and yet the score was only 145 when the ninth man was out. Messrs Welman and Horner added 38 runs for the last wicket.

The North went in at five minutes to 4. Barlow was dismissed at 18 and Gunn at 65. Shrewsbury and Barnes, however, kept together until the call of time. Both the Nottingham professionals batted very finely. The Northern team are now 184 runs ahead, and have lost only two wickets in their second innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 13 July, page 10)

Another capital day's cricket was witnessed on Saturday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester. The immense advantage obtained by the North on Friday was fully maintained on the concluding day. When the game was resumed the scores were: - North, first innings, 192; second innings, 175 for two wickets; South, first innings, 183.

Shrewsbury (not out 76) and Barnes (not out 48) again batted very finely, and they were not separated until 27 runs were recorded. Shrewsbury then skied a ball to mid-off. The retiring batsman's 101 was one of his most finished performances. Among his contributions were 14 fours, seven threes and six twos. Since the fall of the previous wicket he and Barnes had added no fewer than 152 runs. Ulyett's stay was brief and unproductive, as the first ball sent him by Beaumont found its way into his wicket. A few minutes later Barnes fell to a catch at point. He had played first-class cricket, but he gave a chance when he had made 48. His 70 consisted of 12 fours, three threes, two twos and singles. Briggs and Bates now became partners. Both batsmen hit with great freedom, and before the sixth wicket fell they increased the score by 67 runs. Briggs was then caught at cover-point. His 52 included six fours, three threes and four twos. Six for 304. Several other members of the home eleven hit freely, and the innings eventually closed at 20 minutes to 4 for 364.

This left the South 374 to get to win, and as there was not enough time to obtain them the visitors played for a draw. Mr Grace was soon out, and Messrs Read and O'Brien made a good stand, but the other batsmen did little, and the total was only raised to 114 when stumps and the match were drawn. The South had only two wickets to fall and were 259 runs behind. Maurice Read, owing to an injury to his hand, was unable to take any part in the play on Saturday, so that had the South lost one more wicket they would have been defeated. The attendance throughout the three days was very large, and it is anticipated that Watson will be benefited by it to the extent of £1,200 or £1,300.

13 July: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2981.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 July, page 5)

Both these counties were represented by very good elevens at Lord's yesterday, when the first of the two matches arranged between them began. The weather was fine and the wicket easy. Having won the toss, the home team began batting at five minutes past 12 with Messrs Hadow and G B Studd, who were confronted by A Hearne (nursery end) and Wootton.

Mr Hadow cut the former for three, while his companion obtained four for a similar stroke. The old Harrovian, after having a narrow escape of being run out, was missed by Mr Thornton at mid-off. Mr Studd gained three and Mr Hadow four, both by off drives from A Hearne, who at 31 gave way to Mr Christopherson. This change soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Hadow, when 36 runs were registered. Mr Scott joined Mr Studd. At 47 A Hearne resumed bowling, but in his first over Mr Studd by a straight drive for three caused 50 to be signalled at ten minutes to 1. Later on he drove Wootton to the off boundary, and 60 went up after 50 minutes' play. When four runs were added G G Hearne displaced Wootton. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, and at 80 a ball from A Hearne took Mr Scott's leg stump.

Mr O'Brien came in and runs were obtained rapidly. Mr Christopherson again relieved A Hearne at 97. A fine cut for four by Mr Studd sent up the 100 at half-past 1, and at 129 Wootton superseded G G Hearne, but runs were scored as fast as before. Mr O'Brien drove Mr Christopherson for three and four, and Mr Studd sent the ball to leg for three and to the off for four. The amateur gave way to G G Hearne at 149. The 150 was signalled at five minutes to 2. Eight runs were quickly added, after which an adjournment was made for luncheon.

The game was continued at a quarter to 3, the bowlers being A Hearne and Mr Christopherson. Mr O'Brien drove the first ball to the on boundary, but in Mr Christopherson's next over he was caught by the wicketkeeper, standing back. He had shown very good form for 50, his chief hits being six fours, three threes and five twos. During the late partnership 93 runs had been put on. Mr Webbe aided Mr Studd, and the 200 was reached at a quarter-past 3. A Hearne then relinquished the ball to G G Hearne, and Mr Studd completed his hundred by an single at 3.20. Wootton received the ball from Mr Christopherson at 211, but without alteration in the figures Mr Studd was taken at short slip off the other bowler. He had played a brilliant innings of 104, which had lasted two hours and 40 minutes. Among his contributions were nine fours, five threes and 13 twos.

Mr Vernon came to the assistance of Mr Webbe. When the score was advanced to 227 he was bowled, and West arrived. A further variation in the attack was made at 244, F Hearne going on for Wootton. As the batsmen hit freely Mr Christopherson and A Hearne resumed bowling at 278, and 13 runs later West was caught at slip. The last wicket had increased the score by 64 runs. Six for 291. Mr Cottrell followed in. Three hundred appeared on the board at 4.25. Wootton displaced Mr Christopherson at 308, and only a single was added when Mr Cottrell was caught at mid-off. Mr Webbe's excellent innings was soon brought to a close by a smart catch at the wicket. His 67 consisted of seven fours, five threes, five twos and singles. Eight for 313. The remaining batsmen put on 23 runs and the innings closed at 10 minutes past 5.

Messrs Mackinnon and Kemp began the Kent venture at 5.30 to the bowling of Burton (pavilion end) and Mr Cottrell. Only 19 runs were recorded when Mr Kemp played on, while G G Hearne,

after cutting Burton for four, was caught at the wicket. Two for 25. The Rev R T Thornton joined Mr Mackinnon, who drove each bowler for four. Mr Robertson superseded Mr Cottrell at 39. Mr Mackinnon hit in fine style and the 50 went up at 6.30. A two-fold change in the bowling was tried at 61, Mr Hadow and West relieving Mr Robertson and Burton. Mr Thornton was caught at forward short-leg in the professional's first over. F Hearne was next on the order. Runs were obtained very rapidly, and the batsmen were still together when stumps were drawn.

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

Yesterday the game between these counties was concluded. Overnight the score stood as follows: - Middlesex, first innings, 336; Kent, first innings, 94 (for three wickets).

Kent brought their score up to 191, and being 145 runs behind had to follow on. Their second innings totalled 188, and Middlesex obtained the 44 runs required without the loss of a wicket.

13 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2983.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 July, page 5)

There was a performance of exceptional merit yesterday at Brighton by the Surrey eleven, who have only once this season been checked in their successful career. The match was the return with Sussex, against which county, it may be remembered, Surrey scored a fortnight ago the tremendous total of 631. Then Mr W E Roller made 204 and Mr W W Read 163. It was a curious coincidence that in the return match both these gentlemen should have again scored an innings of over a hundred. The wicket at Brighton was in excellent condition, and the Surrey batsmen took full advantage of their opportunity, remaining in for the whole of the day and scoring 457 for the loss of only eight batsmen.

The great feature of the performance was the stand made by Messrs Read and Roller, who put on 169 runs during their partnership. Neither gave a single chance, and the character of Mr Read's innings may be easily judged when it is stated that he was batting for only two hours, and that included among his hits 19 fours, a three and six twos. Mr Roller was at the wickets for 3 hours and 25 minutes, and, excepting that he might have been run out when he had scored 77, which of course did not take away any of the credit for his performance, he made no mistakes. His chief hits were 23 fours, two threes and nine twos.

In addition to Messrs Read and Roller, Messrs Diver and Key hit with very great freedom, and towards the close of the day the Sussex bowling was freely hit by Lohmann, Beaumont and Bowley. Sussex had a good team, although they were unfortunate in not being able to secure the services of Mr F M Lucas, who was standing out owing to a family bereavement.

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

Interesting cricket was witnessed yesterday at Brighton, although the Sussex men were playing an almost hopeless game. On Monday, it may be remembered, Surrey scored 457 for the loss of eight wickets, and yesterday morning the total was increased to 501 before the innings closed. Going in against a majority of 292, Sussex lost three wickets before the close of time. They are now 200 runs behind, with seven wickets to fall.

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

An hour and 20 minutes' play at Brighton yesterday sufficed to bring the above match to a conclusion, Sussex, who had to follow on overnight against the enormous majority of 292, and who on the drawing of stumps had lost three wickets in their second innings for 92 runs, being easily beaten in a single innings, with 124 runs to spare. After the exceptional score made by Surrey no other result could scarcely have been expected by the most sanguine.

13 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2982.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 July, page 5)

There was a wonderful exhibition of batting by the Yorkshire team yesterday on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, when for the loss of only five wickets the visitors scored 304 runs, and that against the full strength of the famous Nottinghamshire bowling. The heroes of the day were Grimshaw and Bates, who became partners when the total was 72 for two wickets, and added 106 runs.

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

At the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, yesterday, the home eleven were not seen to advantage, and they will have to accomplish a good performance to avert defeat, for with two wickets to fall in their first innings they are 258 runs behind. Yorkshire, who on Monday lost five wickets for 304, finished off their innings yesterday for 424. F Lee, who was not out over night with 55, played fine cricket, and except for a chance at the wicket just before he was out, scarcely made a mistake.

At the start of the Notts innings Barnes and Shrewsbury batted well, but after they had been disposed of matters went badly and the seventh wicket fell at 100. Further disaster was, however, stayed by Flowers, who after giving two hard chances hit in a most determined manner and made 76 out of 107 during his stay.

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

After nearly three full days' cricket, Yorkshire yesterday, at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, beat Nottinghamshire most decisively by an innings and 28 runs. This is the first defeat suffered by the champion county of last year in a county match since 1883. By the result of this contest the question of superiority is left very open, Surrey, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Gloucestershire and Nottinghamshire having each been beaten once during the present season.

16 July: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2986.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 July, page 11)

After their decisive beating at the hands of Yorkshire, the famous Nottinghamshire eleven journeyed to London and yesterday began a match at Lord's with the home county. Middlesex started batting on a good wicket shortly after noon.

Both Messrs Newton and Hadow, the first pair of batsmen, were dismissed before a run had been scored, while at 13 Mr O'Brien had the misfortune to play on. With Messrs Webbe and Scott together, runs at first were very difficult to obtain, the bowling and fielding being excellent. After a time, however, Mr Webbe hit freely, and at 46 a change in the attack was tried, Attewell displacing Walter Wright. The play was then slow, ten overs only producing a couple of runs. Fifty was announced when an hour had elapsed. Flowers now superseded Shaw, but runs were still obtained freely, until at 81 a very fine catch by Gunn at cover slip high up with his left hand got rid of Mr Webbe. The Middlesex captain had played a capital innings of 40. Mr Vernon was soon caught at long-off, while, just prior to the luncheon interval, West ran himself out, six wickets being down for 97.

On resuming at a quarter to 3, the 100 was soon signalled. Mr Cottrell played on at 112, and then the innings speedily terminated, as at 113 Mr Robertson was caught at mid-off, a single later Mr Williams was taken behind the bowler, and at 128 a good catch by Scotton at long-on got rid of Burton. Mr Scott's 46 included a four, five threes and six twos.

At a quarter to 4, Shrewsbury and Scotton opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Burton and Mr Cottrell. Shrewsbury, in the third over, cut the ball dangerously close to Mr O'Brien at point. Both batsmen then played in their well-known style, and although the bowling was varied, the 50 appeared at 10 minutes to 5. Two runs later a splendid return by Mr Webbe from mid-off caused Scotton to be run out. After this separation Shrewsbury could get no one to stay with him, until, when six wickets had been lost for 113, Attewell joined him, and the pair played out time.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 July, page 13)

Whatever may be the ultimate issue of this match, and on this point little doubt can exist, it will long be memorable for the wonderful innings of Shrewsbury, who without giving a chance accumulated 224 runs out of 415. The game was continued at Lord's yesterday morning. With six wickets down for 139 the most ardent partisans of Nottinghamshire could scarcely have anticipated the tremendous score made by them.

Shrewsbury and Attewell (the not outs with 86 and 13 respectively) were confronted by Mr Cottrell and Burton. The 150 was soon announced, and as the score rose rapidly several changes in the attack were adopted. Shrewsbury, however, amid loud cheering, completed his 100 at 12.20. Further variations in the attack were resorted to; but the batsmen did not appear at all disconcerted, and after Attewell had given a difficult chance at the wicket the second hundred was announced at 12.55. When the players adjourned for luncheon an hour later 85 had been added.

The usual interval having elapsed the game was resumed. Five runs were soon obtained, after

which an easy catch at slip disposed of Attewell. He had shown superb form, and among his hits were 10 fours, five threes and six twos. Since the fall of the sixth wicket no fewer than 177 runs had been registered. Walter Wright stayed while 27 runs were put on and was then bowled. On Shaw joining Shrewsbury the bowling was again thoroughly mastered. Change after change was made, but at five minutes to 5 the 400 went up. Ten runs later the Nottinghamshire captain fell to a neat catch at mid-off. His 52 consisted of five fours, five threes, five twos and singles. The late partnership had yielded 93 runs. Sherwin was soon caught at mid-off, and the innings closed at a quarter past 5. Shrewsbury carried out his bat for a splendid 224, which is the largest innings obtained in a first-class match this season, the previous best this year being 215 by Mr F M Lucas for Sussex against Gloucestershire at Brighton. Shrewsbury had been batting eight hours, and his elegant style was greatly admired. Among his hits were 22 fours, 15 threes and 19 twos.

Against a majority of 287 Middlesex began their second venture at 5.35 with Messrs Webbe and Vernon to the bowling of Wright and Flowers. Mr Vernon was well caught at slip at 16, and 24 runs later Mr Scott was bowled. Walter Wright dismissed Mr O'Brien at 50, and a good catch at long-off got rid of Mr Hadow at 66. Mr Newton joined Mr Webbe . . .

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

From the result of Thursday and Friday's play in this match at Lord's, Nottinghamshire, given fine weather, had the game at their mercy on Saturday. Although rain threatened at the time set for commencement, fortunately for the visitors it held off. When stumps were drawn on Friday evening each side had completed an innings - Middlesex for 128 and Nottinghamshire for 415, while the former county had lost four wickets for 72 in their second venture.

Messrs Webbe and Newton (not out with 42 and three respectively) proceeded to the wickets at 11.35. They were confronted by Barnes and Walter Wright. At the outset runs came very slowly, and with the addition of nine only, a catch at wicket dismissed Mr Newton; while West, who took his place, was served in a similar manner at 95. Six wickets down. Mr Webbe next had Mr Cottrell for a partner. When the latter had scored 11 in five overs, the Middlesex captain fell to a catch at slip. He had played fine cricket, and among his hits were four fours, three threes and four twos. Seven for 107.

Mr Robertson was caught at long-on and Mr Williams at cover-point. Nine for 117. Mr Cottrell and Burton were now together, and by careful play added 16. A ball of Mr Wright's then found its way into Mr Cottrell's wicket. Total 133. Nottinghamshire thus won by an innings and 154 runs. As will be seen from the return, Walter Wright's bowling in the second innings was very destructive.

16 July: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2985.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 July, page 11)

Lancashire and Surrey having each lost one county match during the present season, the meeting of the two elevens yesterday was Liverpool was looked forward to by cricketers in all parts of the country with great interest. The wicket was not a very good one, and Surrey, going in after a shower of rain, gave a very poor display. The innings lasted two hours and twenty minutes. Mr Shuter hit in splendid style and was the eighth man out, his innings of 57 including eight fours.

Lancashire made a bad start, losing two wickets for 28 runs; but Mr Steel and Briggs advanced the score to 59 before the former batsmen was caught at slip, for an admirable 38. Mr Hornby was quickly got rid of and, with four wickets down for 60, the match looked an even one. From this point, however, everything went well for the home team, and at the call of time there were only eight wickets down.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 July, page 13)

A wonderful performance marked the second day's play in the Surrey and Lancashire match at the Aigburth Ground, Liverpool, when Briggs and Pilling put on 173 runs in Lancashire's innings for the last wicket. Such a feat has probably never before been equalled in a first-class match. The 173 runs were obtained in an hour and 40 minutes. Briggs's 186 was a very fine innings. He made a seven (four for an overthrow), 18 fours, five threes, 25 twos and 42 singles. Surrey went in after luncheon, against a majority of 247.

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

Good fortune seems certainly to be on the side of Surrey this season. When play in their match with Lancashire at Liverpool ceased on Friday evening, their defeat appeared inevitable, as they had started a second innings in a minority of 247 runs, and had lost five of their most trustworthy batsmen for 213.

Rain fell on Saturday with such persistency that that match had to be abandoned as a draw. This was most unfortunate for Lancashire, who had obtained so substantial an advantage in the early stages of the game. On Friday evening Mr Jowett was "no balled" by Platts for throwing. It is certainly to be hoped that other umpires will not shrink from their duty in enforcing law 10, so that the necessity for any more stringent rule may be obviated. The game was eventually left in the state described by the score . . .

16 July: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2984.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 July, page 11)

Yesterday the Yorkshire Eleven opened their first match with Gloucestershire on the well-known cricket ground at Gloucester. They won the toss, and batting all day in fine weather on a perfect wicket they made the most of their chances. The professionals Hall, Ulyett, Grimshaw, Bates and F Lee all played exceptionally good cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 July, page 13)

After the grand hitting of Yorkshire on Thursday and Gloucester, the play yesterday was comparatively tame. Gloucestershire made a sadly disappointing show in their first innings, being all out for 153.

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

Up to a certain time on Saturday it seemed not unlikely that Gloucestershire would make a very good fight against Yorkshire at Gloucester; but, though 200 went up in the western county's second innings before the fall of the fifth wicket, the whole side was out for a total of 222. The cause of this rapid breakdown was the effective fast bowling of Harrison, who went on with the total at 206 and took five wickets for two runs.

Mr Gilbert, who had made 58 (not out) overnight, increased his score to 102, and was not bowled until after luncheon. His hitting and defence were equally fine, and his chief figures were eight fours, eight threes and 12 twos. It may interest cricketers to learn that Mr W G Grace completed his 37th year on Saturday. He has taken part in first-class matches for 21 years, having made his first appearance in 1864, when he played seven innings for an average of 57.2. From the subjoined score it will be seen that Yorkshire won by an innings and four runs.

16 July: SOMERSETSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2987.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 17 July, page 11)

Yesterday's cricket at Taunton produced some interesting play. The most interesting performances were Dible's free hitting, the splendid innings of Mr Radcliffe and the capital bowling of Mr Bastard.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 18 July, page 13)

After a capital game Somersetshire yesterday, at Taunton, gained a victory over Hampshire by five wickets, although at one time the result seemed a very open question. The visitors, who had an advantage of 22 runs in the first innings, were all got rid of a second time for 111, thus leaving Somersetshire 134 to get to win.

Five wickets quickly fell for 83, and it was at this point of the game by no means certain that the home team would win. However, Messrs Hewett and Read hit off the required number of runs, and Somersetshire were victorious. Mr Bastard's bowling was very fine, his ten wickets costing only 81 runs.

Friday 17 July, page 11: UNFAIR BOWLING

The Lancashire County Cricket Club do not intend to send an eleven to Tonbridge on the 20th of August, nor do they intend to claim the match against Kent.

20 July: MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2989.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 5)

In dull, fitful weather, the annual match between the leading club and Lancashire was opened yesterday before a fairly large number of spectators. Having won the toss, Marylebone began on wickets pitched as nearly in the centre of the ground as possible. Dr Grace and Mr Russel faced the attacks of Barlow and Watson.

Sixteen runs were soon made, when a smart piece of fielding by Briggs at cover-point caused Mr Russel to be run out, while Mr Buckland was clean bowled without having scored. Two for 17. Mr Paravicini joined Mr Grace, and both batsmen grew busy. Among minor hits, the latter soon obtained five fours by two cuts, two leg hits and an on-drive, all off Barlow, while his companion drove Watson twice to the on and once to the off for four each. At 61 the bowling was intrusted to Mr Appleby and Briggs. Dr Grace seven runs later obstructed his wicket. Three for 68. Mr Newton assisted Mr Paravicini, who returned the ball. Mr Inglis came, and at half-past 1 the "100" was registered.

Watson now went on at Briggs's end and the latter crossed over. Only two runs were added when Mr Newton fell to a catch at short slip. Three more wickets speedily collapsed. Mr Barnes was clean bowled, Mr Welman caught at mid-off and Mr Inglis taken at wicket. Eight for 113. After luncheon the two remaining batsmen were soon disposed of. Total 122. Time 3 p.m.

Lancashire made a very disheartening start. Mr A N Hornby and Barlow were opposed by Dr W G Grace and Mycroft. A single only had been made when the county captain was caught at cover-point, and at 6 Mr Lancashire just touched a ball which the wicket keeper easily held. Barlow and Briggs were now together. The latter cut each bowler for four, but at 17 his companion was bowled. Three down. The next three added only 11 runs; Mr Kemp played on, Bower was bowled and Briggs also played on. Six for 28. Yates and Watson raised the total to 38, at which point Yates was clean bowled. Mycroft had now secured seven wickets in 14 overs (10 maidens) for ten runs.

Mr E C Hornby (a left-handed) batsman became Watson's partner, and hit Mycroft to the on and Dr Grace to the off for four each, while Watson cut the latter bowler also for four. Mr Hornby continued to hit in a vigorous though occasionally reckless manner. In a very short time he scored 20 in five hits (four drives and a cut). At 79 Dr Grace gave up the ball to Pickett. Before anything could be added Watson was caught at long-off and 16 runs later Mr Appleby was taken at cover-point. Nine for 95. Pilling came, and Mr Hornby still batted vigorously, a leg hit for four by him taking their total beyond that of their rivals at 5 o'clock. At length, however, he skied a ball, which the wicket-keeper secured. Among his hits were 11 fours, three threes and two twos. Total 132. Time 5.10.

In the slight minority of ten runs, Marylebone sent in Dr W G Grace and Mr Russel. Watson started the bowling from the nursery end, and from the last ball of the opening over the Gloucestershire captain was again out leg before wicket. Mr Buckland arrived, and Barlow bowled from the pavilion end. Both batsmen played carefully, and at 23 Mr Appleby went on for Barlow, while after 20 more runs had been added Briggs superseded Watson. In his first over Mr Buckland obstructed his wicket. Mr Newton came; but at 68 Mr Russel fell to slip and Mr Paravicini filled the vacancy.

At 80 Mr Appleby handed the ball to Watson. Within five minutes of the time fixed for drawing stumps a leg hit for four by Mr Paravicini caused the "100" to be signalled, but eight runs later he was clean bowled. Play was now discontinued for the day.

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

At the close of the first day's play in this match at Lord's there seemed every probability of an interesting finish. This prospect was not verified, however, as may be gleaned from the particulars which follow. When the game was discontinued on Monday evening each eleven had completed an innings, and Marylebone, who were then ten runs ahead, had lost four wickets for 108. yesterday Pilling, who was suffering from the effects of a slight sunstroke, was unable to keep wicket. His place was taken by Bower, while Hay fielded as substitute.

At 20 minutes to 12 Mr Newton, the not-out with 20, was accompanied to the wickets by Mr Inglis. Briggs and Watson were the bowlers. Runs came steadily for a few overs, until at 1.30 Mr Inglis drove the ball into the hands of mid-off. Half the wickets were now lost. Mr Baines arrived and hit the first ball he received from Briggs to leg for five. With the score at 148 Barlow went on in lieu of Watson, and at a quarter-past 12 150 runs were registered. Mr Newton now batted in a most determined manner, making ten in an over of Briggs's. This caused the professional to relinquish the ball to Mr E C Hornby at 163, and when the score had reached 182 a two-fold alteration in the attack was tried, Mr Appleby and Yates being intrusted with the bowling. No impression was made on the batsmen, however, and at 192 Briggs resumed in place of Yates. The second ball proved disastrous to Mr Baines, who was taken at slip. Six down.

Pickett appeared, but was unfortunately bowled off his pad. Mr Welman joined Mr Newton, and the second hundred was completed at 12.55. Mr Appleby relinquished the ball to Watson 22 runs later. Soon afterwards Mr Newton was secured at mid-on. His innings was a display of sound cricket, and comprised nine fours, four threes, eight twos and singles. The two last wickets were speedily captured. Total, 236. Time, 1.35.

Lancashire had 227 set them to win, and at ten minutes to 2 sent in Barlow and Bower. Dr W G Grace and Mycroft opened the bowling. Four runs were made when luncheon intervened. Soon after the game was resumed Bower sent a ball of Dr Grace's to square leg for four; the hit was sensational and met with hearty applause, as the ball went through the window of the tennis court about a yard to the right of the clock. At 24 the bowlers crossed over. Bower cut the professional for four, but at 37 he succumbed to a catch at the wicket. Mr Lancashire filled the vacancy and the total was carried to 57, when Mycroft gave up the ball to Titchmarsh. At 79 a double variation in the attack was tried, but no separation was effected. Three figures were reached at 4.5.

Runs came slowly for a time, an off-drive for four by Barlow being the only important item in 13 overs. At a quarter past 5 Barlow completed his hundred, and ten minutes later the 200 was announced. Dr W G Grace and Mycroft were in charge of the attack at 2.10. The total advanced to 225, and then Barlow, in trying to hit a straight ball to leg, obstructed his wicket. Only a couple of runs were wanting for victory when Briggs appeared. These were obtained by Mr Lancashire, the winning hit being an off-drive to the boundary from Mycroft. Time 5.45. Thus the game ended in a most unexpectedly decisive victory for Lancashire by eight wickets.

20 July: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2991.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 5)

Only 224 runs were scored yesterday at Sheffield in the match between Yorkshire and Surrey. Fifteen wickets fell, and the highest individual score of the day was 39. In fact, the wicket was slow and heavy, owing to the recent rains. The light, too, was very dull all day, and the bowling on both sides considerably above the average. Surrey lost the services through accidents of Mr Roller, Wood and Maurice Read, but Yorkshire played the same team that overthrew Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire.

Owing to rain a start was not made until 12.30, when the home team, who had won the toss, sent in Ulyett and Hall to the bowling [of] Mr Bush and Beaumont. The last-named batsman was bowled without having obtained a run, a fate which befell Grimshaw who succeeded him. Bates joined Ulyett, and there seemed for some overs every prospect of a determined stand, but at 17 the new comer played the ball on to his wicket. Three down. Ulyett next had Lee for a companion, but only 10 had been added when the former was dismissed by a very fine catch at point low down. Peel rendered useful service prior to being bowled. To Lee and Preston, however, belongs the merit of raising the score of their county from insignificance. The former was caught at long-on and the latter run out. Total 154.

Surrey started their batting, but with the exception of Mr Shuter none of their team have yet attained the dignity of double figures . . .

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

The remarkably fine form the Yorkshire team have lately displayed was fully maintained yesterday at Sheffield, and at present the home side are 290 runs on with two wickets to fall in their second innings.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 July, page 10)

Owing chiefly to some very fine bowling by Bates, Yorkshire gained a decisive victory over Surrey yesterday at the Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, by 188 runs. Yorkshire's second innings, in which eight wickets had fallen overnight for 240, was concluded for 285, and Surrey, going in with 336 to get to win, but without sufficient time to obtain such a number, were all out for a total of 147. Bates's analysis was remarkable - viz., 33 overs and two balls (16 maidens), 43 runs, seven wickets.

In excuse for the severe defeat of Surrey it must not be forgotten that Maurice Read, Wood and Mr W E Roller were all absent from the southern team. The extent of the losses can scarcely be estimated, Mr Roller being emphatically the second best bat in Surrey and Wood the regular wicket-keeper in the eleven. Still, handicapped as they were, the Surrey men would have made a much better fight of it if they had held their catches.

Hall went in first in the second innings of Yorkshire and took out his bat for 79, the result of a little more than five hours' batting. He gave three chances, but played fine cricket nevertheless. Eleven

threes and 13 twos were included in his innings.

20 July: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2990.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 5)

Taking advantage of the slow wicket after rain, Shaw, who had won the toss for his side, put Sussex in to bat at Brighton yesterday. The home team made a very bad show against Walter Wright's bowling, only Mr C A Smith and Mr G Brann doing anything at all noteworthy. Wright took eight wickets at a cost of only 53 runs. Although the Notts batsmen did not do very much when they started their innings, Barnes, assisted by Mr C W Wright, Attewell and Selby, played excellent cricket, and the first-named was 101 not out at the call of time.

The news arrived at Brighton yesterday that Mr W Blackman, a well-known member of the team, died at Melbourne on the 2nd of last month.

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

For a second time this season the formidable Notts eleven have defeated Sussex, the return match on the Hove ground at Brighton ending yesterday in an easy victory for the visitors. The subjoined score will show that Notts won by an innings and 96 runs.

20 July: HAMPSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2988.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 July, page 5)

Kent, lacking the valuable services of Lord Harris and Messrs M C Kemp, W H Patterson and F A Mackinnon, could gain no real advantage over Hampshire at Southampton yesterday, the home county at the drawing of stumps being only 26 runs behind with three wickets to fall.

Nothing remarkable was done on either side, but Kent scored 82 for three wickets before lunch time. Afterwards, however, seven wickets fell for 51 runs, and the innings was over for 133. Hampshire at starting lost five wickets for 34 runs, but afterwards, thanks to Mr Calder, Mr Heath and Leat, a very fair show was made.

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

Some very good batting was witnessed at Southampton yesterday in this county match. Overnight Hampshire, who had gone in against a score of 133, had lost seven wickets for 107 . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 July, page 10)

The first meeting between Kent and Hampshire this season ended yesterday at Southampton in a decisive victory for the former county by 132 runs. A success for Hampshire had seemed improbable after Tuesday's play, as, although the home counties headed Kent by 60 runs on the first innings, the visitors on going in for the second time had put together 296 for the loss of nine wickets.

Yesterday morning the Kent innings closed for 297, leaving Hampshire with 238 runs to get to win. This task the home county failed altogether to accomplish. Wootton bowled with such effect that four wickets fell for 29 runs, and despite some careful batting by Mr Armstrong and some hard hitting by Dible the innings was all over at 25 minutes to 2 for 105. Wootton bowled splendidly and took eight of the ten wickets at a cost of less than 5 runs each.

23 July: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2992.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 July, page 8)

The first of the two matches arranged between these counties was begun yesterday on the Bat and Ball round at Gravesend. Mr Mackinnon and F Hearne opened the Kent innings at a quarter-past 12 to the bowling of Mr Bush and Beaumont (pavilion end).

Fifteen overs were sent down for eight runs in a quarter of an hour, and then the professional had the misfortune to play on. G G Hearne followed, and at 17 Mr Mackinnon also played on. Two for 17. Without alteration in the figures, the Rev R T Thornton was dismissed, and only a single was added when George Hearne was taken at slip. Four for 18. Mr Jones and Mr Hine-Haycock now became partners, and at 35 Mr Bush handed the ball to Lohmann. The 50 was recorded at 1.25. Mr Jones then drove Beaumont to the on for four, and at 59 the last-named bowler gave way to Mr Horner, and immediately afterwards Mr Hine-Haycock was clean bowled from the other end by Lohmann. On Mr Marchant coming in runs were scored rapidly, but just prior to luncheon Mr Marchant was caught at the wicket. Six for 88.

The game was resumed at five minutes to 3. Mr Jones was accompanied by Mr Christopherson, and soon good batting took place until Mr Christopherson was caught at the wicket. Seven for 123. Another useful stand was made by Wootton and Mr Jones, the amateur being bowled at 147. He had played an admirable innings of 47, which consisted of four fours, three threes, four twos and singles. A Hearne came in. At 160 Mr Horner relieved Mr Bush, and when eight more had been put on Beaumont gave way to Abel. A dozen runs later Wootton was clean bowled. Nine for 180. The last pair of batsmen offered a determined resistance to the Surrey attacks, and the second hundred was announced at 4.30. At length, at 213, Pentecost was bowled, the innings terminating at 20 minutes to 5. The last six Kent wickets had obtained 195 runs - a remarkable performance considering that they had lost four of their most reliable batsmen for only 18 runs.

Messrs Key and Shuter began the Surrey batting at 5 o'clock to the bowling of Mr Christopherson and Wootton. Mr Key, in attempting a fourth run from a hit by himself, was thrown out by Pentecost, when only half-a-dozen runs were recorded, and Mr Diver was bowled directly afterwards. Mr Read aided Mr Shuter, and at 19 the Surrey captain returned the ball. A further misfortune befell the visitors at 30, Abel being clean bowled. Mr Bowden came to the assistance of Mr Read, who was missed by the wicket-keeper when he had made 22. Wootton completely beat Mr Bowden at 50 and half the wickets were down. Only a couple were obtained when Mr Bush, the new comer, was also disposed of by the professional. Wood joined Mr Read, and at 20 minutes to 7 the 100 was reached. No further wicket fell . . .

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

Although at one time Kent had much the better of the game with Surrey at Gravesend, they were beaten yesterday after an exciting finish. In fine weather, Surrey, who were 86 behind and had four wickets to fall, continued their first innings. Mr Read (not out 59) and Wood (not out 47) were opposed by Wootton and A Hearne.

Seven overs produced two runs, and then Wood enlivened the play by cutting A Hearne twice for

four each. At 146, however, the professional was bowled, off stump. He had shown excellent form for 57, which consisted of six fours, six threes, four twos and singles. Since the fall of the last wicket no fewer than 94 runs had been added. Beaumont aided Mr Read. The score rose rapidly, both batsmen hitting freely, until, at 175, a very fine catch at slip got rid of the Surrey amateur. He had played in excellent style for 81, which, with the exception of a chance at the wicket when he had made 22, was faultless. Among his contributions were eight fours, eight threes and four twos. Eight for 175. The innings then speedily closed, as at 177 Beaumont was finely caught by Wootton at cover-point, while, without alteration in the figures, a well-judged catch at long-on got rid of Lohmann. Time, 12.30.

With an advantage of 36 Kent began the second venture at ten minutes to 1. The batsmen could make little headway against the Surrey bowling, and at the luncheon interval they had lost four wickets for 57. On resuming, only a single was added when G G Hearne was taken by the wicket-keeper standing back, and at 65 Mr Mackinnon played on. Mr Hine-Haycock next had the assistance of Mr Marchant. After scoring three by a drive, he played Lohmann finely to square-leg for four. He was then well caught at point. Seven for 78. The innings eventually closed for 117.

Surrey requiring 154 runs for victory sent in Messrs Key and Bush, who were confronted by Wootton and Mr Christopherson at 4.25. In the amateur's first over Mr Bush was clean bowled, and only three were added when Mr Diver fell to a catch at slip. Mr Read joined Mr Diver. Both batsmen played in fine form, and runs were obtained at the rate of one per minute. The "50" was signalled at 5.20. A change in the bowling was tried at 160, A Hearne receiving the ball from Mr Christopherson. The alteration quickly brought about the dismissal of Mr Read, who had been twice hit on the hands by the fast bowler. The renowned Surrey amateur fell to an easy catch at slip at 64, while at 67 Mr Shuter was clean bowled. Abel came in, and as the batsmen began to hit freely Mr Christopherson resumed in lieu of A Hearne at 91. With his fourth ball he clean bowled Mr Key, while the third delivery of his next over proved fatal to Mr Bowden. Six for 91. A further misfortune befell the visitors as at 94 Abel was clean bowled and at 98 Wood was taken at cover-point. Eight down.

Lohmann and Beaumont improvement matters somewhat and at 117 A Hearne again went on for Mr Christopherson. Beaumont fell to a catch at the wicket at 122, and Mr Horner joined Lohmann. Christopherson now resumed. A confident appeal was made against Mr Horner for a catch at the wicket, but Payne's decision was "not out." After this the game became very exciting, the score being steadily increased. A Hearne went on for Mr Christopherson at 148, but an off-drive by Mr Horner for three equalized the score. Mr Christopherson again went on and bowled a maiden to Mr Horner. Lohmann then obtained the necessary single, but had the ball been well returned by A Hearne from mid-off the amateur would have been run out. The wicket played treacherously throughout the day. The subjoined score will show that Surrey won by one wicket.

23 July: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2994.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 July, page 8)

As Lancashire and Yorkshire had each suffered only one defeat this season, the return match at the St John's Ground, Huddersfield, yesterday between the two great southern counties was invested with unusual interest. Some 7,000 people were present, despite the dull weather, and the cricket was of a remarkably even character throughout the day.

Going in first, Lancashire lost two wickets for 12 runs. Mr Kemp, of this year's Cambridge eleven, joined Barlow, and the professional played his usually careful game, while the young amateur hit very hard and well. They added 40 runs before Barlow was bowled, and when the score was at 74 the Light Blue was taken at the wicket. The total for the innings was 232. Ulyett and Hall went in first on the other side and made 57 runs before they were parted.

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

Great progress was made yesterday in the match at Huddersfield between these famous Northern counties, and there is now every prospect of a full day's play to-day. On Thursday Lancashire scored 232 and Yorkshire lost three wickets for 90.

Yesterday, in very fine weather and in the presence of many thousand of spectators, the Yorkshire venture was continued, and was not over until late in the afternoon, when the total was 301. Bates played an innings of 98 without giving a chance, his figures being 10 fours, five threes, 13 twos and 19 singles. Preston, the Yorkshire colt, also played capital cricket, his innings including seven fours, two threes and seven twos; while Emmett, too, was seen to considerable advantage.

Lancashire then went in for the second time. The play all round on both sides was of a high order and in every way worthy of the competing teams.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 July, page 10)

At the St John's Ground, Huddersfield, on Saturday, Yorkshire gained a brilliant victory over Lancashire, the result being due to some capital bowling by Peate and the very fine batting of Bates and Preston. Lancashire's second innings, in which two wickets had fallen overnight, was finished at 20 minutes past 3 for a total of 214, and then with two hours and 50 minutes left for cricket.

Yorkshire went in wanting 148 runs to win. Two wickets were lost in about half an hour for 19 runs, and then Preston and Bates became partners. A chance of catching Bates in the long field was missed by Mr Kemp and the mistake proved a very serious one for Lancashire as Bates played in his best style and hit with great freedom. Such changes of bowling as Lancashire had at command were tried without success, and at half-past 5 the match came to an end, the necessary 148 runs having been scored. In the whole match Bates scored 180 and Preston 98. Both batsmen were enthusiastically cheered at the conclusion of the game.

Mr G M Kemp, the Cambridge University freshman, who in the second innings of Lancashire

scored 109, was at the wickets three hours and never made the slightest mistake. The vigour of his batting may be judged from the fact that he made 17 fours, four threes and four twos. From the subjoined score it will be seen that Yorkshire won by eight wickets.

23 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2993.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 24 July, page 8)

A very long stand, in which some of the most patient cricket of the year was displayed, took place yesterday on the Trent-bridge Ground at Nottingham, Shrewsbury and Scotton being together for four hours and 50 minutes, and putting on 159 runs for the first Nottinghamshire wicket in the match against Gloucestershire.

Scotton then got out for 46. At one time he was an hour without making a run. Scotton deserves great credit for staying in so long, but far more praise is due to Shrewsbury, who scored at a quicker rate. He maintained his grand form throughout the day and was not out when stumps were drawn. The Gloucestershire bowling was very good.

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

The Gloucestershire eleven have every prospect of suffering a severe defeat at Nottingham to-day, as when play ceased last night the visitors, with three wickets down in their second innings, still wanted 120 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

Shrewsbury, who had made 120 not out of the Notts score of 203 for three wickets on Thursday, added another 17 runs when his faultless innings of 137 was closed by a catch at cover point. He hit 15 fours, six threes and 14 twos. Yesterday morning the last seven Notts wickets fell for 88 runs, the home team being all out for 291.

Gloucester on going in to bat lost five wickets for 46 runs. Flowers bowled with great effect, and only Mr Townsend, Mr Page and Gregg stayed for any length of time. The innings was over at a quarter to 6 for 142. In the follow-on three wickets fell before the call of time for 29 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 July, page 10)

At the Trent-bridge Ground, at Nottingham, on Saturday, the Gloucestershire eleven altogether failed to retrieve the disasters of the previous day, and in an hour and a quarter the match was brought to a conclusion, Nottinghamshire winning very easily. With seven wickets to fall Gloucestershire on Friday night wanted 120 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

Of this number only 94 were made on Saturday; and except for a capital stand by Mr Griffiths and Mr Bush, who added 40 runs for the last wicket, the visitors offered little resistance to the attacks of their opponents. Flowers claimed seven wickets for 40 runs. Nottinghamshire won by an innings and 26 runs.

27 July: LANCASHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2995.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 July, page 10)

The bowlers had the better of the batsmen in the return match between Lancashire and Sussex, which was played at Old Trafford, Manchester, yesterday. The bowling was very good indeed, and the batting, except in the second innings of the home side, exceedingly feeble.

It was a curious fact that in the first innings of each side the most successful play came at the end. Lancashire's last three wickets carried the score from 48 to 105, while the last two Sussex wickets increased the score from 24 to 45. At one time during Lancashire's innings Jesse Hide took six wickets in five overs for a single run; and Barlow had at one point taken five Sussex wickets for half a dozen runs. It will be noticed that Mr Kemp, who played such a fine innings against Yorkshire at Huddersfield on Saturday, was bowled for a single. The present score and the remarkable bowling analysis are subjoined.

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

A singularly uneventful match ended at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, yesterday, in an easy victory for Lancashire by 154 runs.

27 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2996.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 July, page 10)

The return match between these counties began yesterday at Bradford. Successful in the toss, Yorkshire sent in Ulyett and Hall to the bowling of Dr W G Grace and Woof. The visitors soon had the misfortune to lose the services of Mr J A Bush, who in keeping wicket hurt himself and had to retire. His place was taken by Mr Pullen.

Runs were scored freely, until at 46 Ulyett fell to a very fine catch at mid-on. Then Grimshaw and Hall, both playing very fine cricket, raised the score to 109 before the luncheon interval. On the continuation, however, the Yorkshire wickets fell very rapidly before the bowling of Mr Page, the Oxford captain. Hall was stumped at 118, and neither Bates nor Preston gave much trouble. Shortly afterwards Grimshaw's faultless innings of 62 was closed by a catch at point. Lee was run out rather unluckily, while a bailer dismissed Emmett at 174. With Peate for a partner, Peel hit very vigorously and brought the score to 200. Seven runs later, however, Peel was bowled, and with a single added Peate was caught at mid-off. The last pair put on 28 runs, the Yorkshire innings being over at 20 minutes to 5 for 236.

Dr W G Grace and Mr Gilbert began the Gloucestershire innings . . .

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

Yesterday's cricket at Bradford in the return match between Yorkshire and Gloucestershire was rendered noteworthy by the splendid innings of 132 played by Dr W G Grace. This is his only hundred in what is termed "first-class" cricket during the present season, and is also the largest score he has made since the year 1881. He was at the wicket for three hours and three-quarters, and his only mistake was a hard chance to short slip. His principal hits were 12 fours, four threes and 16 twos.

Overnight Gloucestershire, going in against Yorkshire's total of 236, had made 109 for one wicket, Dr Grace being not out 69 and Painter not out 28. Yesterday these batsmen stayed together until the total was 198, their partnership having thus produced 161. Painter was then bowled for a brilliant innings of 77. After the professional left the visitors did not fare so well, and the Gloucestershire innings eventually closed for 287.

At their second appearance Yorkshire had to go in with arrears of 51, and Ulyett, Grimshaw and Hall were all out before the deficit was made up. Lee was dismissed at 66, and then Preston and Bates made a splendid stand and added 87 runs before Woof disposed of Preston. Both men played well. At the drawing of stumps Bates was not out 75, and Yorkshire with five wickets still to fall were 102 runs to the good.

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

The Gloucestershire eleven are to be congratulated on the excellent form which they showed in their return match with Yorkshire at Bradford. The contest ended yesterday in a draw. The visitors

at the finish had seven wickets still to fall and wanted 105 runs to win, so that the draw was rather in favour of the western county. The achievement is the more creditable after the remarkable form the Yorkshiremen have recently displayed.

When play began yesterday Yorkshire had lost five wickets in their second innings for 153 runs, and were 102 runs to the good, with five wickets to fall. Bates, who was not out 75, only added nine more runs to his score. His brilliant innings included 12 fours, a three and ten twos. After he left, however, some splendid batting was shown by the rest of the Yorkshire eleven. Peel played a fine innings of 52, and Emmett rendered some useful assistance. The former's principal contributions were six fours, and three and five twos. The most remarkable part of the cricket, however, was the 60 not out by Hunter.

It was after 3 o'clock when the Yorkshire innings closed for 324, so that the visitors, who wanted 275 to win, had scarcely a chance of gaining the victory. Dr Grace having scored a single had the misfortune to play on. After some good batting by Mr Gilbert and Painter the third wicket fell at 68. Then Mr Pullen joined Mr Townsend, and these two completely mastered the Yorkshire bowling and kept together until the call of time. They had then added 102 runs and had made the draw slightly in favour of their side.

30 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2997.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 31 July, page 12)

Some admirable batting was shown yesterday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, by the Lancashire eleven in the first of their two annual matches with Gloucestershire. Mr A G Steel made his second appearance for the county this season, and afforded a striking proof of his immense value to the side. Pilling was still too unwell to play, and a new wicket-keeper was tried in Mayall, a young professional. Owing to the injury he had received to his hand at Bradford, Mr Bush stood out from Gloucestershire and his place was taken by Mr G Francis.

The wicket was in splendid condition, and Lancashire, being fortunate enough to win the toss, made most admirable use of their opportunity, remaining in all day. Barlow showed the greatest care and patience, and in all was batting for five hours and 25 minutes. He gave a chance of stumping when he had scored 56, but this was his only mistake. His chief supporter was Mr A G Steel, who hit in his most brilliant form and made 74 in an hour and a half out of 107. Among his hits were ten fours, three threes and seven twos. The only mistake which could be urged against his splendid innings was a hard one-handed chance at slip when he had made 41. The Gloucestershire men bowled and fielded well, but it will be seen from the number of extras that Mr Bush's presence was missed.

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

On Thursday at the Old Trafford Ground, Manchester, the home players were batting for the whole of the afternoon, their score at the call of time being 315 for eight wickets. Yesterday, on the match being resumed, the innings was quickly finished for 324. Barlow's 108 - the result of five hours and three-quarters' admirable batting - included seven fours, seven threes and ten twos.

Gloucestershire began fairly well, but after Dr Grace's dismissal at 86, there was a rapid downfall, the last six wickets being captured for an addition of only 42 runs. The total was 128, and being 196 runs behind Gloucestershire had, of course, to follow on. Two wickets fell to Mr Steel's bowling in the first over before a run had been made, and at the call of time four wickets were down for 44. So good were the bowling and fielding of Lancashire that these 44 runs took an hour and a half to make. Dr Grace again played fine cricket. Gloucestershire, with six wickets to fall, now want 152 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

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

In less than an hour and a-quarter, the Lancashire and Gloucestershire match was finished off on Saturday at Manchester, Lancashire gaining a most decisive victory by an innings and 92 runs. With six wickets to fall, the visitors wanted 152 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

Dr Grace, who was not out overnight with 21, increased his score to 39 and then had the misfortune to play on. After his departure the wickets fell rapidly, and although some good hits were made by Woof and Gregg, the innings closed for 104. Mr A G Steel in the double innings took nine wickets . . .

Monday 3 August, page 8: A special general meeting of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club was held at the George Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday morning, the president, Lord Belper, occupying the chair, the attendance being large and influential.

It was agreed that a loan of £3,000 should be raised to defray the expense of the erection of a new pavilion on the Trent-Bridge Ground, the public subscriptions with the same object having failed to elicit a satisfactory response. The chairman called attention to the question of playing Lancashire next season, and, after reviewing the objections raised to Crossland playing for that county, stated that that player having now been prevented from playing for other reasons than those connected with his style of bowling, there could be no possible reason now why Lancashire should not be played if they wished to play. They had not, however, been able to arrange a match for this season.

Captain Denison suggested that Notts, before taking any further steps, ought to consult Kent in the matter, and moved accordingly - "That the committee be empowered to confirm with the committee of the Kent Cricket Club with regard to playing matches with Lancashire, and to act as they thought best in the interests of county cricket and cricket in general." Mr G Beaumont seconded the resolution.

Mr A Barlow proposed as an amendment that the committee should be instructed to arrange home and home matches with Lancashire next season if Lancashire were disposed to do so. Mr C Thornton seconded the amendment. On the amendment being put only seven voted for it, and the original motion was carried by a large majority, so that Nottinghamshire will now consult with Kent before making overtures to Lancashire with a view to playing matches next season.

3 August: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3001.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 8)

There was quite an average attendance of spectators on the St Lawrence Ground at Canterbury yesterday, when the annual cricket week was begun with the return match between Kent and Yorkshire. The Yorkshire County Eleven have never before appeared at Canterbury. The eleven was the same team that has so lately been distinguishing itself, and Lord Harris reappeared for Kent.

The home team won the toss and, keeping at the wickets all day, scored 269 for seven wickets against strong bowling. Hunter, the wicket-keeper, was not in nearly such good form as usual, making several mistakes. The bowling was kept a good length, though the wicket was too good to enable the men to get very much on the ball. Frank Hearne and Mr Mackinnon were the first pair of batsmen, and they opened the Kent innings shortly after noon to the bowling of Bates and Harrison.

The professional scored fast, and made 18 out of 24 when he was caught by the wicket-keeper. George Hearne came in, and the amateur ought immediately afterwards to have been stumped. After this the batting was very good indeed, though runs were put on at a slow pace against the excellent bowling of the visitors. Peate took Harrison's place at 43, and 22 runs later Emmett went on for Bates. The batsmen still held their own and played excellent cricket. Peel was tried at 86, and Emmett gave way to Preston at 97. Just before the adjournment the 100 went up, the total when the bell rang being 107 for one wicket, Mr Mackinnon, not out, 44, and George Hearne, not out, 40.

Play was continued at ten minutes to 3, when Bates and Peel shared the bowling. The amateur should have been run out in the second over after the resumption, and when he had made 47 Hearne should have been stumped from Bates's bowling. These mistakes were very costly and somewhat disheartened the field. Harrison went on again at 130 and the separation was effected by a clever catch at slip by Peate. Two for 131, or 107 for the partnership. Mr Patterson came in and there was some very slow scoring for some time. At last, at 164, Peate dismissed Hearne with a very good ball, the clever Kentish left-hander having played superb cricket for 71, in which were eight fours, five threes and four twos. Mr Jones failed, being fourth out at 166.

Lord Harris with Mr Patterson made a most useful stand. The Kent captain hit freely and the 200 went up just after 5 o'clock. Runs came rapidly, and the bowling was again changed at both ends without effect. At last, at 243, a very fine catch with one hand, by Lee at mid-on, dismissed the Kent captain, who had been in while 65 runs were scored. Mr Christopherson did nothing, but Alec Hearne stayed in till "time," when the score, as will be seen below, was 269 for seven wickets. The old Oxford Blue, who carried out his bat for 63, was seen at his best, and altogether Kent have reason to congratulate themselves upon the result of the day's play.

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

Heavy rain severely interfered with the enjoyment of the spectators yesterday at Canterbury and also severely handicapped the Yorkshire eleven. It will be remembered that on Monday Kent were batting all day, and lost seven wickets for 269 runs, Mr Patterson being not out 63 and A Hearne not out three. There was some rain on Monday night but this did not, of course, interfere with the social amusements of the evening.

Matters opened very dismally yesterday morning, as rain fell continuously from 10 o'clock until half-past 1. A rapid improvement, however, set in at the latter time and it was wisely decided to take the luncheon interval then and make a start as soon as the wicket permitted. The game was really begin at half 2, when the not-outs resumed their places to the bowling of Peate and Harrison. The professional was immediately missed by Peate at slip and then Emmett lost a chance of running out Mr Patterson. Not much harm was done, however, for the old Oxford Blue was caught at deep slip for 67 - a fine display of defensive cricket, containing several fine hits, four fours, seven threes and six twos being the chief figures. Mr Patterson was batting while the score was taken from 131 to 274. Wootton, who came in, scored fast on the easy wicket and the bowling had to be changed at both ends. At ten minutes past 3 the 300 went up, Preston being tried with the ball directly afterwards. The innings now rapidly came to a close, the total reaching 312, a very creditable result for the home county.

At ten minutes to 4 Hall and Ulyett went in for Yorkshire, but then the sun had begun to "bake" the wicket, and great assistance was afforded the bowlers. Hall was completely beaten by Wootton and Bates was easily caught at mid-on, the first two wickets falling for two runs. Grimshaw came in, but was out at 11 from a false hit. Then Lee and Ulyett hit freely and carried the score to 38 when Lee was neatly taken at slip. Preston was bowled at 41, and at 48 Peel was got rid of. Thus six batsmen were out for what looked like a fatally small score. Ulyett all this time had played rapid cricket, and when Emmett came in a great improvement was soon apparent.

The bowling was changed, A Hearne relieving Mr Christopherson. When he had made 53 Ulyett was missed being stumped off Hearne, and this was a serious blunder considering the rate at which the Yorkshire cricketer was scoring. The total was taken from 48 to 95 before Emmett was dismissed, and this valuable stand reflects much credit upon the batsmen. Hunter came in and remained with Ulyett until stumps were drawn for the day. It will be seen that Yorkshire are still 196 runs to the bad, but in estimating this performance it must not be forgotten that Kent had very much the best of the ground on both days.

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

The first match of the Canterbury week ended last evening in a draw, greatly in favour of Kent, who, of course, were immensely favoured by the condition of the ground, having to bat when the wicket was dry and faultless, and being able to put their opponents in after rain on the two following days.

Owing to the wet state of the ground yesterday, a beginning was not made until a quarter to 3, when Ulyett (not out 70) and Hunter (not out 12) went in with the first innings of Yorkshire. Alec Hearne and Wootton were the bowlers, and when nine runs had been added Hunter was bowled for 18. At 132 Ulyett's long and splendid innings came to a close, when he was bowled for 77, in which were seven fours, a three and seven twos. The innings closed for 138.

Yorkshire had 174 to make to avert a single innings defeat, and there were two hours and three-quarters left of time. Hall and Ulyett went in first at half-past 3, Mr Christopherson and Wootton bowling. Only a single run had been scored when Ulyett was bowled by the amateur. Grimshaw followed, but with the score at 11 only he was brilliantly caught at extra-mid-off. Emmett joined Hall, and when an hour had elapsed the total was 32. Hall played with extreme patience. Of course, the interest of yesterday's cricket was confined to the solution of the question whether

Yorkshire could avert the single innings defeat, and the wonderful defence of Hall had a great deal to do with that beating being avoided. The Yorkshire captain was two hours and three-quarters making 12 runs, and he was timed once to be 70 minutes without scoring at all.

3 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3002.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 8)

For some time past the return match between these counties has been looked forward to with keen interest, and yesterday between 17,000 and 18,000 people visited Kennington Oval to witness the opening day's play. The weather was dull when Nottinghamshire, who had won the toss, sent in Shrewsbury and Scotton at five minutes past 12. Mr Roller and Jones (pavilion end) were intrusted with the bowling.

Shrewsbury drove the second ball to the off for three, while Scotton quickly obtained four by a cut. In the opening over from the professional, Shrewsbury scored 10 (by leg and square hits for four each and a drive for two). Thirteen overs were sent down for half-a-dozen runs, after which Shrewsbury cut Jones for four, and his companion gained the same number by a similar stroke. Beaumont received the ball from Jones at 36. Shrewsbury hit him to square leg for four, and Scotton, by cuts for three and four, caused 50 to be signalled at 20 minutes to 1. Lohmann now relieved Mr Roller. Both batsmen played with great caution, and the next ten runs occupied half an hour. The score was slowly advanced to 70, at which total Mr Roller resumed in place of Lohmann. Shrewsbury cut the professional for four and drove the other bowler twice to the off for four each. At 83 a two-fold change in the attack was tried, Jones and Abel displacing Mr Roller and Beaumont. The alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Scotton, whom Abel with his fourth ball clean bowled. Barnes joined Shrewsbury. The former secured five (two by an overthrow) and four by off-drives, while a leg-hit by Shrewsbury realized four. An adjournment was then made for luncheon.

After an interval of 55 minutes the game was resumed, the bowlers being Jones (gasometer end) and Abel. A leg hit to the boundary by Shrewsbury at once caused the 100 to be telegraphed. Runs were very difficult to obtain. At 115 Shrewsbury was completely beaten by a ball from Jones. He played in his well-known elegant style for 51, which consisted of nine fours, two threes, two twos and singles. Gunn was next on the order. Barnes gained three and four by cuts, and his partner sent a ball from Jones to the leg boundary. Beaumont displaced Abel at 131, and 15 runs later Mr W W Read superseded Jones. Only two were added when Gunn was caught at the wicket. Three for 148.

Flowers aided Barnes, who cut the professional for four. At 155 Beaumont handed the ball to Lohmann. Flowers drove Mr Read to the on for four and hit him to leg with a like result. This punishment brought on Jones for the amateur at 179. With his fourth ball the new bowler dismissed Flowers, and Mr Wright came in. The Light Blue made a fine off-drive for four, but at 187 he lost the company of Barnes, who was well caught at slip. The retiring batsman had hit freely for 49, and among his contributions were one five, four fours, a three and six twos. Selby's stay was brief and unproductive, and Bean came to the assistance of Mr Wright. Lohmann gave way to Beaumont at 196; but an off-drive for two by Mr Wright brought the score up to 200 at a quarter past 5. That batsman then cut Beaumont for four. The last-named bowler having crossed over to the gasometer end, Abel took his place at the pavilion wicket, and just after this change Mr Wright had his off stump upset by Beaumont. Seven for 209. Walter Wright did not long have the company of Bean, whose middle stump was bowled down at 200.

Attewell came in. Wright was missed by Mr Read at point when he had made five. Jones superseded Beaumont at 234, and three runs later Lohmann went on for Abel. Both batsmen,

however, played steadily, and at 10 minutes past 6 250 runs were announced. Mr Roller now bowled in place of Lohmann. The wicket, however, was obtained from the other end, Wright having the misfortune to play on at 251. Sherwin, the last man, appeared; when he had made four he should have been caught at slip by Abel, but was missed. The batsmen were still together at the drawing of stumps. Early in the day Mr K J Key hurt his foot in fielding the ball, and at half-past 4 he had a substitute to field for him.

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

The interest in this match had by no means diminished yesterday, and upwards of 12,000 spectators were present to witness the continuation of the game. It will be remembered that Nottinghamshire were at the wickets the whole of Monday, scoring 263 for the loss on nine batsmen. Yesterday, at five minutes past 12, Sherwin and Attewell resumed the visitors' innings to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann. With his third ball the latter got Attewell caught at the wicket without a run being added to the previous day's score.

At half-past 12 Mr Bainbridge and Mr Shuter started the Surrey batting. Flowers (pavilion end) and Walter Wright conducted the attack. The Surrey captain gained four by a cut, after which runs were obtained rather slowly. In 21 overs the score was increased by 23 runs, when Mr Bainbridge was well caught at the wicket and Mr Roller joined his captain, but only four were added when Mr Shuter fell to a catch by the wicket-keeper. Mr W W Read came in and at half-past 1 34 runs were recorded. Mr Read drove Wright to the off for four, and later he sent him to the on for three. A two-fold change in the bowling was tried at 48, Barnes and Attewell relieving Flowers and Wright. Mr Read, by a lucky snick for four, caused "50" to be telegraphed, but at 67 he lost the company of Mr Roller, who was well caught at the wicket. Mr Read was joined by Maurice Read. When half-a-dozen runs had been added, the professional gave a hard return chance to Barnes. He profited little by his escape, however, as from the following ball he was out to a brilliant left-handed catch by Shrewsbury at point. Four for 73.

Mr Diver followed in. The principal contributions in 20 overs were three cuts (two by Mr Read) for four each. Flowers received the ball from Attewell at 98. Four runs later Mr Diver was bowled, and Abel filled the vacancy. Mr Read drove Barnes twice to the off for four each, and obtained four by a square leg hit, while Abel cut Flowers with a like result. Wright displaced Barnes at 122, and in his third over another very good catch by Shrewsbury at point dismissed Abel. Six for 127. Lohmann came to the assistance of Mr Read. The latter scored very quickly, and at 154 further changes in the attack were made, Flowers giving way to Barnes and Wright to Bean. Both batsmen hit freely. Gunn superseded Barnes at 174, and a single later Attewell relieved Bean. The rate of run-getting at once slackened. Mr Read, by an on-drive for four, averted the follow on at 10 minutes to 5, and a few minutes later, by an off-drive for four, he completed his hundred, amid loud applause. At length, at 223, Lohmann was completely beaten by a ball from Attewell. He had played a most useful innings of 30.

Jones came in, and 250 went up at five minutes to 6. Three runs later Mr Read was at length got rid of, being well caught by Gunn at mid-off. He had been at the wickets three hours and 50 minutes, and his brilliant innings of 135 comprised 21 fours, three threes, ten twos and singles. Eight for 253. Beaumont came in, but at 257 his partner's leg stump was bowled down. Mr K J Key, who had the misfortune to injure his foot early on Monday, was unable to bat, and the innings consequently closed at 6.10.

With an advantage of six runs, Nottinghamshire started their second innings with Walter Wright and Bean. Lohmann and Beaumont were the bowlers. Scarcely four minutes remained for play, but during that time two overs were sent down for eight runs.

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

After three days' excellent cricket the return match between these counties ended yesterday, at Kennington Oval, in a draw. When play ceased on Tuesday evening Nottinghamshire had gone in a second time with an advantage of six runs, and obtained eight without mishap.

Yesterday morning rain prevented a start being made until a quarter to 1, while only a maiden over had been sent down by Lohmann when a shower caused the players to seek shelter. Twenty minutes later Bean and Walter Wright continued the batting. Beaumont and Lohmann were the bowlers. Four runs were obtained in five overs, and then Wright should have been caught at the wicket by Mr Diver. Afterwards both batsmen played carefully, the principal contributions in ten overs being cuts for four and three by Bean. Abel relieved Lohmann at 26. Half a dozen maiden overs ensued, after which Wright hit Abel to leg for two. Mr W W Read displaced Beaumont at 28, but the batsmen were still together at the luncheon interval, when 34 runs were recorded.

The game was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, the bowlers as before being Abel and Mr Read. Bean sent the amateur to leg for four, and later he gained three by a similar stroke. Jones superseded Mr Read at 46, and in his second over Bean, having been called for a short run, was run out by Mr Bowden (Mr Key's substitute) running in from cover-point. Scotton came in. Some very careful play was witnessed, no fewer than 14 maiden overs being sent down. Six runs were added, when Wright played on, the second wicket falling at 57. Shrewsbury joined Scotton, whose leg stump was bowled down without alteration in the figures. Barnes's stay was brief and unproductive, as after his companion had scored a single he was beaten by a ball from Abel. Four for 58. Gunn came to the assistance of Shrewsbury. The score was slowly advantage to 75, at which total Beaumont displaced Jones. Gunn cut the new bowler for four and placed him to square-leg for the same number. Shrewsbury, however, having made a cut to the boundary, was finely caught.

With five of their most formidable opponents disposed of for 89, Surrey appeared to have a chance of winning. On Flowers aiding Gunn, the light, which had been very bad, got considerably worse. Flowers hit the first ball sent him to leg for four, while at 25 minutes to 5 a cut to the boundary by Gunn brought the 100 on the telegraph board. At 104 Flowers fell to a smart catch at slip, while only a single had been added when Mr Wright returned the ball. Gunn next had the assistance of Selby, who, after being in a short time, secured four by a lucky stroke in the slips, the ball going dangerously close to Abel. He next drove that bowler to the off for four and two. Lohmann relieved Beaumont at 120. Runs, however, were scored freely, Selby, among other items, obtaining a snick and a square-leg hit for four each, so that at 136 a two-fold change in the attack was resorted to, Jones and Mr Roller going on. A dozen overs produced as many runs, after which Selby was bowled. He played a most useful innings of 33 and had assisted in putting on 44 since the seventh wicket fell. Attewell came in. The 150 was announced at 20 minutes to 6. seven runs later Gunn called his partner a run, which cost his partner his wicket. Nine for 157.

Sherwin, the last man, appeared. The new batsman made several very good strokes which rapidly increased the score to 182, when Abel went on in lieu of Jones. Gunn hit the professional to leg for four, and Sherwin drove him to the on and off boundaries. Further changes in the bowling were tried, but at 20 minutes past 6 the 200 went up. Soon afterwards Gunn, by an on-drive for four,

completed his 50. When he had made six more, however, he skied the ball to mid-off, and was almost caught by Jones, who made a determined effort to hold the catch. At length, within a minute of time, Sherwin was neatly caught by Jones running to mid-on. The partnership had realized 58 runs. Gunn's not-out innings of 59 included seven fours, one three and six twos. From the following score it will be seen that the game was drawn.

3 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2999.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 8)

A capital batting performance was accomplished yesterday at Moreton-in-the-Marsh by the Gloucestershire eleven who, playing against a rather weak team of Somersetshire, remained in for the whole of the day and scored 367 for the loss of seven wickets. Dr Grace made only 16 of this number, but nearly all the other members of the team proved successful. Painter hit in good form for 68, his figures including six fours, five threes, six twos and singles.

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

During the luncheon interval yesterday at Moreton-in-the-Marsh rain fell very heavily and delayed the match between these counties from 2 o'clock until 20 minutes to 4. There was no other interruption, however, and the day was occupied in Gloucestershire completing their innings for 448 and Somersetshire losing nine wickets for 75.

Mr Page, who was not out for 67 over night, increased his score to 116 before being run out. He played capital cricket throughout. His figures were a four, ten threes, 28 twos and 26 singles. For Somersetshire the only good batting was shown by Messrs E Sainsbury and Parfitt, who scored between them 60 out of the 75 for nine wickets.

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

The Somersetshire batsmen could do little against woof's bowling yesterday at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, and they suffered defeat at the hands of Gloucestershire by an innings and 268 runs.

Some such result might have been expected after Tuesday's play, as Somersetshire were then no fewer than 373 runs behind with one wicket to go down in their first innings. Rain fell during the night and yesterday morning, and the wicket gave the bowlers very material assistance. In the second innings of the visiting team the start was most disastrous, as five wickets went down for 16 runs. Afterwards, however, a slight improvement was made by Messrs Marsh, Winter and Welman, but in the end the total only reached 80. Mr H V Page in the first innings of Somersetshire had a remarkable analysis. The Oxford captain secured five wickets . . for 14 runs . . . In the second innings Woof took seven wickets . . .

3 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3000.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 8)

In fine weather and in the presence of a large number of spectators, the return match between these counties was begun yesterday on the new Hampshire ground at Southampton. The home team won the toss, and though some good cricket was shown by Messrs Powell and Watson, the total in the end realized only 153. Walter Humphreys bowled with conspicuous success, and dismissed the last three batsmen by three successive balls.

When Sussex went in a brilliant stand was made by Messrs Wyatt and A Blackman, the Sussex captain playing a very patient game, while Mr Blackman hit brilliantly. Included in Mr Blackman's 73 were one five, eight fours, five threes and four twos. As will be seen from the following score, Sussex are now only 18 runs behind with six wickets to fall.

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

A day's interesting cricket was witnessed yesterday on the new Hampshire county ground at Southampton, and the home team, after having the worst of the opening day's play, left off last night with a decided advantage, being 231 runs to the good, with two wickets to fall. The chief causes of this alteration in the game were the admirable bowling of Mr C E Currie at the close of the Sussex innings and the fine batting of Messrs A Andrews and E O Powell, who put on 97 runs during their partnership and fairly mastered the Sussex bowling.

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

Yesterday at Southampton the Hampshire eleven rather easily defeated Sussex. At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday evening the score stood as follows: - Hants, 153 and 244 for eight wickets; Sussex, 166, so that the home side with two wickets to fall were 231 runs on. They finished off their innings for 258, which left Sussex 246 to get to win. Humphreys and Phillips batted well, but they were very poorly supported by the rest of the side, and the innings only amounted to 144. The subjoined score will show that Hampshire were victorious by 101 runs.

3 August: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/2/2998.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 4 August, page 8)

Yesterday's cricket at derby went in favour of the bowlers, and during the day 17 wickets fell at a cost of 257 runs. Derbyshire had their full strength, but Lancashire were unable to put a very strong team into the field, Messrs A G Steel, A N Hornby, G M Kemp, V F Royle and Hildyard being all away.

Despite these disadvantages, Lancashire had the better of the day's cricket. Although Derbyshire won the toss, their total amounted to only 108, and it speaks very highly for the Lancashire bowling that this number took three hours to obtain. Watson proved remarkably effective. Up to lunch time he took four wickets in 29 overs (20 maidens) for only 13 runs.

On the visiting county going in, Mr Lancashire and Barlow put on 62 runs for the first wicket, both playing in fine style. Afterwards Hall, a right-handed slow bowler, met with considerable success, and took five of the seven wickets that fell.

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

Owing chiefly to the extraordinary bowling of Briggs, who took all the nine wickets that fell in the Derbyshire second innings at a cost of only 29 runs, the match between these counties at Derby is all but over, and a victory for Lancashire virtually certain.

There was heavy rain yesterday and play was not resumed until half-past 3, so that there was less than three hours' cricket. In this time the Lancashire innings was finished off for 72 runs to the good, and nine Derbyshire wickets were got rid of. In the first innings of Lancashire Hall claimed six wickets . . .

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

As was generally expected from the play in the opening stages of the above match, Lancashire very easily beat the home county at Derby yesterday. Derbyshire, who were in a minority of 72 runs at the end of an innings each on Tuesday, had lost nine wickets over night for 87, so that they were only 15 runs on at the resumption yesterday. Watson started the bowling for Lancashire, and as he dismissed Mr Eadie with his first ball, Lancashire had only 16 to get to win. These the visitors obtained in 20 minutes, and thus won by 10 wickets.

6 August: KENT v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3004.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 August, page 5)

The second match of the annual cricket week began yesterday in fine but dull weather. As on Monday, so yesterday, the home side were batting all day and lost seven wickets, but on the present occasion they scored 215 runs.

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

The second match of the Canterbury week was continued yesterday in altogether unseasonable weather, and the spectators had to be more than usually enthusiastic to contend against the unfavourable surroundings. Owing in a very large measure to Wootton's bowling, Kent have now a very great advantage.

The first innings of the home team was continued at a quarter to 12 by the not outs, A Hearne 14 and Wootton 13, Emmett and Burton being the bowlers. The total was taken to 231, when Wootton was caught in the slips. The pair had put on 43 runs for the eighth wicket. H Hearne then came in, but at 255 he was bowled. A Hearne was then caught in the slips, the innings closing at 10 minutes past 1 for 257.

The Club made a very bad start, and at luncheon time two wickets were down for 14 runs. More rain fell during the adjournment, but the game was resumed before 3 o'clock. The only batting worth mention was then shown by Messrs Wright and Spiro, but of course at this time the wicket was at its easiest and the ball wet. Three wickets fell at 60, another at 74 and another at 81. Emmett and Mr Kemp then made a few runs. At half-past 4 Marylebone were all out for 99.

They had of course to follow on, and then some very fair batting indeed was shown by Mr A J Webbe. Ulyett was unfortunate as in the first innings, and at the close of time the visitors with six wickets to fall wanted 82 runs to save a single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 August, page 5)

The Canterbury Cricket Week was brought to a successful close early on Saturday, when Kent easily vanquished an eleven of the Marylebone Club. At the drawing of stumps on Friday evening the visitors, who had followed on, wanted 82 runs to save a single innings defeat with only six wickets to fall. Forty minutes sufficed to terminate the match, and Kent were victorious by an innings and 48 runs. Wootton took five wickets . . .

6 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3003.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 August, page 5)

With Mr Bush one more able to resume his place in the Gloucestershire team, the home county were enabled to put their full strength into the field at Clifton yesterday in the return match against Nottinghamshire.

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

Rain considerably interfered with the progress of this match at Clifton yesterday, when the home county, following up their disastrous start on the opening day, had all the worst of the cricket again, and left off with two wickets down in their second innings for 50 runs, still wanting 41 runs to avert a single-innings defeat. The state of the game on Thursday night was - Nottinghamshire 167, Gloucestershire one run for three wickets.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 August, page 5)

When stumps were drawn in this match at Clifton on Friday, the home eleven had followed on and lost two wickets for 50 runs, thus being still 41 behind. On Saturday Messrs Brain and Gilbert, the not-outs with 31 and seven respectively, were confronted by Flowers and Attewell.

The former got Mr Brain out leg-before when only half a dozen runs had been added. Three for 56. Mr Townsend joined Mr Gilbert, and as the batsmen played steadily the bowling was soon changed. Barnes superseded Flowers, and later on Walter Wright displaced Attewell. The former change soon brought about the dismissal of Mr Townsend, who was given out leg-before at 72. Mr Pullen's stay was brief, as at 76 Barnes clean bowled him; while the score had been increased by only three when Mr Gilbert returned the ball to the same bowler. The retiring batsman had played very cautiously for 21, which had occupied two hours and 40 minutes. The remaining batsmen added a dozen runs, and the innings defeat was just averted. Barnes obtained four wickets . . .

Requiring only a single to win the match, Nottinghamshire sent in Bean and Gunn. Woof started the bowling. Bean drove the third ball sent him for three, and thus won the match for the visitors by ten wickets.

6 August: SURREY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3005.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 7 August, page 5)

Yesterday, at Kennington-oval, the return match between Surrey and Derbyshire was begun in fine weather and before a fairly large company of onlookers . . .

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

Yesterday at Kennington-oval Surrey added another heavy score to the large number already made by them this season. When stumps were drawn on Thursday evening the home eleven, who went in first, had scored 376 for the loss of eight wickets.

Ten minutes after noon Jones and Abel, the not-outs with 8 and 75 respectively, were confronted by Shacklock and Hall. Disney, who injured his hand early in the match, was unable to keep wicket for Derbyshire. Runs were scored rapidly, so that at 395 Hall gave way to Mr Walker. In the latter's first over Jones fell to a catch at the wicket. Beaumont came in, and 400 was signalled at 12.25. Cropper then went on in lieu of Shacklock, and when nine runs had been added he clean bowled Abel. The last-named professional had played by far the best cricket on the side. Among his contributions were 11 fours, three threes and 13 twos. Mr Walker claimed four wickets . . .

Derbyshire began their innings at five minutes to 1 with Wood-Sims and Shacklock. Mr Roller and Beaumont were the bowlers. Before a run had been scored Shacklock was taken at cover-slip, while only four runs were recorded when an easy catch at slip disposed of Wood-Sims. A further misfortune befell the visitors at 19, when Mr Docker was finely caught low down at point by Mr Read with his left hand. Mr Eadie and Sugg now became partners, and although the bowling was altered, Lohmann and Abel going on, they were still together at five minutes to 2, the score being 50. Rain then stopped play, and the luncheon interval was taken.

The weather cleared just before 3 o'clock and the game was resumed. Mr Eadie fell to a catch at the wicket at 67, while eight runs later Sugg was bowled. During the partnership of Mr Maynard and Chatterton 36 runs were added. Chatterton was then bowled and six wickets were down. The remaining batsmen added 55 runs, the innings closing at 20 minutes to 6. Lohmann took four wickets . . .

Being 243 runs behind, Derbyshire followed on at 6 o'clock. Wood-Sims and Cropper were their first representatives, the bowlers being Lohmann and Abel. The latter gave way to Beaumont at 16. The batsmen, however, showed good defence, but at 23 a brilliant piece of fielding by M Read at cover-point caused Cropper to be run out.

Day 3 (report from Monday 10 August, page 5)

With fine weather no other result than an easy victory for Surrey could have been expected in this match at Kennington Oval, as when play ceased on Friday evening Derbyshire, with nine wickets to fall, required 220 to avert a single-innings defeat. Surrey won by an innings and 50 runs, as will be seen from the score that follows . . .

10 August: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3006.html)

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

John Platts, for whose benefit the return match between Yorkshire and Derbyshire is being played at Derby, first appeared for his county in 1870, and during the 14 years that he has played he has proved a most valuable man both as batsman and bowler. The day was occupied in Yorkshire completing an innings for 96 and Derbyshire losing four wickets for 68.

Derbyshire had considerably the best of play, being at the call of time only 28 runs behind with six wickets to fall. This advantage was chiefly due to the remarkably successful bowling of Shacklock, who took eight wickets, six of them clean bowled, at a cost of only 45 runs.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 August, page 10)

On the county ground at Derby yesterday, in Platt's benefit match, the home team showed to great advantage, and at the present have all the best of the game, as Yorkshire, with three good wickets down in their second innings, are still 25 runs behind. On Monday, Yorkshire had completed an innings for 96, and Derbyshire had lost four wickets for 68.

Going on yesterday with their innings, the Derbyshire batsmen fared so well that the total reached 223 before the innings closed. Yorkshire had about two hours' batting, and in that time lost three wickets - those of Ulyett, Hall and Bates - for 102 runs. Ulyett and Hall put on 60 for the first wicket, the former batting in his best form for 48. Later in the innings, Grimshaw batted with great judgment, and he and Lee were together at the call of time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 August, page 7)

The match at Derby between these counties for Platt's benefit ended yesterday in a draw very much in favour of the home side, who had the close had five wickets to fall and wanted only 16 runs to win. Overnight the Yorkshiremen had lost three wickets in their second innings and were still 25 runs behind.

Grimshaw and Lee, the not outs, went on with Yorkshire's innings yesterday at five minutes past 12, and played so well that when rain came on and stopped the game at a quarter to 1, the previous total of 102 had been increased to 151. The rain, with brief intermissions, lasted a considerable time, and the match was not resumed until half-past 3. The wicket was then rather difficult, and in an hour the Yorkshire innings was completed for 196, seven wickets falling for 45 runs. Grimshaw's 57 included four fours, four threes and eight twos.

Derbyshire had only 70 runs to get to win and 75 minutes remained for play. The cricket was watched with keen interest, but the home side could not accomplish their task. Two wickets were lost in Peate's first over, and all the efforts to hit off the runs in the time proved unsuccessful. Peate saved his side, and has certainly not bowled better for a considerable time. He took four wickets in 20 overs, and only 14 runs were hit from him. The fielding of Yorkshire was admirable.

10 August: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3008.html)

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

The Kent batsmen were seen to great advantage yesterday in the return match between Kent and Sussex at Brighton. They went in first, were at the wickets for the whole of the afternoon, and at the call of time had scored 333 with only four men out.

The first wicket fell at 57 and the second at 72. George Hearne and Mr Patterson put on 127 runs for the third wicket, and Mr Patterson and Mr R T Thornton added 109 runs for the fourth. All three batsmen played fine cricket in their different styles.

O'Shaughnessy, the late Kent professional, was buried yesterday at Canterbury, and during the time his funeral was in progress there was no play at Brighton.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 August, page 10)

The wicket at the Hove Ground, Brighton, yesterday broke up somewhat, and the batsmen did not find run-getting so easy a task as it had been on the previous day. Whereas only four wickets fell on Monday for 333 runs, 18 were down yesterday for 275. As the game stands at present Kent seem secure of victory, as Sussex, with eight wickets to fall, still want 190 to avert a single-innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 August, page 7)

Two hours and a quarter at Brighton, yesterday, proved sufficient to bring this match to a conclusion. Sussex, who had eight wickets to fall in their second innings, wanted 190 to avert a single innings defeat when play was resumed. They lost their remaining wickets for an addition of 124, thus suffering a defeat by an innings and 66 runs.

10 August: SURREY v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3007.html)

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

Some very heavy scoring was made in the match between these two counties, which was begun at the Oval yesterday. Surrey went in first and, as will be seen from the accompanying score, stayed in the whole day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 12 August, page 10)

Surrey, who were batting throughout Monday for 564, yesterday completed their innings for the extraordinary score of 635. Maurice Read, who went in fourth wicket down on the previous day, carried his bat out for a very fine innings of 186, which comprised 22 fours, eight threes, 21 twos and singles.

Somersetshire could make no more than 83 in their first innings. Beaumont claimed five wickets . . . Somersetshire, who were 552 runs behind, followed on. They did very much better than in the first innings, and when stumps were drawn had scored 184 for the loss of three wickets. Messrs Radcliffe and Hewett seemed well set with 90 and 62 respectively, which scores they had gained in spite of frequent changes in the bowling . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 13 August, page 7)

After the immense advantage which Surrey had gained at the end of the second day's play in this match at Kennington-oval, no other result than a victory for them would have been anticipated. From the following score it will be seen that Surrey won by an innings and 301 runs.

13 August: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3011.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 August, page 8)

The return match between these counties was begun yesterday at Kennington Oval in fine weather and before a large company of spectators. Surrey were fully represented, while Lord Harris for the third time this season took his place in the Kent eleven. Surrey started batting with Messrs Shuter and Bowden, who were opposed by Wootton (gasometer end) and Mr Christopherson.

In his third over the professional clean bowled Mr Bowden, and Abel came in. After being almost caught at the wicket, the Surrey captain obtained runs quickly until 38, when in attempting to hit to leg he was bowled. Mr W W Read, who followed in, sent the ball dangerously close to Lord Harris at slip before he had scored. Abel was bowled at 47, and Maurice Read appeared. As runs were scored at a rapid rate from the amateur, a change in the bowling was tried at 60, F Hearne relieving Mr Christopherson. Three runs later Maurice Read fell to a catch at slip, and only a single was added when Mr Roller played on. The score had only been increased by 13 when Mr Read was caught at deep square leg.

Wood and Mr Diver were now together. Mr Christopherson resumed bowling at 92. The amateur hit in fine style, so that at 105 Wootton gave way to A Hearne, and at 119 he went on in lieu of Mr Christopherson. His second ball proved fatal to Mr Diver, who was dismissed by a brilliant return catch. Seven for 119. Just before luncheon Wood was bowled. After the interval Lohmann and Beaumont were got rid of for an addition of 26, the innings closing at 10 minutes past 3.

F Hearne and Mr Patterson began the Kent innings at half-past 3 to the bowling of Beaumont and Lohmann. Only eight runs were recorded when the professional was bowled, while at 27 G G Hearne was out in a similar manner. A catch at cover slip sent back Mr Patterson for 32, and a single later a ball from Lohmann took Mr Jones's leg stump. Four down. Lord Harris joined Mr R T Thornton. At 52 Lord Harris, in attempting to drive, was bowled. Wootton followed in, and by steady play the score was raised to 70. Jones superseded Lohmann at 74, and at 88 he gave way to Mr Roller. With his second ball the latter dismissed Mr Thornton, who had shown excellent form, for 30.

Mr Marchant joined Wootton. Jones displaced Beaumont at 89. Mr Marchant and A Hearne were both bowled for an addition of two, and when Mr Christopherson had made eight he was also beaten by a ball from Jones. Pentecost arrived, and a single by Wootton caused 100 to be hoisted. Three runs later the last-named batsman was bowled, the innings closing at a quarter past 6.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 August, page 6)

Fine weather and the interesting condition of the score on Thursday evening caused a large company of spectators to visit Kennington Oval yesterday, when the return match between these counties was continued. It will be remembered that on the previous day each side had completed an innings, with the result that Surrey were 44 runs ahead.

Yesterday morning Abel and Mr Shuter began the home side's second innings, to the bowling of Wootton (pavilion end) and Mr Christopherson. Both players hit freely, an over of Wootton's

producing 11 runs. A two-fold change in the attack was decided on, A Hearne and G G Hearne superseded Wootton and Mr Christopherson. Fifty runs were announced after as many minutes' play. Six runs later the Surrey captain was given out leg before and Mr Roller went in. Wootton now went on for G G Hearne. The alteration speedily brought about the dismissal of Abel, who was cleverly caught at the wicket. Two for 59.

Mr W W Read was next on the order. Runs were obtained steadily and at 79 Mr Christopherson relieved Wootton. Thirteen runs were added, after which Mr Roller was caught at the wicket, while, without alteration in the figures, Mr W W Read was completely beaten by a ball from A Hearne. Three and four for 92. Mr Diver joined Maurice Read. The former made a bad stroke in the slips when he had scored three.

On the resumption the game after luncheon, the bowlers were A Hearne and Wootton. Despite the smart fielding of the visitors the score rose rapidly. Further bowling changes were resorted to at 132, Mr Christopherson displacing A Hearne, while F Hearne superseded Wootton at 141. The batsmen hit hard and well, so that at 178 G G Hearne and Mr Patterson were put on to bowl. An off drive for three by Mr Diver brought 200 on the telegraph board at 4 o'clock. More variations in the attack were tried, but runs were put on rapidly. Two hundred and fifty were signalled at 20 minutes to 5. Seven runs later Mr Thornton was tried in lieu of Wootton, while at 262 Lord Harris went on at the other end. At length, at 268, Maurice Read fell to a good catch at mid-on. No fewer than 176 runs had been added during the late partnership. Lohmann came in but before a run had been added Mr Diver was caught at third man. Six for 263.

Without addition a fine ball from Lord Harris took Mr Bowden's middle stump. Wood joined Lohmann. At 292, Wootton relieved Mr Thornton, and four runs later Lord Harris gave way to A Hearne. A straight drive for two by Lohmann caused 300 to be telegraphed at 5.30. The score rose very quickly and although the bowling was altered 350 went up at ten minutes to 6. The batsmen stayed together until just before time, when a smart catch at slip got rid of Wood. Since the fall of the seventh wicket 127 runs had been obtained.

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 August, page 5)

After three interesting days' cricket the return match between these counties ended on Saturday in a draw. The weather was fine and a large number of spectators were present at Kennington-oval to witness the finish of the game. On Friday evening Surrey with two wickets to fall were 439 runs ahead.

Shortly after noon the game was continued. Lohmann (not out 61) hit very hard; but both Jones and Beaumont struck their wickets, the innings closing at 12.25 for 441. Lohmann carried out his bat for 92, which comprised 14 fours and three threes.

As Kent required no fewer than 486 to win, their object, of course, was to play for a draw. Lord Harris and Mr Thornton began the innings to the bowling of Beaumont (gasometer end) and Lohmann. Both batsmen played with caution, but after four maidens had been sent down Mr Thornton cut Beaumont twice for four each. Lord Harris having obtained a three from each end had his right hand injured by a ball from Beaumont. The score was slowly increased to 38, at which total Jones displaced Lohmann. Three runs later Mr Roller relieved Beaumont. Despite these changes "50" was signalled at 20 minutes to 2. At 55 Mr Roller gave way to Lohmann, but the batsmen were still together at luncheon time, having advanced the score to 72.

After the usual interval the game was resumed, Jones and Lohmann being the bowlers. Lord Harris played with his left hand, his right, owing to the injury mentioned above, being in a sling. Runs were added steadily so that at 89 Mr W W Read took the ball from Jones, while at 97 Lohmann gave way to Beaumont. A cut for four by Mr Thornton, however, brought the "100" up at a quarter-past 3. Mr W W Read then handed the ball to Abel, but the separation was effected from the other end, as at 108 Lord Harris was bowled. The Kent captain retired amid loud applause. Mr Patterson aided Mr Thornton, but the score rose to 151, when after several changes of bowlers Lohmann was again tried and this time with success, as only two were added when a neat catch at slip got rid of Mr Thornton. He had played a very fine innings of 79, among his contributions being 12 fours.

G G Hearne, who came in, was caught at third man, and the figures were still unaltered when a fine catch in the same field by Maurice Read got rid of Mr Patterson. Three and four for 183. Up to this point 19 consecutive maidens had been sent down. Mr Jones and F Hearne now became partners. Two hundred was announced at a quarter-past 5, and although the bowling was frequent changed 50 more runs were added in three-quarters of an hour. In the remaining half-hour 38 runs were obtained, and then stumps were drawn. Kent are to be congratulated on their fine performance against the formidable Surrey bowling, no less than eight of the Surrey eleven going on to bowl.

13 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3010.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 August, page 8)

At Clifton yesterday in the return match between these counties 267 runs were scored and 15 wickets fell, the visitors at the call of time having distinctly the better of the game. A good deal of rain had fallen overnight, and the ground was so much affected that Dr W G Grace, after winning the toss, deemed it advisable to put Lancashire in to bat.

Up to a certain time it seemed as though he had done well for his side; but, though six of the best Lancashire wickets fell for 65 runs, the total reached 183. The credit of this performance belonged to Barlow and Robinson, who in their very different styles played capital cricket. Robinson made 58 out of 88 while he was in, his freely-hit innings including five fours, two threes and ten twos. Barlow who went in first carried his bat right through the innings, his admirably played 62 comprising five fours, two threes and five twos. Barlow is one of the best bats in England on a treacherous wicket, and yesterday he was seen at his best. His innings lasted three hours and a quarter.

Gloucestershire went in at 25 minutes to 5 and for a time everything went well. Dr Grace, playing with unwonted vigour, scored 49 in 40 minutes, and then he played a ball on to his wicket. After he left, the Gloucestershire wickets went down fast, and at the drawing of stumps five had fallen for 84. Lancashire went into the field without Mr A G Steel and Pilling, and Gloucestershire missed the services of Mr Pullen.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 August, page 6)

Yesterday was a day of small scoring at Clifton, only 219 runs being obtained during the whole day. The bowling was excellent on both sides, the fielding smart and the wicket very difficult. When stumps were drawn Gloucestershire, with only three wickets to fall, wanted 51 runs to win. The cricket was full of interest, the chances of the match fluctuating.

Gloucestershire's first innings, in which five wickets had fallen overnight for 84, was quickly finished off yesterday morning for 117. When Lancashire went in a second time with a majority of 66 runs in their favour, they were got rid of in an hour and three-quarters for the very small total of 85. The largest item in this score was 14 "extras," while only two batsmen reached double figures. Mr Brain dismissed Mr Hornby by a magnificent catch at long on. He fell down, but very cleverly managed to retain his hold of the ball.

Gloucestershire went in at ten minutes to 4 with 151 runs to get to win, and fared very badly. Dr Grace was out to a splendid catch at long on, and when the sixth wicket fell the total had only reached 51. Then Mr Gilbert, who from the first had been playing with extreme care and judgment, found valuable assistance from Mr Peake, and between them the two batsmen carried the total to 93. A good catch by Briggs from his own bowling dismissed Mr Peake, and then Gregg and Mr Gilbert played out time. The latter batsman had been at the wickets for two hours and 40 minutes for his 49 - a very fine display of patient defence on a difficult wicket. In Gloucestershire's first innings Barlow took seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 August, page 5)

On Saturday morning, at Clifton, the return match between these counties was finished off in a quarter of an hour, Lancashire winning by 41 runs. Mr Gilbert took out his bat for 40. It would be difficult to speak too highly of his excellent defence; he was 2 hours 40 minutes at the wicket and never made a mistake.

13 August: DERBYSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3009.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 August, page 8)

At Derby yesterday 251 runs were made for the loss of 17 wickets. The weather was fine but cold, and there was only a small attendance of spectators. The most noteworthy feature of the cricket was the bowling of Mr Armstrong for Hampshire. He was put on with the score at 54 for one wicket, and was so successful that before play ceased for the day he had taken six wickets for 18 runs.

Hampshire, who went in first, started very well and lost only two wickets for 51 runs, but later eight were down for 95, and only the free hitting of Colonel Fellowes towards the finish saved the side from collapse. When Derbyshire went in, Wood-Sims and Cropper made 47 for the first wicket, but afterwards the only batsman who made any stand against Mr Armstrong's bowling was Chatterton, who was not out at the close for 32, the highest individual score of the day. As the game at present stands, Derbyshire with three wickets to fall are 25 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 August, page 6)

In this match yesterday the Hampshire men altogether failed to sustain their cricket. They fielded very badly in the morning, and it was mainly owing to this that the last three Derbyshire wickets added 56 runs to the total.

Hampshire, who were 31 runs behind when they began their second innings, opened badly and quickly lost three of their best batsmen. Mr Powell and Dible added 42 for the fourth wicket, and during their partnership it looked as though the match would still be a good one, but Chatterton was put on to bowl at 63, and he took five of the last seven wickets at a cost of less than three runs each. The innings only amounted to 98, and Derbyshire hit off the required runs for the loss of three wickets, thus gaining an easy victory by seven wickets.

13 August: YORKSHIRE v HON M B HAWKE'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 14 August, page 8)

Yesterday, on a pretty ground situated at Horsforth-hall Park, near Leeds, a charity match was begun between the Yorkshire County Eleven and a team under the captaincy of the Hon Martin Hawke. It was intended that the eleven brought against Yorkshire should consist of Oxford and Cambridge men of the present year, but this having been found impracticable owing to disappointments, four professionals were enlisted on the side. There was a good company present and the weather, though windy, was very fine.

The feature of the day's play was the batting of Ulyett and Hall, who went in first for Yorkshire and put on 125 runs before they were parted. Ulyett was then bowled for 73, a remarkably free display of batting, including three fours, 12 threes and seven twos. There was nothing else worthy of note in the innings, which closed for 215. The opposing side had a few minutes' batting and lost a wicket before time was called.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 15 August, page 6)

In splendid weather and in the presence of a large company of spectators, the match between the Yorkshire eleven and the Hon M B Hawke's team was continued at Horsforth-hall-park, near Leeds, yesterday. Mr Hawke's side, who had lost one wicket overnight for two runs, went on with their innings, and at luncheon time had lost eight of their best batsmen for 94. Mr Hawke batted brilliantly towards the finish, and in the end the total reached 150, a much better result than was anticipated. The Cambridge captain carried out his bat for 42, in which were two fours and nine threes.

Yorkshire then began their second innings with a majority of 65, and they fared so badly against Mr Rock's bowling that Ulyett, Grimshaw and Bates were all out with the score at only 24. Hall and Lee, however, improved matters, the former, as usual, playing carefully, and at the end of the day the total was 73 for three wickets, so that the county eleven, with seven wickets to fall, are 138 runs on. In the visitors' second innings Harrison claimed four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 17 August, page 5)

Owing mainly to the very fine bowling of Mr Rock and some capital batting by Mr C W Wright, Mr O'Brien, Mr Hawke and Scotton, the above match at Horsforth-hall-park, near Leeds, resulted on Saturday in a victory for the visitors by three wickets. The finish proved very exciting as the winning hit was not made until within eight minutes of "time." There was a large company on the ground and the weather proved delightfully fine. In Yorkshire's second innings Mr Rock claimed eight wickets . . .

17 August: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3014.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 August, page 7)

Lancashire began the last of their matches yesterday at Kennington Oval, when they met the home eleven. Surrey were without the services of Messrs Roller and Key, while Mr A G Steel, the Rev V F Royle and Pilling were absent from the Lancashire eleven. The weather was fine and the attendance very large, among the visitors being Prince Christian and his two sons, Prince Christian Victor and Prince Albert.

Surrey started batting with Abel and Mr Shuter. Watson and Briggs were intrusted with the attack. Runs were scored rapidly, the professional making several fine off-drives and cuts to the boundary, while his companion hit Briggs to square-leg for four. Abel cut Briggs thrice for four each and sent him to leg with a like result. Fifty runs were recorded after thirty-five minutes' play. Thirteen runs later Barlow relieved Watson. The change ought to have been effective, as in the new bowler's second over the Surrey captain was badly missed by Watson at slip. Profiting by his escape, he cut Briggs twice to the boundary, which caused that bowler to retire in favour of Yates at 94. A cut for four by Abel brought the three figures on the telegraph board. When seven had been added a neat catch at cover-point got rid of Mr Shuter. One wicket down.

Mr Bainbridge came in, and Briggs resumed bowling in lieu of Yates. Abel returned the ball at 114. Mr W W Read's stay was brief, as after making 13 runs he was completely beaten by a ball from Barlow. Three wickets for 130. Maurice Read followed in, and half a dozen runs had been put on when the luncheon interval was taken.

Play was resumed at 10 minutes to 3, the bowlers being Barlow and Briggs. The score was soon advantage to 162, and then Maurice Read fell to a very fine catch at extra mid-off by Mr Hornby, who secured the ball high up with his left hand. Four wickets down. Mr Diver joined Mr Bainbridge, but after seven overs had been sent down for a single the latter played on. Five wickets for 163. Lohmann's stay was brief and fruitless, as at 167 he was bowled. Mr Bush joined Mr Diver, who began to hit in quite his old style. His off-drives and cuts were very fine. Watson relieved Briggs at 195. Watson crossed over to Barlow's end at 215, and Briggs resumed. Mr Diver, however, continued to hit in fine form until at 246 he was bowled. Wood came in. Mr Bush skied the ball to cover-point at 253, and 17 runs later Jones obstructed his wicket. Beaumont was run out and the innings closed for 280.

Mr Hornby and Barlow opened Lancashire's innings at 20 minutes past 5 to the bowling of Beaumont and Jones. In the former's over each batsman scored a single, while Barlow also obtained four by a square-leg hit. At 11 Mr Hornby was bowled. Mr Taylor followed in, and after some patient cricket he was taken at the wicket. Mr Lancashire was next on the order. In an over from Jones he scored eight. Only 34 were registered when Barlow in playing forward to Jones was bowled. Briggs joined Mr Lancashire. After some small contributions Briggs drove Jones to the off for four, and later on he gained the same number by a similar stroke. Mr W W Read went on with lobs for Beaumont at 49. A couple of runs later Briggs's leg stump was upset, while without alteration in the figures Mr Kemp was run out. Robinson joined Mr Lancashire . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 August, page 7)

Yesterday Surrey fully maintained the advantage which they secured in this match at Kennington Oval on Monday. When the game was resumed, Lancashire with five wickets to fall required 144 to avert a follow on. Mr Lancashire and Robinson, the not outs with 13 and two respectively, continued the visitors' innings shortly after noon to the bowling of Beaumont (pavilion end) and Jones.

The amateur obtained four by a cut and the same number from a snick, while Robinson sent Beaumont to the leg-boundary. Lohmann went on at the pavilion wicket at 84, but at 88 the separation was effected from the other end, a good catch at the wicket on the leg side dismissing Mr Lancashire. Six down. Yates aided Robinson, but when nine runs had been added the last-named was out, leg-before. Mr Hildyard followed in, and at a quarter to 1 the 100 was signalled. Runs were obtained rather quickly from Lohmann, Mr Hildyard among other items making a fine off-drive for four, so that at 112 that bowler gave way to Beaumont. The amateur cut him for four, after which Yates was missed at long-off by Mr Diver. Able displaced Jones at 128, and the change speedily proved successful, as without alteration in the figures the new bowler completely beat Yates.

Watson came in. The score was slowly advantage to 137, at which total Mr Hildyard ran out to drive and was bowled. Nine down. Littlewood and Watson then made a determined stand, and although the bowling was varied the score was carried to 167 before Watson got out of his ground and was stumped, the innings closing at a quarter to 2. Jones took six wickets . . .

After the luncheon interval Lancashire, who were 113 behind, followed on. Barlow and Mr Taylor were the first pair of batsmen, while Lohmann and Jones conducted the attack. Barlow scored freely from Lohmann, but at 20 he was missed at point off that bowler by Mr W W Read. The last-named was so slow in returning the ball that the professional called his companion for a run, which, however, cost Mr Taylor his wicket. One for 20. Mr Lancashire filled the vacancy. Barlow continued to score the majority of the runs. When he had made 27, however, he should have been caught and bowled by Lohmann. A ball from the latter found its way into Mr Lancashire's wicket at 40, and Briggs joined Barlow. The former by an off-drive to the boundary caused 50 to be announced at 3.35. Barlow drove Jones for four, which brought on Mr Bush at 60, while, after Briggs had gained four by a leg-hit, Lohmann gave way to Beaumont. Barlow fell to an easy catch at slip at 65, towards which number he had contribution 45.

Mr Kemp came to the assistance of Briggs. As the batsmen began to hit freely, Mr W W Read was tried with lobs at 79. He was severely punished, however, Briggs scoring 11 from in first over, while afterwards Mr Kemp cut him for three and his companion drove him for four. The last item brought up the 100 at half-past 4. A dozen runs later Mr Kemp was caught at long-slip, and Mr Hornby aided Briggs. The professional, by a leg-hit for three, averted the innings defeat at 20 minutes to 5. With the total at 116, however, he had the misfortune to play on. His brilliantly hit 52 included eight fours, three threes and two twos. The partnership of Mr Hornby and Robinson produced 35 runs, the Lancashire captain falling to a catch at long-slip at 151. Yates was bowled ten runs later, but on Mr Hildyard's arrival another useful stand was made. Both batsmen showed very good form and 189 were recorded before Beaumont dismissed Robinson.

Watson followed in, and at 6 o'clock 200 was hoisted. Fifteen runs more were put on, and then Mr Hildyard was taken at mid-off, after which Watson and Littlewood played out time. The weather yesterday was dull and cold, but it did not prevent a very large number of spectators visiting the Surrey County Ground.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 August, page 5)

One of the most exciting finishes of the season took place yesterday at Kennington Oval, when Surrey just managed to beat Lancashire. Overnight, it will be remembered, Lancashire, having followed on, had lost nine wickets for 228. Yesterday Watson and Littlewood continued the visitors' innings. Before anything could be added, however, the latter was run out.

Requiring 116 to win, Lancashire sent in Mr Shuter and Abel at half-past 12. Watson and Briggs were the bowlers. Abel at once began to score rapidly. Barlow displaced Briggs at 29, and in his first over Abel made an off-drive and a cut, the ball on each occasion going to the boundary. At 37 Mr Shuter, who had only obtained two, was taken at the wicket. Mr Bainbridge filled the vacancy. Shortly afterwards Abel was dismissed by a good catch at cover-point. He had played a brilliant innings of 44, which consisted of eight fours, two threes, two twos and two singles. Mr W W Read joined Mr Bainbridge, who a little later fell to a catch at the wicket at 66, and Maurice Read arrived. Without alteration in the figures Mr W W Read was completely beaten by a ball from Watson.

Mr Diver followed in. At 77 Read was bowled. Up to this point Watson's analysis read 23 overs (15 maidens), 21 runs, three wickets. Lohmann, who came next on the order, after adding four was very finely caught at point by Mr Hildyard. Six for 89. Mr Bush, who followed in, was let off by Littlewood at the wicket before he had scored, and shortly afterwards Mr Diver had a narrow escape of being caught and bowled by Watson. As the game was nearly finished, it was decided not to adjourn for luncheon. Mr Diver cut Watson for three, and a fine off-drive by that batsman for four caused 100 to be signalled. Mr Bush gained a four off Barlow, and at 106 Briggs resumed bowling at the gasometer wicket. Without addition Mr Bush was out leg before, while after Mr Diver had secured four by a cut Wood was easily taken at cover-point. Eight down.

Great excitement prevailed when Jones came in, as with two wickets to fall the home eleven required six to win. After making a single the professional had his leg stump bowled down. On Beaumont coming in five runs were still wanted for Surrey to win. Mr Diver quickly hit the ball to leg for four, and then by a single won the most stubbornly-contested game for Surrey by one wicket. The home eleven are greatly indebted for their victory to Mr Diver, who has seldom played in such fine style as he did on Monday and yesterday. The downfall of the Surrey batsmen was due in a great measure to the treacherous condition of the wicket.

17 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3015.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 August, page 7)

The cricket at Bramwell-lane [sic], Sheffield, yesterday, in the opening of the return match between Yorkshire and Middlesex was of a very curious character. Yorkshire played their best side, but Middlesex, who have been so uncertain of their team all the summer, were giving a trial to two new men in Mr E M Butler, this year's captain at Harrow School, and Mr A E Stoddart, the well-known Rugby football player, while the Hon Alfred Lyttelton, who has been absent from first class cricket all the year, was fortunately able to place his services at the disposal of Mr A J Webbe.

Middlesex went in first and lost one wicket - Mr Stoddart's - for 12 runs, but Mr Buckland and Mr O'Brien kept together and severely punished all the regular Yorkshire bowlers. Before they were parted they carried the total to 66, so that 54 runs were added. Their capital start, however, was not maintained, for, although Mr Buckland and Mr Lyttelton took the score to 78 for the third wicket, no one but Mr Hadow did anything afterwards. Preston was put on to bowl and he met with remarkable success, taking six wickets at a cost of 37 runs. Mr Hadow played with great confidence, however, and finally, when the innings was closed for 169, the old Harrow boy was not out for an admirable 44.

When the Yorkshiremen went in they began in a very remarkable manner; Ulyett and Grimshaw were dismissed from the first two balls bowled, Bates was out with the score at 5 only, and Hall was stumped with the total at 11. At this point it looked as though the Northern side would be out for a small score, but Lee and Peel, who were next associated, made a splendid stand and kept in until the call of time. Both played admirably, and at the drawing of stumps the score was 74 for four wickets, so that as the game now stands the Yorkshiremen with six wickets to fall are 95 runs behind, and there is every prospect of a very even contest. In the Middlesex innings Preston claimed six wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 August, page 7)

At the drawing of stumps on Monday night at Sheffield, Middlesex had completed an innings for 169 and Yorkshire, after losing four of their best wickets for 11 runs, had increased their score to 74 without further mishap. Yesterday the game was continued and a large attendance of spectators was present on the ground.

Lee and Peel, who were not out respectively 28 and 33, continued their batting, and in spite of the frequent changes made by the Middlesex captain, the two Yorkshire professionals kept together until the total had reached 147, the pair having thus added no fewer than 136 for the fifth wicket. Lee, who was then out, had played a faultless innings of 72, which included 11 fours, a three and three twos. After he left, Peel continued to bat well, but did not receive very much assistance. Preston just got into double figures while Emmett did very little, but when Hunter came in the Middlesex total was passed, and there were still three wickets to fall. Afterwards Hunter and Peate were dismissed, and ultimately Peel, who had been in while 190 runs had been added, was got rid of last wicket down. Peel's hits were a five, four fours, four threes and six twos, and it is not too much to say that he with Lee had saved their side from a complete collapse. The total of the innings, which had begun so badly, ended for 201.

Middlesex, when they began their second innings, were 32 runs behind, and before these were hit off they lost three good wickets - those of Mr Buckland, Mr Lyttelton and Mr Stoddart. Messrs O'Brien and Webbe however got together and by really exciting batting added 61 runs for the fourth wicket. Then Mr Hadow joined Mr O'Brien and 53 more runs were put on before Mr O'Brien left. He had hit in his most brilliant style, and his innings consisted of 11 fours, two threes and three twos. Mr E M Hadow, as in the first innings, continued to play remarkably well till the call of time, when he was not out for 39, West being not out 9.

When stumps were drawn at the end of the second stage, Middlesex had scored 178 for the loss of five wickets, so that when the game is resumed to-day the Metropolitan county, with half their wickets to fall, have 146 runs in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 August, page 5)

The return match between these counties ended in a totally unexpected manner at Bramall-lane Ground, Sheffield, yesterday, Middlesex by admirable all-round cricket gaining a thoroughly deserved victory over the northern eleven by 49 runs. The scores from which the game was resumed were Middlesex 169 and 178 for five wickets, and Yorkshire 201, so that the southerners with half their wickets to fall were 146 runs to the good.

Peate, who has been very successful of late, bowled up to his best form yesterday, and the remaining Middlesex batsmen could do very little against him, the innings ultimately closing for 226. The only noteworthy feature of the batting was the continued good form of Mr Hadow, the not-out overnight for 39, which he increased to 56, having hit five fours, four threes and eight twos.

The home side then went in for their last innings to get 195; but, as in their first attempt, three of the best batsmen, Ulyett, Hall and Bates, were all got rid of for small scores, whatever chance they had of winning was utterly spoilt in the first half -hour. Lee too did little, but Grimshaw, who was let off by Burton when he had made 18, hit vigorously afterwards, and with Peel and later on with Preston made a very plucky attempt to save the game. Emmett also did well, but Burton and West bowled very effectively, and in the end quite upset the calculations of the Yorkshire batsmen, the match finishing at a quarter-past 5 in a victory for Middlesex by 49 runs. Burton bowled very finely and took eight wickets in the match for 97 runs. West was hardly less successful, taking a similar number of wickets at a cost of 110 runs. To these two bowlers, and Mr Hadow and Mr O'Brien for their admirable batting, the chief credit of a well-earned triumph is due.

Yorkshire up to this match had only been beaten once this year, and therefore had every chance of being top of the first-class counties. Yesterday's reverse, however, completely disposed of this idea and leaves Nottinghamshire again in front and likely to repeat their performance of the two past years. In the Middlesex second innings Peate claimed four wickets . . .

17 August: THE CHELTENHAM WEEK

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 18 August, page 7)

Undoubtedly in point of public interest the week at Cheltenham ranks second only to that held at Canterbury. The county of the Graces, as it has so often been called, still furnishes us with a very good eleven. Yesterday the week opened with the return match between Gloucestershire and Sussex. The weather was delightfully fine and the wicket in admirable order, while throughout the day the cricket was excellent.

Sussex had the good fortune to win the toss, and made such use of the opportunity as to run up the total to exactly 300. Seven members of the team got into double figures, but the chief feature of the innings was the brilliant hitting of Mr G Brann, who scored 99 runs in two hours and ten minutes. His principal items were 14 fours, four threes and seven twos. This gentleman has never before been seen to such advantage in a match of first-rate importance. Before he went in some capital hitting had been shown by Mr M'Cormick and Humphreys, who became partners with the score at 53 for three wickets and between them carried the total to 136. It was a curious fact that they each scored 51 runs. The amateur hit eight fours and Humphreys five fours. The Sussex innings closed shortly after half-past 5. Dr Grace claimed four wickets . . .

Gloucestershire were only a short time before stumps were drawn. Mr H Whitfeld, who has not been seen in a first-class match this season, was to have played for Sussex, but an injury to his foot prevented him. Sussex are noted for not usually playing a winning game when they get the advantage.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 19 August, page 7)

Despite the large first innings of Sussex, there is still a prospect of an excellent finish at Cheltenham. It will be remembered that on Monday Sussex scored the large number of 300 runs in their first innings, and Gloucestershire made 11 without the loss of a wicket. Yesterday, on a capital wicket, the home team went on with their innings. They batted in a very half-hearted way. Mr Brain showed good cricket, but none of the others did much with the bowling of Tester and Jesse Hide, and at the close of the innings, shortly before 2 o'clock, the total was only 159.

Gloucestershire followed on in a minority of 141, and with the score at 10 Dr Grace was caught for four. It was from this point that the home team began to make up their lost ground. Messrs Brain and Gilbert hit with the greatest freedom, and in something like 45 minutes added 79 runs to the total. Mr Brain hit nine fours, three threes, a two and four singles in his brilliant 51. Mr Townsend then came in and, with Mr Gilbert, made a long and determined stand. The Sussex bowling was effectually opposed, but when he was within five of his hundred Mr Gilbert was run out for a superb innings, including 11 fours, three threes and 14 twos. He and Mr Townsend put on 138 during their partnership, and Mr Gilbert was batting just over two hours and three-quarters. Mr Townsend was caught at the wicket just as play was about to cease for the day. He hit nine fours, four threes and four twos. In the Gloucestershire first innings Tester took five wickets . . .

It will be seen that now Gloucestershire are 102 to the good with six wickets to go down. The chances are, of course, in favour of Sussex, but Mr Wyatt has had to leave in consequence of an urgent business call. Yesterday there was a large number of spectators on the ground, and they thoroughly enjoyed the good cricket and the fine weather.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 20 August, page 5)

A brilliant victory was achieved yesterday by Sussex over Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, the visitors winning a remarkably fine match, in which 1,074 runs were scored, within five minutes of time, by four wickets. The chief credit of the fine performance is due to Mr W Newham, the well-known amateur of Ardingley College, who scored 141, not out, by 11 fours, six threes, 20 twos and 39 singles, and never gave a chance. He and Mr M'Cormick had put on 144 runs for the second wicket, when the latter was run out for an excellent 66. After this Mr Newham displayed superb cricket and made the winning hit amid a scene of great excitement.

It will be remembered that Gloucestershire had scored 243 runs for four wickets over night. They yesterday increased that number to 376, Mr Page playing capital cricket for 54. It was then - three hours and 20 minutes remaining before time - that Sussex went in and Mr Newham played his exceptional innings . . .

20 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3019.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 August, page 6)

A capital batting display was given by Middlesex against Nottinghamshire yesterday at the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, though, as the first wicket put on over 100 runs, a better total might certainly have been looked for.

Middlesex had the good fortune to win the toss, and began batting with Messrs A E Stoddart, the International Rugby football player, and Mr E H Buckland. So well did these gentlemen play that the score was 102 before they were separated. Mr Stoddart hit with great freedom and Mr Buckland played a steady game. Eight fours, six threes, three twos and singles made up Mr Stoddart's total. Mr O'Brien, Mr Hadow and Mr Butler all got into double figures, but the best batting in the remainder of the team was shown by Mr de Paravicini and Mr Webbe. The Middlesex captain was in for more than two hours, carrying out his bat for 24. It will be noticed that Alfred Shaw took his place in the Nottinghamshire eleven, and he and Barnes were the most successful bowlers.

The home team had a little batting before time and scored 21 without the loss of a wicket. The day's play was very keen and of a high-class character, and there is every prospect of an excellent match. In the Middlesex innings Barnes took four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 August, page 7)

Some even and high-class cricket was witnessed yesterday at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, in the second day's play between Nottinghamshire and Middlesex. It will be remembered that on Thursday the visitors scored a first innings of 225, and Nottinghamshire, without losing a wicket, made 21.

Yesterday the early batsmen were speedily dismissed, but Gunn and Flowers made a capital stand for the fourth wicket, adding 69 runs during their partnership. Gunn gave a chance at long-on when he had scored 34, and might also have been run out; nevertheless his 59 was not only of great value but of real merit. His figures were seven fours, four threes and five twos. Several of the remaining batsmen also hit freely, while Shaw and Sherwin put on no fewer than 45 for the last wicket, so that when Nottinghamshire were all out the total was 257, or 32 to the good.

Middlesex went in a second time at 5 o'clock, and batted with great patience and care against splendid bowling from the home side, the result being that at the drawing of stumps the score was 47 for the first wicket. In the Nottinghamshire innings Mr Robinson took four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 August, page 8)

The return match between these counties ended on Saturday evening, on the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, in a draw, the home team, with nine wickets to fall, requiring 74 runs to win, the match thus being left distinctly in their favour. The position of the game at the commencement on Saturday was that Middlesex, with nine wickets to fall, were 15 runs to the good. Play was delayed an hour in consequence of rain and the wicket was slow all day.

The visitors' batting was marked by extreme care and patience. Mr O'Brien played admirably for his 50, the chief hits of which were five fours, two threes and six twos. Six wickets were down for 93 when Messrs de Paravicini and Butler became partners, and, though they only made 25 runs, they kept together for an hour and averted a possible defeat.

Nottinghamshire, with 55 minutes left, had 113 runs set them to win, but this task proved beyond their powers, the total when stumps were drawn being 39 for one wicket . . .

20 August: THE CHELTENHAM WEEK

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3016.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 August, page 6)

The Surrey team yesterday, in the second match of the Cheltenham week, was exactly the same that defeated Lancashire at the Oval on Wednesday, while Gloucestershire played the eleven which was beaten by Sussex on that day. Though the weather was cold and unpleasant, a large number of people visited the College ground, and the good all-round cricket shown by the home eleven naturally gave great satisfaction.

As in the Sussex match Dr Grace lost the toss, and Surrey went in to bat at 20 minutes past 12. The innings lasted until five minutes to 5, and the total was 198. A larger score than this was expected from the Surrey men, but, apart from the play of Abel and Mr W W Read, there was nothing remarkable in the batting. The wicket, however, did not seem quite so easy as in the Sussex match at the beginning of the week. The Gloucestershire men fielded in capital form. Abel, who is playing exceedingly well just now, went in first for Surrey and carried his bat through the innings, his score of 88 including 12 fours, four threes and eight twos. He gave a hard chance at point when he had made 20, and this was his only mistake. Mr W W Read was the batsman who stayed longest with Abel, his excellent 41 comprising two fours, a three and nine twos. After Mr Read left, Maurice Read and Mr Diver got into double figures, but the stand made against Mr Gilbert's bowling was by no means good, and it will be seen that that gentleman, who does not claim to be a bowler of any special merit, took five of the last six wickets. Special mention should be made of the wicket-keeper, Mr Bush, who stumped one batsman and caught four others.

Gloucestershire went in for 50 minutes, and in that time 54 runs were scored. Dr Grace played finely for 36 not out. In the Surrey innings Mr Gilbert took six wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 August, page 7)

The feature of yesterday's cricket at Cheltenham was the innings of 104 played by Dr W G Grace for his county. It will be remembered that on Thursday Surrey made 198, and Gloucestershire scored 54 without the loss of a wicket, Dr Grace being not out 36 and Mr Griffiths not out 16.

Yesterday the morning was very wet and there was no play until ten minutes past 3 in the afternoon. Then the not-outs resumed the game. Mr Griffiths did not stay very long, but Mr Brain and Dr Grace put on 101 runs during their partnership. The Gloucestershire captain was out eventually at 179, his 104 including a five (four from an overthrow), 13 fours, four threes and six twos. He was batting altogether for two hours and 50 minutes and did not give any real chance. He was most warmly welcomed on his return to the dressing-tent. Those who are acquainted with Cheltenham cricket will recall the fact that our greatest batsman has been singularly unfortunate on the ground ever since 1876, when he played his famous innings of 318 against Yorkshire - probably the most remarkable display of batting ever shown against the highest class of bowling.

The wicket yesterday at Cheltenham played easily and there was a good attendance of spectators in the afternoon, when the weather cleared up. It will be observed that the home team are now 14 runs

to the good with only half their wickets down. The Surrey bowling was deserving of praise, but the fielding of the visitors was by no means up to their usual standard.

Day 3 (report from Monday 24 August, page 8)

Gloucestershire brought the Cheltenham week to a most successful close on Saturday, when they gained a brilliant victory over the powerful Surrey eleven. Early in June the first match between these counties was played at Kennington-oval, and that also resulted in a win for the western county. To defeat twice in a season a team of such strength as Surrey has proved itself this summer is an achievement of which the "County of the Graces" may well be proud. It will be remembered that when play ceased on Friday evening the score stood thus - Surrey, 198; Gloucestershire, 212 for five wickets.

Only an innings and a half having been got through in two days, there scarcely seemed a chance of the match ending otherwise than in a draw. But the rain during Friday night and a hot sun on Saturday morning caused the wicket to be very difficult, and the bowlers consequently had a material advantage. Owing chiefly to some free hitting by Painter and Gregg the remaining wickets of the home eleven put on 65 runs, the innings closing at a quarter to 1 for 277 . . .

At five minutes past 1 Surrey went in a second time against a majority of 79 runs. Woof and Dr Grace were the bowlers. The Gloucestershire captain speedily got Mr Shuter out "leg-before," while only 13 were recorded when Abel was dismissed off the same bowling. Messrs W W Read and Bainbridge then became partners. Both batsmen appeared to be in good form, and although the bowling was twice changed they were still together at the luncheon adjournment. After the interval Dr Grace and Woof again had charge of the attack. Runs were put on steadily until at 84, when a separation was effected, Mr Bainbridge being out. While the late partnership lasted nobody entertained the idea of the match being finished, but after the Old Etonian left the remainder of the team offered a very feeble resistance to the attacks of their opponents and the last wicket fell with the total at 116. Woof claimed six wickets . . .

Gloucestershire only required 38 to win, and these they obtained for the loss of a wicket on 25 minutes, Dr Grace and Mr Brain both hitting freely . .

20 August: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSETSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3017.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 21 August, page 6)

Yesterday at Southampton a match was begun between these counties, with the result that Somersetshire were 38 runs to the bad with all their wickets to fall in the second innings. The visiting eleven unfortunately were two men short, while the Hampshire team was rather weak. Mr Radcliffe and Mr Powell batted very well, and Mr E W Bastard bowled with great success. In Somersetshire's first innings Mr Currie claimed four wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 22 August, page 7)

Hampshire beat Somersetshire yesterday at Southampton by eight wickets, the home team showing capital cricket. Mr Winter, for Somersetshire, played an excellent 62 without a chance, and in this innings were seven fours, three threes and five twos. Mr Radcliffe and Mr Hall also showed good form.

Hampshire were left with 122 to get to win, and these runs they made in just over an hour and a-half for the loss of only two wickets. Messrs Calder and Powell took the score from 14 to 81 for the second wicket, and this practically settled the match. Mr Calder hit a five and five fours, and Mr Powell, who played very well except for one chance, hit six fours. In the second innings of Somersetshire Dible took four wickets . . .

24 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3021.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 August, page 5)

A magnificent display of batting was given by Dr W G Grace at the Clifton College Ground yesterday, when playing for his county in the return match against Middlesex. He was in all day and scored 163, being not out at the call of time, Gloucestershire's total standing at 272 for six wickets.

Dr Grace and Mr Gilbert put on 31 runs for the first wicket, and then three batsmen were dismissed in one over - Messrs Gilbert, Brain and Pullen. Mr Townsend stayed for a considerable time and materially helped his captain. Painter, however, did not do very much, and Mr Page, though he was extremely busy while he was at the wicket, stayed only for half an hour. Six wickets were down for 127, and Mr E L Griffiths became partner to Dr Grace. The pair added no fewer than 145 runs to the total, both being not out at the call of time.

Mr Griffiths's care and patience was deserving of praise, while the Gloucestershire captain has not often in his remarkable career been seen to greater advantage. He was extremely careful for a time, but during the latter part of his innings while Mr Griffiths was his partner his hitting was of the most masterly description. The weather was very fine, the wicket perfect and the company very large . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 August, page 7)

Dr W G Grace, who was not out 163 on Monday night, increased his total yesterday to 221, and was still not out when the Gloucestershire innings was completed. He and Mr Griffith put on 148 runs for their partnership, which lasted about two hours and three-quarters. In the end the Gloucestershire total was 348. Dr Grace's magnificent innings displayed all the old power of placing, all the old careful defence and all the old directness and vigour of hitting. His figures were 21 fours, nine threes, 22 fives and 66 singles. He was altogether batting for six hours and 20 minutes.

No sooner had he given up the bat than he took the ball, and again met with almost equal success. He and Woof dismissed Middlesex for 110, and when the visitors followed on they lost five wickets for 77 runs, so that now they want 161 runs and have only five wickets to fall to avert a single innings defeat. Dr Grace in all took ten wickets, and his performance yesterday shows that he still retains the extraordinary powers which have made him for 20 years the foremost cricketer of the age.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 August, page 5)

Gloucestershire defeated Middlesex by an innings and five runs yesterday on the Clifton College ground. There was only a small company present to witness the finish. It will be remembered that Middlesex, with five wickets to go down in their second innings, wanted 161 runs to avert a single innings defeat.

Mr de Paravicini was soon disposed of, but West and Mr Webbe played very finely and the pair put on 96 runs during their partnership. West hit 67 in 55 minutes by eleven fours, two threes, a two and singles, while Mr Webbe, who also made 67, scored a five, six fours, five threes and seven twos. Afterwards Mr Williams and Mr Robertson put on 36 runs for the last wicket and very nearly succeeded in their object of putting Gloucestershire in again. It will be seen from the score what a large share Dr Grace had in the victory. In the Middlesex second innings Dr Grace claimed five wickets . . .

24 August: DERBYSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3020.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 August, page 5)

Yesterday's cricket at Derby was very unequal. The stronger side won the toss and kept at the wickets all day, scoring 330 for five wickets. The first stand was made by Shrewsbury and Gunn, who took the score from 38 for two wickets to 111 for three. Afterwards Flowers came in, and he and Shrewsbury put on 182 runs for the fourth wicket. Then the great Nottingham batsman was out for 118 - a splendid innings save for one difficult chance when he had made 66. He was in for four hours and a quarter, and hit 13 fours, six threes and 13 twos.

The bowling got slack and the fielding very indifferent towards the finish, so much so that Flowers was let off on no fewer than four occasions. The day was fine and there was a large company on the ground.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 August, page 7)

The features of yesterday's cricket at Derby were the continuation of Flowers's innings and the bowling of Barnes. It will be remembered that Flowers was 130 not out on Monday night, and that the visitors had made 330 for the loss of five wickets.

Yesterday the total was taken to 451. Flowers increased his score to 173. He was missed twice more, making six chances in all, but he nevertheless batted very finely, his hitting being clean and hard throughout. Fourteen fours, 11 threes and 19 twos were his principal figures. Shaw and Walter Wright put on 45 runs for the ninth wicket.

Derbyshire then went in and batted in the most ineffective way against the bowling of Barnes and Attewell. These two were unchanged throughout, and they dismissed the by eleven for 84. Barnes's seven wickets cost only 40 runs. When time was called last evening the home team were no fewer than 361 runs behind with nine wickets to fall in their second innings. The weather at Derby yesterday was fine and there was a large company on the ground. Although nine bowlers were tried during the Nottinghamshire innings only Mr Walker and Marlow proved successful. The former took seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 August, page 5)

A single innings victory by Nottinghamshire with 250 runs to spare was the result of this county engagement at Derby yesterday. The game was so unequal at the call of time on Tuesday that but little interest was left in it. Derbyshire had lost a wicket for six runs overnight in their second innings, and yesterday they speedily lost several of their best men.

Chatterton and Cropper, however, by fairly good cricket, put on 58 runs, taking the score from 35 to 93. When they were got rid of the end soon came, none of the last batsmen seeming able to do anything with the Nottinghamshire bowling. It will be seen from the score and analysis that Barnes was very successful. Barnes took six wickets . . .

24 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3023.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 August, page 5)

Owing chiefly to the hard and determined hitting of Mr Walter Read and Abel, the Surrey score against Somersetshire at Taunton yesterday reached 292. Abel made 54 out of 88 by ten fours, a two and singles, and Mr Walter Read contributed 76 out of 138 by ten fours, five threes, five twos and singles. The two Reads while they were together put on 94 runs.

There was nothing very remarkable in the Somersetshire batting, except that Mr Radcliffe hit very well. It will be noticed that the home team with seven wickets to fall are 200 runs in arrear . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 August, page 7)

The unequal contest between Surrey and Somersetshire ended last evening in a victory for Surrey in a single innings with five runs to spare. The visitors on the opening day scored a first innings of 292, and Somersetshire made 92 for three wickets.

Mr o G Radcliffe, who was 49 not out overnight, yesterday went on to bat until he had made 82, the highest innings in the match. It was a score of great merit and included 11 fours, a three and eight twos. As the home county were all out for 164, they followed on, with 182 runs to the bad; but they could not succeed in averting the single innings defeat, though Mr W N roe hit out very hard and well for 43. In the end the team were dismissed for 123, and the result was as stated above. Jones and Lohmann bowled capitally yesterday, but the ground was somewhat worn and rendered them assistance . . .

24 August: KENT v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3022.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 August, page 5)

There was a full day's cricket yesterday at the Angel Ground, Tonbridge, when Kent kept at the wickets all day, defying all the bowling brought against them and scoring 319 for seven wickets. The weather was very fine and the ground in good order.

Mr Tonge and George Hearne put on 105 for the second wicket, and afterwards there was a long stand when Mr Patterson came in, while Mr Rashleigh with Herbert Hearne took the score from 252 to 319, and were still together at the call of time. Mr Tonge hit eight fours, two threes and three twos. George Hearne's excellent 76 comprised 11 fours, four threes, four twos and singles; while Mr Patterson made six fours, two threes and five twos in his 48. A feature of the day was the capital defensive innings of 54 not out played by Mr Rashleigh. It will be seen that both teams were fairly representative of the strength of their counties.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 August, page 7)

Kent beat Hampshire yesterday at Tonbridge in one innings with 95 runs to spare. The weather was delightfully fine. For a time wickets fell with great rapidity. Kent had made 319 with seven men out when play ceased on Monday evening, and yesterday the innings was speedily finished off for 336, Mr Rashleigh not adding to his excellent 54.

Hampshire then went in and were opposed by Alec Hearne and Wootton. They made a most feeble show of batting and were put out in 50 minutes for 37. Wootton took four wickets . . . when they followed on Hampshire did much better, but the position of the game was never in doubt, and when shortly after 5 the last Hampshire wicket fell the total was 204, and thus Kent were left victorious in one innings by 95 runs. In Kent's first innings Mr Currie claimed four wickets . . .

24 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3024.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 25 August, page 5)

Two very strong county elevens met yesterday on the Hove Ground, Brighton, in gloriously fine weather and on a wicket that was all in favour of the batsmen. Cricketers will notice with pleasure that Mr Herbert Whitfeld once more took his place in the Sussex team.

Yorkshire won the toss, and Hall and Ulyett put on no fewer than 128 runs for the first wicket. Hall might have been stumped when he had only made six, and Ulyett gave a very difficult chance in the long field when he had scored 39; otherwise there was no fault to find with the batting, and the two famous Yorkshiremen deserve immense credit for the success they achieved. Ulyett's chief figures were nine fours, two threes and seven twos, and hall made no fewer than 11 fours, four threes and six twos. Lee played well, and four other members of the team reached double figures.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 26 August, page 7)

Yesterday, at the Hove ground, Brighton, there was another full day's cricket and some more admirable batting. On Monday Yorkshire were at the wickets all day, scoring 302 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Yesterday the visitors were soon got rid of, the total at the fall of the last wicket being 326.

Sussex then began batting, and Mr Whitfeld was dismissed at 15. Tester and Mr Newham then, by admirable cricket against first-class bowling, took the score to 133, or 118 for the partnership. Tester was then bowled for a most useful 43. Mr Newham was eventually caught for 101, a splendid display of cricket, occupying nearly three hours and consisting of ten fours, three threes, 12 twos and singles. Mr F M Lucas subsequently batted with great ability for 63, and Jesse Hide hit with considerable vigour. The position of the game when stumps were drawn was that Sussex, with one wicket to fall, were one run behind . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 27 August, page 5)

After three full days' cricket, the Sussex and Yorkshire match came to a conclusion yesterday at Brighton, the result being a draw. At the finish the advantage rested with Yorkshire, who, with four wickets to fall, were 303 ahead. It will be remembered that at the close of Tuesday's play Yorkshire had completed first an innings of 326 and Sussex had lost nine wickets for 335.

Yesterday the tenth wicket did not fall till the total was 368. Yorkshire went in a second time at half-past 12, and when time was called they had scored 345 for the loss of six wickets. During the match 1,039 runs were scored for the loss of 26 wickets, a clear proof of the admirable condition of the ground.

27 August: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3027.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 August, page 5)

Surrey began the last of their first-class engagements yesterday at Kennington-oval, where they encountered the formidable Yorkshire eleven. The match is a return to that played at Sheffield in July, when Surrey were beaten by 188 runs.

Yesterday rain prevented a start being made until 20 minutes past 1. The home eleven then opened the batting with Mr Shuter and Abel, who were confronted by Preston and Peate. The amateur cut the fast bowler for three, while Abel gained four by a similar stroke. Quickly afterwards the professional was let off by Ulyett at long slip. The score was slowly advanced to 31, at which total Bates relieved Preston. Four runs later Peate gave way to Emmett. Despite these variations in the attack, however, the batsmen were still together at luncheon time, when 39 runs were recorded.

After the customary interval the game was resumed. Abel drove Bates twice for two, but Mr Shuter, having made 22, was missed at long on by Mr Woodhouse. Profiting by his escape, the Surrey captain drove a ball from Bates to the boundary, which caused that bowler to give way to Peel at 58. Runs proved very difficult to obtain, the principal items for a considerable time being three drives for four each and a cut for a like number, all by Mr Shuter. A twofold change in the attack was made at 91, Preston and Peate going on. At 3.35, however, an on drive for four by Abel brought the "100" up on the telegraph board. Mr Shuter sent the ball dangerously close to Emmett at long on, but immediately afterwards he drove it on to the roof of the pavilion. Ulyett displaced Preston at 117. The separation, however, was effected from the other end, as the Surrey captain, after hitting Peate on to the covered stand, had his middle stump upset by that bowler. His innings of 72 consisted of nine fours, two threes, eight twos and singles. One for 125.

Only three were added when Mr Bainbridge, who followed in, was easily taken at point. Mr W W Read joined Abel, who fell to a brilliant catch at mid on at 132. He had shown very good form for 52, and among his contribution were four fours, three threes and 11 twos. Maurice Read did not stay very long, as at 139 he was caught at the wicket. Messrs Diver and W W Read now became partners. By careful cricket they raised the total to 150 at 20 minutes to 5. A few runs later Peate gave way to Emmett, who soon got Mr Diver caught by Lee running from mid on to short leg. Five for 164.

Without alteration in the figures Mr W W Read was bowled and Lohmann caught at third man. Up to this point of the game Ulyett had taken five wickets for 16 runs. Messrs Bowden and Key stayed together for some time. Bates relieved Ulyett at 175, but eight runs later Mr Key was caught at point off Emmett's bowling. The innings was then speedily finished off, as at 185 Jones was bowled and a couple of runs later Beaumont fell to a catch at long off. Ulyett took five wickets . . .

Yorkshire were first represented by Hall and Lee, who were faced by Lohmann and Jones at 10 minutes past 6. Lee was twice missed - viz., in the first over from Lohmann by Mr Shuter in the slips and later on by Abel at short slip off the same bowling. Just prior to the drawing of stumps Beaumont went on in lieu of Jones, but the batsmen remained together.

The weather was fine during the afternoon, but on Yorkshire going in the light became very bad. A large number of spectators witnessed the play.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 August, page 7)

There was a very large attendance at Kennington Oval yesterday to witness the second day's play in the return match between Surrey and Yorkshire. The weather was dull and cold. Punctually at 12 o'clock Lee and Hall, the not-outs with 12 and 2 respectively, continued the visitors' batting. Lohmann (pavilion end) and Beaumont were the bowlers.

Lee made an off-drive and a square-leg hit for four each; but after Hall had scored a couple of threes to leg the Yorkshire captain played a ball from Beaumont into his wicket. One for 28. Ulyett joined Lee, who continued to hit hard. He drove Lohmann twice to the off boundary, which caused that bowler to give way to Jones at 43. Lee next hit Beaumont to leg for four, while the following ball he played to the square-leg boundary, the 50 going up at 12.25. Abel displaced Beaumont at 63, but it was not until 76 that a separation was effected. Lee was then bowled. He had played a rather lucky innings of 48, which consisted of eight fours, three threes and singles.

Bates came in and, although Lohmann went on for Jones, a two by the new batsman caused the three figures to appear at five minutes past 1. As the score rose rapidly Beaumont took the ball from Abel at 107. The alteration quickly had the desired effect, as at 114 Ulyett was easily taken at slip. Grimshaw aided Bates. Runs were put on steadily, and at 120 Jones superseded Lohmann. After Grimshaw had obtained four by a square-leg hit, ten overs were sent down for a dozen runs. Mr Mai received the ball from Jones and Abel displaced Beaumont, but the batsmen were still together at the luncheon interval, the score being 155.

When play was resumed Beaumont and Mr Bainbridge again conducted the attack. The score increased so rapidly that at 178 a twofold change was tried, Lohmann and Abel again going on. Grimshaw, however, hit very hard, and the Surrey total was passed at five minutes past 3. At 190 Grimshaw skied the ball to cover-point and retired for a freely hit 48. His chief items were six fours, three threes and two twos. Mr Woodhouse, after making an on-drive for four and a single, had his leg stump upset, the fifth wicket falling at 195. Peel, who followed in, soon drove Abel to the on for four, which made the total 200 at a quarter past 3. Ten runs later Beaumont superseded Abel, but at 224 the wicket was got from the other end, Bates being easily caught at mid-off. His very fine innings of 60 included six fours, a three and nine twos. Six down.

Before a run had been added Peel was bowled, and Emmett and Preston became partners. These batsmen offered a determined resistance to the Surrey attacks, and although the bowling was frequently changed it was not until 263 that Emmett was got rid of - leg-before. Preston played on at 268 and Hunter was run out at the same total, the innings closing at a quarter to 5. Lohmann claimed four wickets . . .

In a minority of 81 runs, Surrey began their second innings at 5 o'clock, their first representatives again being Mr Shuter and Abel. Ulyett and Emmett were the bowlers. The professional scored freely from Ulyett, so that at 21 the last-named gave way to Bates. When 25 runs had been added the Surrey captain was bowled, while four runs later Abel was easily taken at slip. Mr Bainbridge went to the assistance of Mr Key, who made two very fine on-drives for four each, the ball on one occasion pitching over the ring. Preston relieved Bates at 63, and a single later Ulyett took the ball from Emmett. The latter had been bowling wonderfully well, as may be judged from the fact that at one time he sent down 10 consecutive maidens. Ulyett in his first over got rid of Mr Key with a bailer, and then stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 August, page 5)

After a most determined struggle the Surrey and Yorkshire return match ended at Kennington Oval on Saturday in a victory for the Northerners, the finish being very exciting. The weather was fine and an exceedingly large and impartial company watched the game with keen interest.

It will be remembered that on Friday evening Surrey, with three wickets down in their second innings, were 17 runs behind. Shortly after noon on Saturday Mr Bainbridge (not-out 1) and Mr W Read continued the home county's batting. Bates and Ulyett (pavilion end) were intrusted with the bowling. Both batsmen played very carefully, as may be gleaned from the fact that a dozen overs were sent down for 10 runs. When Mr Read had made nine an appeal against him for a catch at the wicket was answered in the negative. Ulyett gave way to Emmett at 77, and for a time runs came even slower than previously, a leg-bye being the only contribution in six overs. Mr read then enlivened the play by driving Emmett to the off for four and placing him to leg with a like result. The latter item averted the possibility of an innings defeat at 20 minutes to 1. Among other hits Mr Read got a four to leg; but at 95 he lost the company of Mr Bainbridge, who obstructed his wicket. Maurice Read filled the vacancy. He made three singles, and then the amateur by an off-drive to the boundary brought the 100 on the telegraph board at five minutes to 1. Six runs later Mr Walter Read was dismissed by a very good ball from Bates, which struck the top of the off stump.

With five of their most trustworthy batsmen out the prospect did not look at all bright for Surrey. Mr Diver and Maurice Read improved matters, however. The former gained four by a very fine cut, and on Peate taking the ball at 119 he scored five (four by an overthrow). Mr Diver continued to hit in brilliant style. In half-a-dozen overs he made four cuts and an off-drive for four each and three singles. Preston relieved Bates at 149; but the wicket was obtained from the other end, as seven runs later a very fine catch by Lee, running from long off towards long on, got rid of Read. Mr Bowden aided Mr Diver, who drove Peate to the off for four and cut him for the same number. This rapid rate of scoring brought on Ulyett at 175, and the change proved very successful, as in his first over he caused Mr Bowden to be caught at extra mid-off, while when five had been added he bowled Mr Diver with a "yorker." The last-named batsman's 53 consisted of one five, ten fours, one two and half-a-dozen singles.

The luncheon interval having intervened, Lohmann and Jones took up the defence, the bowlers being Ulyett and Preston. At 197 they were displaced by Bates and Emmett. The second hundred was announced at a quarter past 3 amid loud cheering, which was renewed when, a couple of runs later, a splendid ball from Emmett bowled Jones. Without addition Bates completely beat Lohmann, the innings closing at 20 minutes past 3 . . .

Hall and Lee started Yorkshire's second innings, the visitors requiring 122 for victory, at 3.35 to the bowling of Lohmann (gasometer end) and Beaumont. After ten overs had been sent down for eight runs, Hall's off stump was upset and Grimshaw came in. Runs were now scored rather quicker than before, and at 28 a change in the bowling was tried, Abel going on for Lohmann. Ten were made in his second and third overs; but then Grimshaw fell to a catch at point, the second wicket falling at 42. On Ulyett coming in Lohmann resumed bowling, and without alteration in the figures Ulyett was caught some distance behind the wicket. A further misfortune soon befell the visitors, as at 48 Bates was bowled.

Peel next joined Lee, who continued to show excellent form. Although the bowling was frequently

changed it was not until 77 that Peel retired - bowled. Jones dismissed Mr Woodhouse at 88, and ten runs later Lee was also bowled. He had played some of the finest cricket shown in the match, and among his hits were seven fours, a three and five twos. Seven for 98. Great excitement now prevailed, as with three wickets to fall Yorkshire still wanted 94 runs to win. Preston and Emmett, however, by very careful cricket gradually augmented the score despite repeated variations in the attack, and at five minutes past 6 a bye game Yorkshire the victory by three wickets. Lohmann took four wickets . . .

There was not a fault to be found with the Surrey fielding, while the excellence of the bowling may be judged from the fact that it took the victors two hours and a half to get 122 runs. The Yorkshiremen were greatly indebted to Lee for their victory. This batsman has an excellent style, and it will be no surprise to many cricketers who have watched his play to find him taking part in the Gentlemen v Players matches a season or so hence. Preston also promises to develop into a cricketer of the highest class.

27 August: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3025.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 August, page 5)

Except for some wonderful hitting by Mr W J Ford, who scored 44 runs in about 17 minutes, the cricket at Mote-park, Maidstone, in the return match between Kent and Middlesex was marked by no special features. All round, however, the play was very good, and from the present state of the score there seems every likelihood of a close and interesting game.

Owing to wet weather a later start was made, Middlesex, who won the toss, going in at 1 o'clock. Though a great deal of rain had fallen, the wicket played very well, and in the course of the afternoon 263 runs were scored and 12 batsmen were got rid of. The Middlesex innings was over at 10 minutes past 4, Mr Christopherson and Wootton taking five wickets each. The figures of Mr Ford's sensational innings were a six, seven fours, two twos and six singles. Mr E H Buckland also played remarkably well, his 51 including eight fours and six twos.

When Kent went in two wickets were lost for 23 runs, but afterwards a capital stand was made by Messrs Tonge and Patterson, who remained together till the call of time, the score then being 76 for two wickets. In the Middlesex innings Mr Christopherson claimed five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 August, page 7)

The hitting of Mr W J Ford was the feature of yesterday's cricket at Maidstone. He accomplished an even more remarkable performance than on Thursday. In the second innings of Middlesex, after five wickets had fallen for 36 runs, he completely altered the appearance of the game, and in three-quarters of an hour scored 75 runs, his figures being a six, 14 fours, a two and 11 singles. In the match Mr Ford scored 119 runs in about 62 minutes - an extraordinary instance of rapid cricket against first-class bowling.

Admirable batting of quite a different kind was shown for Kent yesterday by Mr W H Patterson, who was at the wickets altogether for three hours and a-quarter. He had made 22 not out on Thursday, and this score was increased yesterday to 84, his chief hits being 10 fours, five threes and seven twos. Except for a difficult chance at short-leg, no fault whatever could be found with his batting. From the score which is given below it will be seen that Kent, with nine wickets to fall, require only 83 runs to win the match.

Yesterday was a cold and cheerless day at Maidstone. The high wind gave considerable advantage to the bowlers who went on at the pavilion end. Burton for the visitors and Mr Christopherson for Kent making the most of their opportunity met with great success. In Kent's first innings Burton took five wickets . . . In the second innings of Middlesex Mr Christopherson claimed seven wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 31 August, page 5)

On Saturday morning at Mote-park, Maidstone, Kent gained a victory over Middlesex, after a well-contested match, by four wickets. At the drawing of stumps on Friday everything pointed to an

easy win for Kent, as only 83 runs were required with nine wickets to fall. These runs, however, gave far more trouble than had been anticipated, and before the match was won five more wickets fell.

Mr Rashleigh, who was not-out overnight with 26, increased his score to 59. He was batting for two hours and three quarters, and his cricket was of a very high order. He hit eight fours and six twos. Frank Hearne scored a very brilliant 29 not out, the figures of which were five fours, two threes and three singles. The weather was fine, but there was again a very high wind blowing right across the ground. In the second innings of Kent Mr Buckland claimed four wickets . . .

27 August: SOMERSETSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3026.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 28 August, page 5)

The result of yesterday's play at Taunton in the second match of the week there was all in favour of Gloucestershire. The wicket suffered considerably from the rain which had fallen during the night and early morning, and the home team on going in to bat were dismissed by Dr Grace and Woof for 105. Ninety-eight runs only were scored from the bat, and of this number Mr Challen and Mr Leeston-Smith made 76.

Gloucestershire then went in, and at the call of "Time" the score was 227 for seven wickets. All but one of the visiting team scored double figures, and the game now stands that, with three wickets to fall, they are 122 to the good. In the Somersetshire innings Dr Grace took five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 29 August, page 7)

The contest on the county ground at Taunton between Somersetshire and Gloucestershire ended yesterday, the visitors gaining a brilliant victory by nine wickets. Gloucestershire finished off their first innings for 242, or 137 to the good.

Somersetshire, then, after making a bad start, played up very well, Messrs Roe, Challen and Hewett hitting hard and scoring freely. Mr Roe's 76 consisted of 11 fours, a three, eight twos and singles, while Mr Hewett hit 12 fours and six twos in his 66. Gloucestershire were left with 110 to get to win, and this number they obtained in an hour with the loss of one wicket, Mr Brain scoring a brilliant 66 not out. In the Gloucestershire first innings Mr Bastard took four wickets . . . In the second innings of Somersetshire Woof claimed six wickets . . .

31 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3030.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 September, page 5)

The match begun at Trent-bridge, Nottingham, yesterday, was the concluding item on the first-class county programme. It was between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and formed the return to that which ended at Derby last Wednesday in a victory for Nottinghamshire by an innings and 250 runs. There was one change on each side from the match of last week. Mr H B Daft took the place of Mr C W Wright in the home team, and instead of Marlow a trial was given to Slater, a professional right-hand fast bowler, in the Derbyshire team.

As in the other match, Nottinghamshire had the good fortune to win the toss, and they remained at the wickets from five minutes past 12 under a quarter-past 5, the total amounting to 205. Scotton accomplished the best batting performance. He was in for three hours and a quarter and scored 64, which included seven fours, four threes and three twos. His chief supporter was Gunn, who helped him to put on 80 runs for the third wicket. Gunn hit four fours, three threes and seven twos. The score reached 175 before the fifth wicket fell, but then so great a change came over the game that the innings closed for 205, the last five wickets putting on only 30 runs. Mr Walker and Cropper bowled with considerable success.

In 35 minutes before the drawing of stumps the visitors scored 10 runs for the loss of Mr Eadie's wicket, the light being very defective. At present Derbyshire with nine wickets to fall want 116 runs to avert a follow on. The weather yesterday was dull and cheerless, but there was a remarkably good company present in the afternoon. In the home team's innings Mr Walker claimed five wickets . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 2 September, page 10)

When play ceased at the Trent-bridge Ground, Nottingham, on Monday the home county had finished a first innings of 205, while Derbyshire on going in had made 10 runs for the loss of one wicket. Yesterday the game was resumed in fine weather and in the presence of a good company of spectators.

Sugg scored 24 in the course of 20 minutes, his innings being composed of a five, four fours, a two and a single. Wood-Sims batted very patiently, and Mr Docker and Chatterton both showed good form for their respective scores. At lunch-time seven wickets had fallen for 112, and the last three wickets fell for 13 runs, the Derbyshire total being exactly 80 behind that of their opponents. A follow on was thus necessary.

This time Mr Docker went in first with Wood-Sims, and the pair made a fairly good start, while subsequently Chatterton and Mr Eadie were seen to considerable advantage. The score was 70 when the professional was brilliantly taken at point, but Sugg failed completely, and shortly before time Mr Eadie's capital innings of 33 was closed by a bumping ball from Barnes. When stumps were drawn Derbyshire had five wickets still to fall and were seven runs to the good. In the first innings of Derbyshire Shaw took four wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 3 September, page 5)

Rain fell heavily at Nottingham yesterday, and there was only just over half an hour's play. Derbyshire had overnight lost five wickets for 87 runs, and yesterday for two additional wickets they made 14 more runs, the draw being thus greatly in favour of the champion county. In the second innings of Derbyshire Shaw claimed four wickets . . .

31 August: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3029.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 1 September, page 5)

Two very powerful sides have been got together for the opening match of the annual festival at Scarborough, the Zingari opposing 12 Gentlemen of England. Scarcely an improvement could have been suggested on the Zingari side, but the Gentlemen of England might, perhaps, have been better represented in one or two instances. Unfortunately for the enjoyment of the large number of spectators the weather yesterday was bitterly cold.

So far as the game proceeded the Zingari fared remarkably well. They went in at 1 o'clock, and when 6 o'clock, the time for drawing stumps, arrived, they had obtained 274 runs for the loss of only six wickets. Mr J G Walker went in first and, after giving chances when his score was 24 and 31 respectively, he played remarkably fine cricket for 111. He stayed until the total reached 229, his innings including 13 fours, three threes and nine twos. With Mr Webbe for a partner, he took the score from 96 to 229, the stand for the fifth wicket producing no fewer than 133 runs. Mr Webbe batted admirably for 83 not out, and has every prospect of reaching three figures to-day. Apart from the achievements of these two gentlemen, the rest of the cricket does not call for much comment, but it should be mentioned that Mr A G Steel played in his usual finished manner for 37, and that Mr Hawke scored 21 out of 45 for the sixth wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 2 September, page 10)

At Scarborough yesterday in the match between I Zingari and the Gentlemen of England 381 runs were scored and only 13 wickets fell, the batsmen thus having matters very much their own way. The weather proved much more pleasant than on Monday, and the good and free batting seemed thoroughly to delight the large number of spectators present.

On the opening day I Zingari had made 274 runs for the loss of six wickets, and yesterday, although Mr Webbe, who had left off not out 82, was unable to resume his innings, another 100 runs were made before the innings closed. This increase to the score occupied only an hour, the most notable part of the batting being the stand of Mr Wilson and Mr Evans, who between them added 62 runs while together. Considering the length of the innings, Mr Bastard's bowling figures came out very creditably.

The Gentlemen of England went in at a quarter past 1, and when the luncheon interval arrived the total stood at 53 for one wicket, Dr Grace, who had batted very freely, being not out 40. afterwards Mr Lucas showed good form until he was bowled at 96, and Dr Grace stayed until 124, when he had the misfortune to pull a ball on to his wicket. The great batsman had been seen at his best. Included in his 68 were 11 fours, a three and five twos. Subsequently Messrs O'Brien and Bainbridge added 50 runs, and 48 runs were obtained by Messrs Bainbridge and Townsend for the fifth wicket. Mr Rock did nothing, and at 236 a splendid running catch by Mr G B Studd at square-leg disposed of Mr Page. All this while Mr Bainbridge had been playing remarkably good cricket, and was not dismissed until just before 6 o'clock, having been at the wicket while 167 runs were added. The Cambridge batsman has not done so well in a good match since the contest with Oxford at Lord's. Time was then called, the Gentlemen with three wickets to fall being 93 runs behind. Mr Bastard claimed five wickets . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 3 September, page 5)

The first match of the Scarborough Festival ended yesterday in a draw, the result partly of rain and partly of high scoring throughout. The Gentlemen of England just averted a follow-on, and the only feature of interest in yesterday's play was the capital cricket of Mr G B Studd and the Hon Alfred Lyttelton. They became partners at 49 for two wickets and, as the score will show, were still together when play was stopped, just after 4 o'clock, by heavy rain. In the Gentlemen's first innings Mr Steel claimed five wickets . . .

3 September: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3031.html)

Day 1 (report from Friday 4 September, page 5)

Yesterday's cricket at Scarborough was rendered remarkable by the wonderful batting of Mr W G Grace, who, out of a total of 234 for eight wickets, made the extraordinary proportion of 163. Mr Grace has lately been playing in better form than he has shown since 1876, but his performance yesterday will bear comparison with any of his achievements this season. There was one stoppage for rain yesterday, and altogether Mr Grace was batting for three hours and 35 minutes.

The wicket at starting gave the bowlers some assistance, and though the rain in the afternoon made it play easy for a time, it got difficult again shortly before the drawing of stumps. Mr Grace under these circumstances played a hitting game throughout the day, and hit cutting and driving were equally brilliant. There were two real blemishes in his innings - he gave an easy chance to Flowers at deep mid-off when he had made only 27, and when he had scored 133 he was missed by Scotton in the long field. Apart from these mistakes, however, there was hardly a fault to be found with his performance. It is a curious fact that on the first day of the match between Gloucestershire and Middlesex at Clifton at the beginning of last week Mr Grace scored exactly the same number - 163 not out - and he then increased his score to 221.

The batting of Mr Grace, of course, overshadowed everything else yesterday, but some useful batting was shown by Messrs O'Brien, Evans and Bainbridge. It will be seen that eight batsmen only made 67 runs between them. There was a large attendance of spectators, who seemed highly delighted at Mr Grace's success. A Gentlemen and Players' match has never before been played during the Scarborough Festival.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 5 September, page 5)

Mr W G Grace who at the close of play on Thursday night at Scarborough had scored 163 not out, yesterday increased his total to 174 before being dismissed by a catch in the slips. He was batting for three hours and 55 minutes, and except for the two chances mentioned yesterday, one at 27 and the other at 133, scarcely a fault could be found with his innings - one that will compare favourably with anything he has done this season.

In point of numbers it is the second best innings he has scored this season in first-class matches. The character of his batting will be easily judged from the following figures: - 25 fours, four threes, ten twos and 22 singles. He was ninth man out with the score at 247. The Gentlemen's innings closed for 263.

When the Players went in to bat the bright sunshine of the morning, following on the heavy rain of the previous evening, had rendered the wicket exceedingly false and difficult, and the batsmen could do little against the admirable bowling of Mr Christopherson. In an hour and 38 minutes the whole side was dismissed for the total of 59, five wickets going down after luncheon for the addition of only nine runs. Mr Christopherson bowled with extraordinary success and took seven wickets in 16 overs at a cost of only 24 runs. Notwithstanding this performance, however, and the difficulties of the ground the Players ought certainly to have done better.

Following their innings against a majority of 204, the Players' batting showed a distinct improvement, and before the call of time 104 runs had been scored for the loss of four wickets. Gunn and Scotton batted admirably and put on 67 runs during their partnership, the former being not out 44 at the drawing of stumps. From the score given below it will be seen that the Players want 100 runs to avert the single innings defeat and have six wickets to fall. Should the match come to an early conclusion to-day a scratch "North v South" match will be played to fill up the afternoon.

Day 3 (report from Monday 7 September, page 12)

The second and most important match of the Scarborough Cricket Festival ended on Saturday in a decisive victory for the Gentlemen of England, who defeated the Players by an innings and 25 runs. From the close of Friday's play, when the professionals had followed on against an innings of 263, in a minority of 204, and had at their second attempt lost four wickets for 104 runs, there seemed small likelihood of the Players putting their opponents in again.

Gunn and Hall, not out respectively with 44 and nine, batted so well on Saturday morning that when they were separated five wickets had still to fall and only 33 runs were necessary to save an innings defeat. In all they took the score from 92 to 171, the partnership thus producing 79 runs. Gunn's splendid innings of 82 was marred only by a chance at 55, and it included 11 fours, three threes and seven twos. Subsequent to Gunn's dismissal came such a change that the last five wickets fell for eight runs, Bates, Attewell, Emmett and Hunter all leaving with the total at 174. Peate gave little trouble and, the innings closing for 179, the Gentlemen gained a victory by 25 runs and an innings to spare. Mr Evans, the old Oxford captain, took five wickets at a cost of four runs each. Hall carried out his bat for a patient 30.

THE CRICKET COUNTIES IN 1885

[Note: player statistics here are limited to only the leading one or occasionally two batsmen in the team.]

The county season of 1885, which closed on Wednesday with the match at Nottingham, will long be remembered for the heavy scoring it produced. Of course this is due in great measure to the fine weather, all the principal grounds having been in excellent condition. Naturally the bowlers have not been so effective, but some splendid batting averages are recorded.

In first-class engagements there have been four individual innings of over 200 scored. Arthur Shrewsbury heads these with 224 (not out) obtained against Middlesex at Lord's, carrying his bat through the innings. Dr W G Grace accomplished an almost similar performance at Clifton against the same county, as he went in first and was not out with 221 when the venture terminated. The two other instances were 215 (not out) by Mr F M Lucas and 204 by Mr W E Roller, both at Brighton.

For the third year in succession Nottinghamshire are again at the head of the list, having only lost one match. Yorkshire are second, and the other counties in the order given below. The subjoined brief particulars of each county's doings only include the matches between the nine first-class counties - Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Kent, Lancashire, Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Surrey, Sussex and Yorkshire.

Nottinghamshire played home and home matches with Yorkshire, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Gloucestershire and Derbyshire. They defeated Surrey twice, Gloucestershire twice, and Middlesex and Derbyshire once. They drew and lost with Yorkshire, while the other drawn game was with Derbyshire (return). Shrewsbury played 16 innings (two not out) for 761 runs, highest score 224 (not out), average 54.5; Gunn, 18 innings (two not out), 570 runs, highest score 88, average 35.10 . . . Although Barnes's batting fell off considerably his bowling proved very effective. He took 47 wickets . . . average 12.3 . . .

Yorkshire brought to a close a most successful county season with a decisive victory over Surrey at Kennington Oval. Sixteen matches were played, with the result that seven were won, two lost and seven drawn. They beat Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, Middlesex, Derbyshire and Gloucestershire once each, and gained two victories over Surrey. The two matches lost were with Middlesex and Kent, while those drawn were Sussex (twice), Gloucestershire, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Nottinghamshire. F Lee played 24 innings (three not out) for 725 runs, highest score 101, average 34.11 . . . Emmett, 58 wickets . . . average 15.45.

Considering the fact that only on a few occasions were they able to put their full strength into the field, Lancashire had a very successful season. It is rumoured that Mr A N Hornby intends to retire from the captaincy of the eleven, and his loss will be severely felt by the county. During the past season Mr A G Steel only assisted his county on two occasions, while the team also suffered by the absence of Pilling, whose delicate health kept him out of a good many matches. As Kent declined to play a return match after the correspondence on "Unfair Bowling" had taken place, only 11 first-class games were engaged in. Of these, six were won, two drawn and three lost. They defeated Sussex twice, Gloucestershire twice, and Derbyshire and Kent once each. They were beaten by Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Surrey, while the drawn games were with Surrey and Yorkshire, both of them being left greatly in favour of Lancashire. Briggs heads the batting averages, having played 19 innings for 519 runs, highest score 186, average 27.6 . . . Of the others who played for their county, Mr A G Steel is most prominent. In two innings he scored 112 runs. In the bowling Mr A

G Steel claimed 11 wickets . . average 6.6; Barlow, 62 wickets . . average 15.26 . . .

Kent have a much better record than was anticipated at the start of the season when it became known that Lord Harris would be unable to captain the eleven in many matches. Indeed, their results were very satisfactory, as besides beating Yorkshire on the latter's ground, they had all the best of the return match, while they almost beat Surrey at Gravesend and played a very creditable drawn match with them at Kennington Oval. In all, they played nine first-class matches. They defeated Sussex twice and Middlesex and Yorkshire once each. They were vanquished by Middlesex, Lancashire and Surrey, while the returns with the last-named county and Yorkshire were left drawn. Mr W H Patterson played 10 innings (one not out) for 433 runs, highest score 143, average 48.1 . . . Wootton comes first of the bowlers, having taken 55 wickets . . average 16.16 . . .

Within the last two years Surrey cricket has improved to such an extent that at the commencement of the season it was thought that they would not unlikely be at the head of the counties. They started very unsuccessful, but early in June they were unexpectedly beaten by Gloucestershire, while on July 22 Yorkshire inflicted on them a severe defeat. They were again vanquished by Gloucestershire at Cheltenham, and at Kennington Oval last Saturday Yorkshire gained another victory over them. There were the only four matches lost out of 16. Surrey beat Middlesex twice, Derbyshire twice, Sussex twice, Lancashire once and Kent once, while their drawn games were two with Nottinghamshire and one each with Lancashire and Kent. Mr W W Read played 26 runs for 1,249 runs, highest score 163, average 48.1 . . . Mr Roller heads the bowling averages, his figures being 19 wickets . . average 13.14; Beaumont took 86 wickets . . average 15.67 . . .

Derbyshire lost five matches out of eight, drawing two and winning one. Their solitary win was over Lancashire. They were twice beaten by Surrey and once each by Nottinghamshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire. The return with the last-named county was drawn in their favour, but in their second match with Nottinghamshire, which was left drawn, the champion county had a great advantage. W Chatterton played 16 innings (three not out) for 350 runs, highest score 62, average 26.12 . . . Cropper claimed 21 wickets . . average 18.4 . . .

Dr W G Grace, who has been playing in first-class matches 21 years, is still the mainstay of the Gloucestershire Eleven. He has the very fine average of 45.15 for his county, and is also credited with the second best score of the year - viz., 221 (not out). Gloucestershire defeated Middlesex and Surrey twice each, which were their only successes, as they were twice beaten by Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex, and once by Yorkshire, the second match with the "county of acres" terminating in a draw rather in favour of Gloucestershire. The record is 12 matches played - won four, drew one, lost seven. Dr W G Grace played 23 innings (two not out) for 960 runs, highest score 221 (not out), average 45.15 . . . In the bowling, Dr W G Grace also comes first. He secured 60 wickets . . average 19.34 . . .

With such a powerful number of amateurs in their ranks it was confidently expected that Middlesex would have a far more successful record than that with which they are credited. Their great weakness has been in their bowling. Ten matches were played, and of these only two - viz., Kent and Yorkshire - resulted in victories. They were defeated by Surrey and Gloucestershire twice each and were vanquished once by Nottinghamshire, Kent and Yorkshire, the remaining match with Nottinghamshire being drawn. Mr S W Scott played nine innings (two not out) for 274 runs, highest score 135 (not out), average 39.1 . . . Of the others who played Mr W J Ford figures most prominently, his two innings realized 119 runs. Burton heads the bowling averages. He claimed 47 wickets . . average 17.5 . . .

It must be very disappointing to the supporters of Sussex county cricket to see the famous old county have such an indifferent record. They have been very unfortunate, however, as Juniper, one of their best bowlers, died in the middle of the season, while the demise of Mr W Blackman, who had gone to Australia for the benefit of his health, deprived them of another bowler. Mr H Whitfeld only played once, and Mr F M Lucas was unable to take part in more than three matches. The first-class engagements of Sussex resulted thus - 12 matches played, won two, drew two, lost eight. Mr F M Lucas played four innings (one not out) for 313 runs, highest score 215 (not out), average 104.1; Mr W Newham, 14 innings (one not out), 607 runs, highest score 141 (not out), average 46.9 . . . Juniper took eight wickets . . average 18.4; A Hide, 31 wickets . . average 25.6 . . .

Subjoined are the brief results of each county's matches: -

County	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Nottinghamshire	12	6	5	1
Yorkshire	16	7	7	2
Lancashire	11	6	2	3
Kent	9	4	2	3
Surrey	16	8	4	4
Derbyshire	8	1	2	5
Gloucestershire	12	4	1	7
Middlesex	10	2	1	7
Sussex	12	2	2	8

7 September: YORKSHIRE v MARYLEBONE CLUB AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3032.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 8 September, page 5)

The third and last of the important matches arranged at this annual festival began yesterday in dull and cheerless weather - rain on one or two occasions stopping play and generally making matters uncomfortable for the spectators. Two powerful teams were got together, and as they were playing 12 a-side, room was found among the Yorkshiremen for Mr Leadbeater, the popular left-handed batsman of the Scarborough Club, and the Hon M B Hawke. The visitors were also very powerfully represented, as a glance at the following names will show. In addition to the Notts professionals - Barnes, Scotton, Gunn, Flowers and Sherwin - Messrs W G Grace, O'Brien, C W Wright, Thornton, Cecil Wilson and Wootton are playing.

Having the good fortune to win the toss, the Yorkshiremen went in at 20 minutes past 12, but when only one over had been sent down and a single run scored the wet stopped the game for a run out of an hour. On a fresh start being made, Mr Evans and Wootton shared the attack and on the wet wicket runs came freely, Ulyett hitting brilliantly and Hall scoring with considerably more than his usual freedom. Ulyett was missed when he had made 13, but otherwise no fault could be found with the batting of either. As both bowlers came in for severe punishment, Barnes and Flowers went on at 29. However the scoring continued, and Mr Grace took the ball from the fast bowler at 38. Ulyett hit the Gloucestershire captain for two fours on the leg side and hit Flowers for four more, the score being thus rapidly carried to 66. Then Wootton and Barnes were put on again and, with a single added, Hall was caught at slip. Lee joined Ulyett and runs came faster than before, the total being 92 for one wicket, when the interval was taken for lunch.

A drizzling rain was falling at the adjournment and delayed a resumption until 4.25, when Mr Grace and Wootton went on with the attack. Three fours were quickly hit from the Kentish bowler, but at 110 Lee was out leg-before-wicket. Grimshaw joined Ulyett, who scored the next 12 runs and was then caught at mid-on for an admirable 67, in which were nine fours, a three and six twos. The crack batsman of the Yorkshire team was very loudly cheered on his retirement.

Grimshaw's new partner was Mr Leadbeater, and as runs came as freely as before, Flowers superseded Wootton at 138. Grimshaw hit a ball dangerously up on the leg side, but no one could get to it, and he then drove Mr Grace for four, the amateur soon afterwards cutting that bowler twice for four. Grimshaw next hit Flowers twice to the boundary, and altogether the total was up to 187 before the professional was caught at mid-off for 29. On Bates coming in, Mr Evans took the ball from Mr Grace, and the 200 went up at 25 minutes to 6. Barnes and Wootton took up the bowling six runs later, and Bates was immediately caught at the wicket. Mr Hawke succeeded, and the two amateurs played out time, Mr Leadbeater being not out 45 at the finish - and achievement upon which he was very loudly congratulated by the spectators.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 9 September, page 10)

Yesterday at Scarborough the Yorkshiremen followed up their success of Monday, and they have now all the best of the game, as M.C.C. with four wickets to fall want 141 runs to avert a "follow on." On Monday Yorkshire lost five wickets for 220 runs, and yesterday it was not until 20 minutes to 4 that the Yorkshire innings was brought to a conclusion for 322.

Play did not commence until a quarter-past 12, and there was over an hour's interval for luncheon. Mr Leadbeater's admirable innings of 65 included seven fours, two threes and eight twos. Mr Hawke and Peel also played good cricket.

The M.C.C. had a little less than two hours' batting, and in that time lost seven wickets for 102 runs. Dr Grace was caught at cover-point after scoring four, and Scotton was out at seven. The feature of the innings was the hitting of Mr C I Thornton, whose brilliant driving reminded many of the spectators of his best days. He went in first, and was out fifth with the score at 92, out of which number he made 63, by one six (a grand drive out of the ground), seven fours, three threes, five twos and singles. Messrs Thornton and O'Brien put on 56 runs during their partnership, and the dark blue was dismissed by a clever catch at mid-off. Bates went on to bowl with the score at 78, and met with great success, taking four wickets at a cost of only 11 runs.

The weather yesterday was dull, but the atmosphere was much milder than on the previous day. The wicket played better than had been expected, but this may be accounted for by the fact that there was no sun to dry the ground rapidly.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 10 September, page 4)

In fine but bitterly cold weather the last first-class match of the Scarborough Festival came to a conclusion yesterday, the result being a draw greatly in favour of Yorkshire. At the finish the M.C.C. were one run behind with five wickets to fall, but as Dr Grace was prevented by a private engagement from taking any part in the day's proceedings, there were in reality only four wickets to go down.

At the drawing of stumps on Tuesday Yorkshire had completed a first innings of 322 and the M.C.C. had lost three wickets for 102. The first innings of the M.C.C. closed yesterday for 165, some good cricket being shown by Mr Cecil Wilson, Mr Evans and Flowers.

As the M.C.C. were in a minority of 157, there seemed a very great probability of Yorkshire gaining a single innings victory, especially as it was known Dr Grace was not on the ground. Bates was aided by the condition of the wicket, and bowling in capital form met with great success. He dismissed Scotton, Mr O'Brien and Mr Thornton, and when Gunn, the sixth batsman, was out, the score was only 83. From this point, however, a remarkable change came over the game. Mr Wright and Barnes played exceedingly good cricket and, despite all the efforts of the Yorkshire bowlers, they kept up their wickets until the call of time and saved the M.C.C. from defeat. Altogether Mr Wright and Barnes put on 73 runs and, except that the professional gave a chance of stumping when he had scored about 12, no fault could be found with the performance of either. Although the Scarborough Festival was unlucky in the matter of weather, there was some admirable cricket shown.

10 September: ENGLAND ELEVEN v A SHAW'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3033.html)

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

Some of the representative character was taken out of this match, which begun yesterday at Harrogate [sic], owing to the fact that four members of Shaw's team that visited Australia at the end of last summer - Arthur Shrewsbury, Shaw, Briggs and James Lillywhite - were unable to play. Shaw and Lillywhite, however, appeared so little in Australia that they could scarcely be considered regular members of the team. The two vacant places were filled by W Chatterton, of the Derbyshire Eleven, and Mr Martin Riley, who is well-known in connexion with Yorkshire cricket. An excellent team had been got together to oppose Shaw's men.

Cricket did not commence until nearly 1 o'clock, and stumps were drawn at a quarter to 6. Nevertheless good progress was made with the game. Shaw's team were batting from 1 o'clock until 10 minutes past 4, and the total reached 156, a much smaller number than had at one time seemed probable, as the third wicket fell at 97. Ulyett played exceedingly good cricket for 36, and Scotton and Barnes showed to advantage. From the analysis it will be seen that the veteran Emmett bowled with great success and took six wickets at the cost of only 50 runs.

When the England team went in, Dr Grace on a slow wicket made runs at a very great pace, scoring 51 out of 53 before being caught and bowled. He gave a chance at long-off when he had made 17, but otherwise his batting was quite free from fault. He made two drives out of the ground for six, six fours, four twos and seven singles. From the appended score it will be seen that the England team with six wickets to fall are 82 runs behind.

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

Good progress was made yesterday in this match at Harrogate and, considering the condition of the wicket, there now seems every reason to expect a close finish, as with an innings to play the England Eleven want 144 runs to win.

As on the opening day the wicket was slow and the runs were made by those men who played a vigorous, hard-hitting game. The scoring was faster, 271 runs being made for the loss of 16 wickets, as against 230 for 14 wickets on Thursday. There was a large attendance and the weather, though rather windy, was for the greater part of the day bright. The innings of the England Eleven, in which four wickets had fallen for 74 runs, was finished off yesterday morning in about an hour and a half for 179, or 23 runs to the good. Jesse Hide and Lee played particularly well.

The second innings of Shaw's team opened badly, three of the best wickets going down for 32 runs. Then came a remarkable change, and Ulyett and Maurice Read, playing very brilliant cricket, put on 95 runs during their partnership. Peate was put on for the first time in the innings at 127, and then he met with great success. He took his first four wickets without a run being scored off him, and his six wickets cost only 17 runs. It was chiefly due to his efforts that the innings was finished off for 166. As it was close upon time when the last wicket fell, stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 14 September, page 10)

Much rain fell at Harrogate on Saturday, and the players, after waiting about for the greater part of the afternoon, at length decided to abandon the game as a draw.

14 September: L HALL'S XI v A SHAW'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/3/3034.html)

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 15 September, page 6)

At Bradford yesterday there was much rain and cricket was simply impossible. The players waited about for some time, but at last decided not to attempt a start until this morning.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 16 September, page 10)

Bates played a very brilliant innings of 93 at Bradford yesterday for Shaw's team against Hall's England Eleven. The match should have begun on Monday, but heavy rain fell all day and prevented an opening until yesterday. Then the weather, although at times dull and windy, was fine, but the company was certainly not so large as might have been anticipated.

The wicket, having been kept covered during the wet of the preceding day, was in capital condition; and Shaw's side, again winning the toss, again went in first. Two wickets fell for 21, and then Bates went in and began his innings. After giving a sharp chance when he had made five, he did not make a mistake that went to hand until he was out seventh at 169. His figures included a drive for six out of the ground, nine fours, five threes and nine twos. But for him the side would have fared very badly, as only Flowers of the remainder made one 20. The innings, which lasted from 10 minutes past 12 until 25 minutes to 5, amounted to 220.

Three-quarters of an hour was left for cricket when the England Eleven went in, and in that time Gunn and Barlow, who scored very slowly, made 22 without losing a wicket, the only feature of their play being a drive for six out of the ground by Gunn.

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

As was generally anticipated, this match, at Bradford, terminated in a draw yesterday, Shaw's Eleven having a great advantage at the finish. Overnight the game stood thus: - Shaw's Eleven 220, Hall's team 22 for no wicket.

Yesterday the not outs, Gunn and Barlow, went on with their batting, but the latter was disposed of before a run had been added. Abel followed in, and the score was carried to 49, when Gunn was caught at the wicket. The batsmen were then dismissed in rapid succession, six being out for 73. Abel and Emmett, however, made a stand, both playing excellent cricket. Ultimately the innings closed for 133, Emmett carrying out his bat for 27.

Being in a minority of 87, Hall's side had to follow on, and when stumps were drawn they had lost four wickets and were still 27 runs behind.