

1 January: AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND (Second Test Match)

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Day 1 (report from Friday 1 January, page 7)

The second test match between Mr Warner's team and an eleven of Australia began here to-day in warm weather and before an enormous attendance. The wicket was perfect. Warner won the toss. Mr Bosanquet, Arnold and Strudwick were omitted from the English team.

The Englishmen batted first. Mr Warner and Hayward opened the innings, Trumble and Noble sharing the attack. Trumble had a great reception on his reappearance in the cricket field. Owing to loose fielding Warner scored two off Trumble's second ball, and the crowd jeered Gregory, who missed the ball at mid-off. When the English captain had scored six he was missed by Trumble off the latter's own bowling. It was a hard left-handed chance. The score at half-past 12 was 12 for no wickets, Warner being 7 and Hayward 5. - Reuter.

Report from Saturday 2 January, page 9

In warm weather and on a perfect wicket the second of the five test matches was begun here to-day. It excited exceptional interest, the attendance even at the start of play being enormous. Bosanquet, Arnold and Strudwick stood out of the English eleven. After being selected, Bosanquet and Arnold were prevented by injuries from playing, and had to give place to Knight and Fielder.

Warner beat Noble in the toss, and opened the England innings with Hayward as his partner. Trumble and Noble, the former of whom had a great reception on reappearing on the cricket field, shared the bowling. From the second ball delivered Warner scored two, Gregory at mid-off being jeered at by some of the spectators for misfielding the ball. When Warner had made six he might have been caught and bowled, but the chance was a hard one to Trumble's left hand.

After this both batsmen played with great caution. The bowling was very good, both Trumble and Noble keeping a fine length. At 19 the first change was tried, Noble, who had sent down six overs for four runs, giving way to Saunders. When the total reached 20 the game had been in progress 40 minutes. Warner had obtained most of the runs, scoring chiefly by on-drives. Having made seven, Hayward was badly missed being stumped by Kelly off Trumble, and the crowd roared their disappointment. Ten runs came from Saunders's second over, Warner getting them all.

At 40 Howell relieved Trumble, who in an hour had bowled 12 overs for 18 runs, and at the same total Armstrong went on for Saunders. So far Warner, who made some pretty strokes on the leg side, was scoring at twice the pace of Hayward. The latter batsman kept to a rigidly defensive game, and his patient play occasionally caused a little "barracking." Gregory earned a cheer by a good piece of work at mid-off, and the fielding all round was very smart. Trumble bowled again for Howell, but at lunch time no wicket had fallen. The total was then 55, Warner having made 35 and Hayward 20.

At the resumption of the game the crowd numbered 25,000. Trumble and Armstrong bowled as before. Both batsmen were worried by the flies. The first noteworthy incident was a fine straight drive for four - warmly cheered - by Hayward off Trumble. Warner repeatedly met Armstrong's leg-breaks with his pads, and some of the crowd called out, "You pokey player." Hayward played with far more freedom than he had shown before and made some beautiful cuts. At 84 Howell displaced Trumble, whose analyses came out at 20 overs, five maidens, 39 runs. Hayward had at this point scored 38 to Warner's 46.

Warner completed his 50 after batting for nearly two hours and ten minutes. At 92 Armstrong, from whom only 16 runs had been hit, gave place to Saunders, and amid cheers the hundred went up when the innings had lasted two hours and a quarter. Surprise was felt at Noble's not bowling, the explanation being that his arm - overworked in the recent Inter-State match - was causing him pain. The score having steadily risen to 116, Hopkins bowled for Saunders, and with six runs added this change parted the batsmen, Hayward being caught at forward cover-point. One wicket for 122. Hayward played in most finished style and showed wonderful patience, his innings lasting two hours and 35 minutes. He only hit two fours.

Tyldesley went in first wicket down, and at 130 Trumble resumed in place of Howell. Again a change met with speedy success, as off Trumble's bowling at 132 Warner was caught at mid-off. In getting

his 68 Warner was at the wickets two hours and 50 minutes. His innings, though for the most part a very careful one, included eight fours.

Foster was loudly cheered as he left the pavilion. When he went in a thunderstorm seemed to be gathering. Nothing of consequence happened before the tea interval, when the total stood at 141, Tyldesley having made 13 and Foster 2.

The crowd had increased to 38,000 when the game was continued. Gregory was repeatedly cheered for his brilliant fielding at forward cover-point, his pick-up and return being equally fine. Tyldesley batted in capital form, his wrist play being much admired, but Foster opened disappointingly. At 158 Armstrong went on in place of Hopkins, and at 171 Saunders relieved Trumble, from whom 58 runs had now been hit. For some little time the scoring was slow, but no wicket fell, so at 195 Howell took the ball from Saunders.

Having settled down, Foster became much freer in style and played charming cricket. At 193 Hopkins bowled again for Armstrong. When 200 went up - the result of four hours and 20 minutes' play - Tyldesley had made 39 and Foster 35. With his score at 39 Foster was missed at slip by Trumble off Hopkins. By this time the light had become bad.

At 208 Armstrong displaced Hopkins, who crossed over to the other end. Trumper afterwards bowled for Armstrong, but no other wicket fell. It was a slow day's cricket, the batsmen taking no risks. At the close the weather was thundery and overcast. The wicket remained perfect all day.

Rain is imminent. Mr Foster is indisposed. He is suffering from tonsillitis, but the doctor has permitted him to bat to-day. - Reuter.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 January, page 10)

Melbourne, Jan. 2.

Owing to bad weather little progress could be made here to-day in the test match. There was no cricket before lunch and not a ball could be bowled after the tea interval. Considering the unfavourable conditions, the attendance was remarkable. Fifteen thousand people were present when play began, and the number increased afterwards to 21,000.

The Englishmen, who had scored 221 for two wickets, were placed at a great disadvantage by the illness of Mr R E Foster, not out 49 at the drawing of stumps yesterday. He put in an appearance at the ground, but returned to his hotel during the rain before lunch, and went to bed, it being arranged that if the English eleven were still in he should resume his innings on Monday. Great sympathy was expressed for him by the crowd.

Rain seemed imminent before half-past 11, and it soon came on, delaying the start till after luncheon, when Tyldesley, not out 46, and Braund continued England's innings. Trumble and Hopkins shared the bowling. The wicket was greasy on the top and against the bowlers. Runs came steadily, and when the total had been increased to 252 Saunders displaced Hopkins. Tyldesley played in his most artistic style and Braund's hitting was very crisp.

At 269 Saunders gave way to Howell. With his score at 78 Tyldesley was missed at forward short leg by Noble off Trumble. The ground was now helping the bowlers and Braund, skying the ball over the wicket-keeper's head, was caught. Three for 277.

Knight came next, but he only made two before being out to a bailer, the fourth wicket falling at 279. Hirst followed in, and Tyldesley two or three times hooked the ball round very cleverly. However, at 297 Hirst was brilliantly caught at short leg by Noble, who, while falling, secured the ball with his left hand.

With Rhodes in 300 went up, the innings so far having lasted just upon six hours and a quarter. Having scored a single Rhodes was missed by Saunders at mid-on. No harm came of Saunders's blunder, as at 306 Rhodes was out leg-before-wicket, the tea interval being then taken. Rain set in and prevented a resumption at the usual time, and after a wait of 70 minutes stumps were drawn. A section of the crowd jeered at the umpires.

January 3.

Mr Foster is suffering from a severe internal chill as the result of batting on New Year's Day, and his doctor has absolutely forbidden him to play to-morrow, though he hopes he will have quite recovered in time for the next test match. It rained heavily last night and rain is still falling. There is every prospect of the wet continuing.

January 4, 3.24 a.m.

The weather is still showery, but shows signs of moderating. - Reuter.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 5 January, page 9)

Melbourne, Jan. 4.

The test match here was continued to-day, and on a pitch spoilt by rain most of the batsmen were helpless. Trumper for Australia and Tyldesley for England, however, rose above the difficulties of the wicket and gave brilliant displays. Moderate at first, the attendance before the end of the afternoon increased to 12,000.

When rain stopped play on Saturday the Englishmen had scored 306 for six wickets, Tyldesley not out 97. Foster, though forbidden to take any further part in the match, was reported to-day to be much better, his temperature being normal. The wicket was sodden this morning, and play at the ordinary time for starting was out of the question.

It was arranged that the umpires should make a second inspection at 1 o'clock. This proved satisfactory, and a little later England went on with their innings, Lilley joining Tyldesley. Trumble and Howell shared the bowling, and off the latter's first ball Tyldesley was caught in the slips, the score being still 306. In getting hi 97, which included eight fours and six threes, Tyldesley was at the wickets nearly three hours and ten minutes. He played brilliantly and made some magnificent pulls. The spectators cheered him warmly.

Lilley and Relf were together at lunch time, the total standing at 309. A shower fell during the interval, and on resuming the wicket was very sticky. Howell broke back tremendously. Lilley was caught at slip from a false hit and Fielder was bowled, the innings, which lasted six hours and three-quarters, ending for 315.

Duff and Trumper opened the Australian innings to the bowling of Rhodes and Hirst. Strudwick fielded as substitute for Foster. The batsmen got to work at once and were very quick in running between the wickets. When Trumper had made three he had a lucky escape. He put up a ball from Rhodes, and Lilley, in running towards point, slipped and missed the catch. Hirst made the ball bump a good deal, but Duff got him away finely to leg for a couple of fours. However, at 14 Duff jumped out to drive Rhodes and was easily stumped.

Hill stayed while nine runs were added, and then fell to a running catch at mid-off. Two for 23. With the score unaltered, Noble was cleverly caught at silly point. So far Rhodes had taken two wickets for ten runs. By this time the sun was shining, but the outfielding ground remained very dead. Gregory came in and the fieldsmen closed in round him. He only scored a single before being caught at mid-off, the fourth wicket going down at 33. This made Rhodes's average three for 11.

Hopkins followed in and things improved, Trumper playing a fearless game and driving most effectively on both sides of the wicket. Fifty went up when the innings had been in progress an hour, and Relf bowled in place of Hirst. After a time the change proved successful, Hopkins being caught at short leg at 67. Rhodes was bowling in deadly form on the treacherous wicket, and at 73 Trumble was caught off him at mid-on. Trumper up to this point had scored 36.

A right-handed catch in the slips got rid of Armstrong at 79, Rhodes's record being then five wickets for 33 runs. Kelly came in next, and stayed while Trumper hit. Hirst, who had resumed bowling at 73, gave way to Braund at 80. When Kelly had made two he was missed at slip by Braund off Rhodes, but the chance was high and difficult. Trumper completed his 50 after batting for 88 minutes, and was enthusiastically cheered. His hitting all round had been superb. Before he had made another run he was missed in the long field by Hayward off Rhodes.

At 105 Kelly was run out. Howell came next, and Trumper, with his score at 59, was badly missed by Warner at point, Rhodes being again the bowler. From the next ball Trumper hit a five, and then, with a splendid on-drive for four off Braund, he, amid frantic cheering, saved the follow-on. Howell was caught at mid-on at 116, and Saunders, the last man, went in.

Having scored 71, Trumper skied a ball from Braund over the wicket-keeper's head and might have been caught, but the chance was a difficult one and Strudwick missed it. Nothing came of the error, as directly afterwards Trumper was caught at long-off, the innings closing for 122. Trumper was batting for 112 minutes and hit a five and five fours.

Holding a lead of 193, the Englishmen went in for the second time. According to the conditions under which the matches are being played they would have had to be 200 ahead to have the option of putting Australia in again. Warner and Hayward opened the innings to the bowling of Trumble and Saunders.

From the latter's second ball Warner, with the core at five, was caught at third man. Tyldesley came in, and then Hayward was caught at long-on, two wickets being down for seven. Braund stayed for some little time while Tyldesley made run, but had only scored three when Saunders bowled him. Three for 27. Saunders was getting a lot of work on the ball, and when Braund left his average stood at two wickets for ten runs.

Hirst followed, and Tyldesley was cheered for a splendid off-drive for five from Trumble. When 21, however, Tyldesley was missed by Trumble at slip. At 40 a change of bowling was tried, Howell taking Trumble's place. Hirst had great luck, giving Kelly an easy chance of stumping off Howell and being badly missed by Gregory at short leg from the next ball. The crowd jeered, but they applauded Gregory when, from the next ball but one, he caught Hirst and so atoned for his blunder.

With Rhodes in, Tyldesley played a splendid game and fairly rose to the occasion. He drove Saunders twice in succession for four and drove him for five in the same over. The punishment brought on Hopkins at 69, and at 73 Trumble resumed for Howell. The second of these changes proved successful, Rhodes being out leg before wicket, at 74. Stumps were then drawn, England, with five men out, being 267 ahead.

In his 48 not out, a magnificent piece of batting, Tyldesley has hit two fives and six fours. The wicket is improving and will be rolled to-night. The weather is clearing up.

Jan. 5, 3.23 a.m.

The weather is improving. Several showers have fallen. - Reuter.

Day 4 (report from Wednesday 6 January, page 8)

The Test Match here ended this afternoon, England winning by 185 runs. Owing to rain in the night play at the ordinary hour was impossible, and it was clear that nothing could be done until after lunch. Even when a start was made at 25 minutes past 3 the wicket was in a wretched state. Four thousand people were then present, and the number increased before the end of the game to 10,000.

With five wickets down for 74, England continued their second innings, Tyldesley, not out 48, being joined by Knight. Trumble and Howell shared the bowling. Two wickets fell without a run having been added to the score, Knight being out l-b-w and Lilley stumped. Both men were out to Trumble, whose average when Lilley left stood at four wickets for 18 runs.

Relf came in; and Tyldesley, with his score at 50, gave a difficult chance to Gregory at leg, off Trumble. So far Tyldesley had been batting 66 minutes. When 57 he was missed being stumped off Howell, but he did not profit much by his luck, as after getting five more runs, he was caught in the slips from a false hit. His innings, which occupied an hour and 18 minutes, was a splendid display. Some of his "hook" strokes were marvellous. The crowd gave him a great reception. Eight wickets for 90.

Relf and Fielder added 13 runs before Fielder was caught at mid-off and, with Foster absent, the innings closed for 103. It had lasted a shade over an hour and a half.

The Australians wanted 297 to win - an absolutely hopeless task on such a wicket. Duff and Trumper opened the innings, Rhodes and Hirst bowling. Fourteen runs having been scored, Duff was caught at

slip. Hill went in next, and only made seven when he gave a chance to Fielder at mid-on off Rhodes. Some fierce hitting followed, Hill getting 12 runs in one over from Rhodes, and Trumper ten in one over from Hirst. When 19, however, Trumper should have been caught off Hirst by Braund at slip.

Both batsmen forced the pace to the utmost of their ability, and 50 went up when the innings had been in progress 25 minutes, this being the fastest scoring in the match. At 51 Relf bowled an over in order that Hirst and Rhodes might change ends, and five runs were hit from him. With his score at 17, Hill gave an easy chance to Rhodes at mid-off, from Hirst's bowling. The batsmen were separated at 59, Hill being caught at long-on from the second ball Rhodes bowled after changing ends.

Noble was next in. Trumper when 33 was missed at deep point by Warner off Rhodes, and from the same bowler Noble, after getting a single, was missed by Tyldesley at long-on. The catching of the Englishmen was simply wretched, but their ground fielding was good. Noble made a straight drive for five off Rhodes - a very fine hit - and then Trumper was caught at long-off. Three wickets for 73. Trumper, whose brilliant innings included some splendid drives, was enthusiastically cheered. He hit one five and four fours, and was batting for 52 minutes.

Gregory was out at 77 to a left-handed catch in the slips, but in the meantime Noble, with his score at 10, was missed off Rhodes by Fielder at mid-on. Another blunder soon followed, Hopkins, before he had scored, being missed off Hirst's bowling by Braund at slip. This, however, was a sharp chance to the left hand. Runs came slowly for a few overs, and at 86 Hopkins was caught and bowled. Noble was full of resource and played a masterly game, but he could get no help.

At 90 Trumble and Armstrong were out in one over from Rhodes - both caught in the slips - and at 102 Kelly skied a ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. Then the end soon came, Howell being caught at mid-off at 105 and Saunders at mid-on at 111.

The innings lasted one hour and fifty-five minutes. Rhodes bowled in superb form and was practically unplayable. The Englishmen were warmly cheered.

Wednesday 6 January, page 8: THE M.C.C. TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

The team of English cricketers selected by the M.C.C. and led by Mr Warner have now completed about half of their list of fixtures, and a short review of their performances may be of interest. It is true that three more test matches have yet to be played; but in view of the fact that the English players have won the first two test matches and have beaten both the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria, and had all the best of the drawn match with South Australia and have not yet tasted the bitterness of a single defeat, the M.C.C. may safely be congratulated on the selection that was made both of the team and of its captain.

As far as it is possible to judge from the accounts that have reached us, it would appear that for the first time for some years - at any rate, in Australia - the English bowling is decidedly superior to that of the Australians; and Rhodes has considerably added to his already great reputation, while Arnold, on hard easy wickets, has been of the greatest possible service. The weather has been for Australia somewhat variable; and on the soaked wicket of the second test match, at Melbourne, Rhodes was not played with confidence by any Australian except Mr Trumper.

The Sydney match, on the other hand, was played on one of those wickets which handicap bowlers to a point beyond endurance; and, enormous as the scoring was, it would very likely have been much larger but for the fact that Mr Hill, when well set, was run out - the batsman at the time trying to bustle the field by attempting short runs. The batting in this match of Mr Foster and Mr Trumper would not have been surpassed, and Hayward at the critical point played in his best style; but the missing of Hirst from a chance which, if taken, might easily have lost England the match is only another proof that, if matches are to be won on easy wickets, catches must be held.

The test match at Melbourne was remarkable for two things - first, that the wicket was never really easy and for the most part difficult; and, secondly, for the number of catches missed. The light for catching at Melbourne is bad, for the high stand and number of trees handicap the field materially.

It may be aid at once that England had the best of the luck in winning the toss and having the easiest of the wicket at the start, and in Mr Noble's being unable to bowl more than a few overs. On the other hand, Mr Foster was incapacitated for most of the match, and Arnold and Mr Bosanquet were unable to play at all. Neither side can be complimented for the skill shown in batting on difficult

wickets; but honourable exception must be made of Mr Trumper and Tyldesley, and it is probable that the play of these two players in the second test match will not be equalled in the whole tour.

On looking at the features of the tour up to now it seems that the Australian bowling lacks variety. There is no fast bowler at all. Mr Noble is hardly the bowler he was; while Mr Saunders bowls too many bad balls to be of much good on easy wickets, and too much work falls on Messrs Trumble and Howell.

The first four Australian batsmen - Messrs Trumper, Hill, Noble and Duff - are as good as Mr Foster, Tyldesley, Hayward and Braund; but there is a decided tail to the Australian eleven and none to the English. If the wickets are not made difficult by rain there is certain to be enormous scoring in the last three test matches; and the side has the best chance of winning that goes in first and avoids batting in the last innings, when even the best of wickets, as at Sydney, must show some traces of wear.

Mr Warner seems to have led the side with skill, judgment and tact; and his success so far must be very grateful to the M.C.C., who have seen their selection of him as captain so abundantly justified by results.

8 January: THE ENGLISH TEAM v EIGHTEEN OF BALLARAT

Ballarat, Jan. 8.

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Day 1 (report from Saturday 9 January, page 12)

A two days' match between the English team and Eighteen of Ballarat began here to-day in fine warm weather. The attendance was moderate, never exceeding 2,000. Foster, Bosanquet, Arnold and Tyldesley stood out of the English side, which - consisting by agreement of 12 men - was completed by including Whitfield and Drummond, the latter an old Harrovian.

Warner won the toss and sent in Hayward and Braund. Only 13 of the local players fielded. Stevens and Cockburn were the first bowlers. Runs came fast, Braund, among other hits, lifting a ball from Cockburn out of the ground for six. Hayward left at 46, and at 68 Braund was bowled by a "yorker." In addition to his big drive for six, Braund hit five fours.

Knight and Lilley, who is suffering just now from varicose veins, stayed together and put on runs at a great pace. Seven bowlers were tried, but no other wicket fell before lunch. There were, however, some blunders in the field: Knight, when 31, gave an easy chance of stumping, and Lilley, with his score at 32 and 54 respectively, was missed at the wicket and missed being caught and bowled. At lunch time the total was 176, Knight having scored 57 and Lilley 55.

On resuming, Lilley was bowled at 181. His innings included a five and seven fours. Whitfield remained in for some time while Knight hit, but had only made three when Hele bowled him. Four for 206. Drummond was bowled at 207, and Hirst, who was missed at leg after getting 12, hit up 22 before being caught at mid-off, the sixth wicket falling at 241. Just before this, Knight completed his hundred, having been in for a little over two hours and a half. Relf was caught and bowled at 264. Rhodes came next, and at the tea interval the total had reached 278, Knight being not out 109.

Knight did not get another run, being caught and bowled at 282. His soundly played and attractive innings included 11 fours. He was much cheered. The innings was rapidly finished off by Hennah. Eight bowlers were tried . . .

Charles Baker and Watson began the Eighteen's innings to the bowling of Hirst and Braund. Lilley did not field. Baker hit Braund three times in succession for four, and though Rhodes bowled in place of Hirst, no wicket fell. The wicket is a good one.

Day 2 (report from Monday 11 January, page 12)

The match here (restricted to two days) ended this afternoon in a draw, a definite result never having seemed possible. This morning the weather was swelteringly hot, with a dusty wind. Small at first, the attendance increased before the close to 2,000.

Charles Baker and Watson went on with the Eighteen's innings, the score standing at 46 for no wicket. Hirst and Fielder shared the bowling, and the latter's first ball beat Watson. One for 48. Mailer stayed in for some time, and the total had reached 83 when Hirst caught him at short mid-on. Hore joined Baker, and without further loss the 100 went up. However, at 104 Baker was caught and bowled. He had played a very stylish innings without a chance. Among his hits were eight fours, his late cuts and strokes on the leg side being especially good.

Brag [Bray?] was run out at 115, and there came such a rapid fall of wickets that ten were down for 138. Hennah and Stevens stayed together for a few overs, but at 148 Stevens was caught at long-on and luncheon was taken. So far Braund had secured seven wickets for 66 runs.

On resuming Hennah was caught at the wicket with the total unaltered, but Mitchell and Dillon did better, putting on 21 runs before the former was stumped. Thirteen wickets for 169. Hele was bowled at 173, and after Dillon and Cockburn had added 13 together and Cockburn and Thomas Baker 11, the innings ended for 197, Morgan, owing to an injured ankle, being unable to bat . . .

Warner and Drummond opened the Englishmen's second innings, the previous order being completely changed. Bailey and Hennah were the first bowlers. After giving two chances Drummond was caught at long-on, the first wicket falling at ten. Warner was bowled at 25, but Strudwick and Rhodes played well, and at the tea interval the score had reached 51.

On starting afresh the batsmen hit away freely till at 87 Rhodes was bowled. This wicket was taken by Stevens, who promptly followed up his success. At 99 he bowled Relf; at 105 he caught and bowled Whitfield, and at 108 he bowled Strudwick, his record then being four wickets for 13 runs. Hirst and Knight having carried the score to 149, Hirst was caught at point; Hayward was out leg-before-wicket with the total unchanged, and Lilley bowled at 170.

After this, however, Knight found a vigorous partner in Braund, thanks to whose fine hitting the tenth wicket added 46 runs. Braund was caught at point at 216, and when the innings closed for 226, Knight being caught at leg, the match was left drawn.

Stevens took six wickets . . .

Wednesday 13 January, page 5: THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

Mr G H Cartland presided over a committee meeting of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club at Birmingham yesterday evening. The chief subject under consideration was the proposed introduction of an inter-county cricket tournament.

The lines of Mr C B Fry's scheme were approved, and it was unanimously resolved that Warwickshire join those counties which are agreeable to enter the competition.

Thursday 14 January, page 9: JOHN WISDEN'S CRICKETERS' ALMANACK

Every one who knows his Wisden thoroughly has a considerable knowledge of cricket history during recent years, and cricketers and all those interested in the greatest of our national games will welcome the almanac for 1904, which makes its appearance somewhat later than usual.

The book contains a great deal of useful information, which can easily be referred to, and will serve the double purpose of being a record of the past and a guide for the coming season. The most generally interesting part of the book perhaps is that which deals with the season of 1903; and here Wisden is very complete, for it not only gives accounts of all first-class cricket matches played last season with scores and bowling analyses, but it also gives a summary of the doing of the second-class counties, the results of I Zingari matches and the scores of public school matches.

There are a number of cricket records and averages for lovers of statistical cricket; and among other features will be found obituary notices of cricketers who died in 1903, births and deaths of

cricketers, Arthur Shrewsbury's performances in first-class cricket, cricket in Australia and cricket in Canada.

An almanac like Wisden's must of necessity be largely devoted to figure matter, but the book contains some interesting reading as well. Mr W J Ford, as usual, contributes his article on public school cricket, and selects Eton, Rugby and Repton as the three best schools of the year. Mr Ford has much that is interesting to say on the cricket of the various schools, and he also notes that a revival in future of the Winchester and Harrow match is more than possible.

The five cricketers of the year selected for portraits and biographies are - Mr P F Warner (Middlesex), A E Knight (Leicestershire), J Gunn (Nottinghamshire), W Mead (Essex) and C Blythe (Kent).

Mr D L A Jephson and Mr F R of contribute short article chiefly addressed to the young cricketer. The former shows the value and necessity of back play in the makings of a batsman, and the latter writes on schoolboys' bowling. It has often been said that the greatest of players is not always the best of coaches, but Mr Spofforth's advice seems particularly valuable. One point may be specially noticed. In writing of the young amateur bowler he says: -

"He is to a certain extent taught, but he is not allowed to bowl to his full extent or as long as he likes, because others are waiting for their turn and, above all, he is taught to spin a ball, which in my opinion is just like trying to teach a child to run before it can walk, because directly you start spinning a ball you check pace and therefore development of elasticity, which cannot be gained afterwards."

Friday 15 January, page 9: THE PROPOSED NEW COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

A meeting of the committee of the Nottinghamshire County Club was held at Nottingham yesterday to consider Mr C B Fry's scheme as to a county cup competition. After a long discussion it was decided not to entertain Mr Fry's proposal.

15 January: AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND (Third Test Match)

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Day 1 (report from Friday 15 January, page 9)

Intense interest is being manifested in the third test match which begins here to-morrow. A faultless wicket has been prepared. The captains have agreed to shorten the drive at each end of the wicket by 25 yards, to cut the grass in the outfield daily and to roll the wicket each evening if it has been raining. The official forecast for to-morrow is: - "Fine, thundery conditions approaching."

An accident occurred to Mr Foster to-day which, it is feared, may incapacitate him for to-morrow's match. He stopped a hot drive from Strudwick, and in doing so crushed his left thumb. Arnold and Mr Bosanquet have both recovered. Neither team will be chosen definitely until to-morrow. - Reuter.

Adelaide, Jan. 15, 11.55 a.m.

The third test match between Mr Warner's eleven and Australia was begun this morning. The weather was warm and there was a large crowd. The Australian team consisted of Noble, Howell, Trumper, Duff, Hopkins, Kelly, Gregory, Trumble, Armstrong, McLeod and Hill, the emergency man being Gehrs. Relf, Strudwick and Knight were omitted from the English team.

Noble won the toss and the Australians went in on a perfect wicket.

12.28 p.m. Duff and Trumper went in first. Twenty-eight runs were knocked up without loss, Duff contributing 18 and Trumper 10.

12.30 p.m. Duff and Trumper were cheered on emerging from the pavilion. The bowling was shared by Fielder and Arnold. Duff scored six off Fielder's first over, with pull strokes. Each of the batsmen played Fielder with confidence, but treated Arnold's bowling with caution.

12.59 p.m. Duff, with brilliant hooking play, increased his score to 49. Trumper, playing stylish all-round cricket, contributed 28. 78 runs for no wicket.

1 p.m. The scoring was rapid, and at 44 Rhodes relieved Fielder, who had bowled five overs at a cost of 27 runs.

When Duff was 32 he gave a chance to Fielder at square-leg off Arnold. Fifty runs were made in 40 minutes.

At 62 Bosanquet took the ball from Rhodes and eight runs were scored off his first over.

1.10 p.m. At 81 Rhodes went on in place of Arnold.

When Duff was 63 Lilley badly missed stumping him off Bosanquet. - Reuter's Special.

Saturday 16 January, page 9: Adelaide, Jan. 15.

The third of the five test matches began here to-day in fine weather and on a perfect wicket. Great interest was taken in the game, and before the end of the afternoon the attendance numbered 10,000. Foster, despite his damaged thumb, was able to play for England, and Warner left out Relf, Knight and Strudwick. In the Australian eleven the only change from the team beaten at Melbourne was Charles McLeod for Saunders. Winning the toss, Australia made a wonderful start, though there were some failures after the tea interval.

Trumper and Duff - warmly cheered on leaving the pavilion - opened the innings to the bowling of Fielder and Arnold. By means of skilful pulls Duff made six runs in Fielder's first over. Both batsmen played Fielder with great confidence, but were cautious in dealing with Arnold. The score rose fast and at 44 a change was tried, Fielder, from whom 27 had been hit in five overs, being displaced by Rhodes.

When Duff had made 33 he gave a chance off Arnold to Fielder at square-leg. Fifty went up when the innings had lasted 40 minutes, and at 62 Bosanquet relieved Rhodes. The change did not check the hitting, eight runs being scored in Bosanquet's over. At 82 Rhodes was put on again in place of Arnold, who had bowled for 55 minutes. Bosanquet kept a better length than usual and puzzled the batsmen as to which way he was going to break. Having scored 63 Duff was badly missed being stumped off Bosanquet, the wicket-keeper, like the batsman, being deceived by the break. At the end of 68 minutes' cricket the hundred was reached.

At 119 Rhodes, who had sent down six overs for 25 runs, made way for Braund, and Hirst was tried for Bosanquet. Duff was bowled by the last ball before lunch, the wicket falling at 129. Out of this number, Duff, by most confident and vigorous cricket, had scored 79. He was only batting for 86 minutes, his splendid innings including 13 fours. His hooking was brilliant. Trumper so far had made 47.

There were 7,000 people on the ground at the resumption. Hill joined Trumper and the score steadily rose. Playing in his prettiest and most finished style, Trumper showed more freedom than before. When 150 went up the innings had been in progress an hour and 40 minutes. Though hampered by an injured finger, Hill from the start of his innings played a very confident game. Both batsmen were cautious in running between the wickets and avoided all risks. The fielding was smart, Arnold at point and Tyldesley in the deep field being conspicuously good.

With the total at 171 Hirst bowled the first maiden over in the innings. Braund, who had bowled eight overs for 28 runs, gave way to Arnold at 192, and the score reached 200 after less than two hours and a quarter's play. Trumper had then made 85 and Hill 33.

At 219 a double change was resorted to, Bosanquet going on for Hirst and Rhodes for Arnold. Hirst had had 44 runs hit off him in ten overs. Trumper continued to bat in beautiful style, his cutting and driving being equally fine, and there was great cheering when he completed his hundred in just over two hours and three-quarters.

At 260 Fielder relieved Rhodes, but the change did not affect the batsmen, who were playing with masterly ease. When Trumper had scored 113, he narrowly escaped being run out. Rhodes fielded the ball very smartly at point and returned it grandly, but Lilley - standing back to Fielder's bowling - could not get up to the wicket in time. Hirst displaced Bosanquet, and Trumper played a ball on to his wicket. The tea interval was then taken, the score standing at 272 for two wickets.

Trumper had a great reception. His superb innings - quite free from fault - lasted three hours and nine minutes and included 12 fours. Hill was now 72 not out. The partnership for the second wicket produced 143 runs in 100 minutes.

On the game being resumed Noble joined Hill, the bowling being shared by Hirst and Braund. The total having been increased to 290, the latter bowler gave the ball to Arnold. The change proved successful, Hill being caught at the wicket at 296. His very attractive innings - chiefly remarkable for fine driving - occupied a little over two hours. Among his hits were seven fours. Owing to a touch of cramp in the legs, Warner was away from the field for a few minutes, Relf acting as substitute for him.

From the time Hill left a great change came over the game, the Englishmen bowling and fielding in capital form and meeting with unexpected success. Gregory joined Noble, and at 303 Bosanquet relieved Hirst. With five runs added, Gregory was caught at mid-on, and at 310 Hopkins played a ball on to his wicket.

Armstrong came in and play went on quietly, the score being much slower than before. At 337 Rhodes bowled again for Arnold, and at 343 he got Armstrong leg-before-wicket. Trumble, who had a cordial reception from the crowd, came next, and he and Noble played out time, the total at the close being 355 for six wickets. Braund was tried in Rhodes's place at 350. In getting his 38 not out, Noble batted very cautiously. The wicket remained perfect to the close.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 January, page 9)

Adelaide, Jan. 16.

The match between Mr Warner's Eleven and Australia was resumed this morning. The wicket continued in perfect order and there was again a large crowd, the weather being glorious. Bosanquet and Arnold began the bowling, each sending down a maiden. Bosanquet frequently puzzled the batsmen, though often his length was absurdly short.

Trumble did not add to his overnight score, being dismissed by a beautiful ball from Bosanquet. Noble, not out, 43. Seven wickets for 360.

McLeod joined Noble, who continued to score steadily. When he was 39, however, the Australian captain was brilliantly stumped by Lilley off Arnold. McLeod, not out, eight. Eight wickets for 384.

Kelly joined McLeod, who was run out without further addition to the score. Nine wickets for 384.

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The Australians are all out for 388. - Reuter.

Report from Monday 18 January, page 11

Adelaide, Jan. 16.

In glorious weather the test match was continued here to-day, 18,000 persons being present. The wicket remained perfect, but England failed in batting.

With six wickets down for 355 the Australians went on batting, Noble, not out 38, and Trumble, not out four, being opposed by Bosanquet and Arnold. Trumble did not get another run, Bosanquet bowling him with a splendid ball at 360. McLeod was next on, and play went on somewhat uneventfully. Bosanquet was often very short, but when he got a proper length he was very difficult. A feature of the cricket was the smart running between wickets.

The fielding of the Englishmen was good all round, Hirst at mid-off being best of all. When Noble had made 59 he escaped being stumped, but he did not profit by his luck, Lilley stumping him brilliantly in the same over. Eight for 384. Noble played a sound and in every way excellent innings. He completed his 50 in exactly two hours and was batting for 17 minutes afterwards. His hit included four fours.

McLeod was run out with the total still at 384, Rhodes returning the ball very smartly to Lilley from deep point. Kelly and Howell only added four runs before Kelly was out leg-before-wicket, the innings, which had lasted just over five hours and a half, ending for 388.

Hayward and Warner were cheered as they left the pavilion to open England's innings. McLeod and Trumble started the bowling. Warner soon began to get runs, hitting McLeod three times for four. Howell relieved Trumble at 23 and a little later Hopkins took the place of McLeod, but at lunch time the total had reached 29 without loss, Warner being 15 and Hayward ten.

After the resumption of play, the score having been increased to 47, Hayward was out to a ball from Howell. Tyldesley came in, but with a single added he fell to a wonderful catch at the wicket on the leg side. Two for 48.

After this the cricket was very quiet, Warner and Foster playing with great caution. When eight runs had been slowly put on Trumble bowled again in place of Howell. Foster's damaged thumb caused him a good deal of pain. The bowlers kept an admirable length and were backed up by very alert fielding. In stopping a hot drive by Foster at mid-off Duff injured one of his fingers and had for a time to retire, Gehrs coming out to field for him.

At 62 McLeod relieved Hopkins. Warner at last grew tired of careful play and went in for vigorous hitting. The result was disastrous, as a couple of overs later he was smartly caught with one hand at mid-on. He hit six fours in his 48, and was batting for 88 minutes without giving a chance. Three wickets for 88.

Braund came next and Duff returned to the field. At 98 Trumble, who had sent down 13 overs for 23 runs and a wicket, gave way to Armstrong and Noble took the place of McLeod. The second of these changes met with almost immediate success, as, from the third ball Noble bowled, Foster was caught at slip. Four for 99.

Hirst joined Braund and the hundred went up when the innings had lasted exactly two hours. After scoring a single Hirst gave a hot chance to Gregory at leg off Armstrong. From the same bowler Braund hit a five, lifting the ball over the ring at square-leg. At the tea interval the total was 116, Braund having made 13 and Hirst eight.

Noble's arm is still weak and, being afraid fully to exert himself, he gave the ball to Hopkins when the game was resumed. Again a change proved effective, Braund, with the score still at 116, being caught at mid-off in Hopkins's first over. This gave Hopkins a record so far of two wickets for 20 runs. Hirst and Bosanquet stayed together but they scored slowly. The total reached 146, and then Bosanquet was easily caught at mid-off.

When Rhodes joined him, Hirst played very good cricket, getting most of his runs by pulls and off-drives. The bowling was changed at both ends at 156, Howell going on for Armstrong and McLeod for Hopkins. Having made nine Rhodes was caught at point, the seventh wicket falling at 173.

Arnold followed, and Hirst, with a grand cut to the boundary off Howell, beat Warner's score. This brought on Trumble for Howell at 182, and as the score steadily rose Noble bowled at 194 in place of McLeod. After five runs had been added Hirst was caught at long-on and stumps were drawn, England's total standing at 199 for eight wickets.

Hirst in scoring his 58 combined solid defence with brilliant hitting. His innings extended over an hour and three-quarters and included eight fours. He was heartily cheered.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 19 January, page 10)

The Australian to-day again showed splendid cricket and at the end of the afternoon they were 406 runs ahead with six wickets to fall. Though muggy and dull at starting, the weather kept fine nearly all day, a shower of rain coming on shortly before 6 o'clock. Lord Tennyson and Lord Northcote were both present. The wicket was perfect when play began and was wearing well at the close.

The Englishmen had on Saturday lost eight wickets for 199. Arnold, the not-out, was joined by Lilley to-day, Trumble and Hopkins sharing the bowling. Lilley scored fast and made some fine off-drives, his hitting causing McLeod to go on for Hopkins at 222. However, at 234 Lilley ran himself out. He cut a ball from McLeod to point, started to run and could not get back, Armstrong's return being very smart. Fielder was bowled after getting six, the innings, which lasted exactly four hours and a half, ending for 245.

Duff and Trumper opened Australia's second innings to the bowling of Hirst and Arnold. From the start Trumper played a free game, and at lunch time had scored 21 out of 29. Bosanquet bowled one over before the interval, but on play being resumed Hirst went on again. Trumper continued to get most of the runs, his late cuts and off-drives being superb. The total had reached 48 before Duff was out to a catch at slip.

Hill followed, and Trumper completed his 50 after batting for 65 minutes. At 77 Bosanquet and Rhodes went on. Rhodes at once met with success, as in his first over Trumper was leg before wicket. Two for 81. Trumper gave no chance in his brilliant 59 and hit seven fours. His innings lasted just under an hour and a quarter.

Noble joined Hill and runs came at a very slow rate. The bowling was admirable, Bosanquet's break puzzling both batsmen, and the fielding very smart. Still, no wicket fell, so at 99 Bosanquet gave way to Fielder. Again a change proved effective, Hill - beaten in the pace of the ball off the pitch - being bowled by Fielder at 101.

Gregory came in next, and when 20 runs had been added Warner changed the bowling at both ends, putting on Arnold for Rhodes and Bosanquet for Fielder. Rhodes had bowled seven overs for 17 runs and a wicket, and Fielder five overs for seven runs and a wicket. Arnold needed very careful watching, keeping a capital length with a good variety of pace, making the ball break from the middle to the off stump. At the tea interval the total was 134, Noble having scored 20 and Gregory 19.

Subsequently Fielder and Rhodes bowled again. With the score at 24 Gregory gave a chance at the wicket off Fielder. Both batsmen played in full, attractive Tylecote, Gregory making some beautiful cuts, and Noble's cutting and off-driving were admirable. At 161 Braund relieved Rhodes. Just after, Noble, who had made 37, was very fortunate, Lilley missing a palpable chance of stumping him. Rapid scoring followed, ten runs being hit from Braund in one over. Bosanquet bowled once more for Fielder at 173, and at 199 Arnold took the place of Braund. When 200 went up the innings had been in progress two hours and 55 minutes.

At this point, with a new ball in use, Hirst was put on for Bosanquet. Having scored 41, Noble might have been caught at mid-off by Hirst, but the ball went high to the fieldsman's left hand. Gregory hit Arnold for three fours in one over. The total having reached 225, Fielder relieved Hirst. Gregory was now doing nearly all the hitting. Level with Noble when the score stood at 161, he made his next 54 runs while his partner was getting 11.

Braund bowled again in place of Arnold at 234. There was a great burst of cheering when Gregory, after batting for an hour and 55 minutes, obtained his hundred. Noble, when he got to 50 had been at the wickets nearly two hours and a quarter. The long partnership came to an end at 263, Gregory being caught at slip, and, owing to a shower, play ceased for the day. Out of 162 runs put on during his stay of just over two hours, Gregory made 112, his innings including 17 fours.

Day 4 (report from Tuesday 19 January, page 10)

When the fourth day's play in the test match began this morning Noble, the overnight not-out, was accompanied to the wickets by Armstrong, and after 20 minutes' play each batsman had made five runs, Noble's score being thus brought to 57 and, with the addition of one extra, the total to 274 for four wickets.

A quarter of an hour later, with another 15 added, the Australian captain put up a ball from Braund, which was held by Bosanquet at mid-off. His innings of 65 was a display of excellent batting. Five for 289.

Play so far had been very slow, both batsmen having treated Braund and Fielder, who had opened the English attack, with great respect. Five overs from Fielder yielded only a single run, and three of them in succession were maidens. - Reuter.

Report from Wednesday 20 January, page 12: Adelaide, Jan. 19.

The Englishmen to-day played an uphill game with great determination, and left off wanting 345 run to win, with eight wickets to fall. Fortunately the pitch, in spite of the hard wear to which it has been subjected, remains in perfect condition. The weather to-day was fine.

With four wickets down for 263, the Australians continued their second innings, Noble, not out, 52, being joined by Armstrong. Braund and Fielder shared the bowling. Runs came very slowly, Fielder sending down five overs - three maidens in succession - for a single. The score having reached 289, Noble was caught at mid-off. He was batting three hours for his innings, and hit four fours. While in with Gregory yesterday he played a most unselfish game.

Hopkins followed, and Armstrong, by some good hitting brightened the cricket. When 300 went up the innings had lasted just upon four hours and a half. At 305 Fielder gave way to Rhodes. The Englishmen were backing up their bowlers well, Bosanquet at mid-off, Braund at extra mid-off and Tyldesley in the long field being especially good. At 318 a double change was tried, Arnold going on for Braund and Bosanquet for Rhodes. Only two had been added to the score when Hopkins was smartly run out, Rhodes returning the ball brilliantly from mid-on. Six wickets were down for 320.

Trumble went in. At 324 Armstrong was caught at mid-off. He had played an attractive innings, hitting seven fours during his stay of an hour and a quarter. McLeod was soon bowled by a splendid ball from Bosanquet, and with the total at 326 for eight wickets the players went in for lunch. Just before the interval Rhodes bowled one over at Arnold's end.

When the game was resumed, Trumble and Kelly took the score to 350. Kelly was stumped and Trumble caught and bowled, the innings, which lasted five hours and 25 minutes, closing for 351. Bosanquet took four of the six wickets that fell to-day.

Wanting 495 to win, England began with Warner and Hayward to the bowling of Howell and McLeod. The batsmen were natural cautious and runs came at rather a slow rate. At 26 Trumble relieved Howell, and at the end of an hour's batting the total was 47. Hopkins at this point took the ball from McLeod. So far Warner had made 28 and Hayward 19. Warner, who scored a little faster than his partner, played skilfully on the leg side and made some good off-drives. Hayward's defence was very watchful.

Armstrong bowled for Trumble at 73, and Howell took the place of Hopkins at 88. Warner, before this change, completed his 50 after batting for an hour and 40 minutes, and the 100 went up when the innings had been in progress two hours. The batsmen seemed to be gradually wearing the bowling down. At 111 Trumble resumed at Armstrong's end, but still no wicket fell. Hayward reached his 50 with the total at 118, having been in for two hours and 12 minutes.

At 121 McLeod bowled in place of Howell, but the score rose steadily, and at 137 a double change was tried - Trumper for Trumble and Hopkins for McLeod. At last the batsmen were parted, Hayward being out leg-before at 148. He had shown splendid defence for nearly two hours and three-quarters, giving no chance and meeting every ball with the full face of the bat. His innings included three fours and his timing was never at fault. The crowd gave him a great reception.

Arnold was bowled by Hopkins after getting a single, and with two wickets down for 150 stumps were drawn, Warner being not out 79. Just before the second wicket fell Trumble bowled again in place of Trumper.

Day 5 (report from Wednesday 20 January, page 12)

Adelaide, Jan. 20.

Within a few minutes of the resumption of play in the test match this morning the Englishmen sustained a double disaster. Only 10 runs had been added to the overnight score when Warner returned a ball to Trumble without having added a single run to his last night's figures.

Tyldesley, who had accompanied his captain to the wickets, had previously made 10, though bringing the score up to 160 for the third wicket; but directly afterwards he too was sent back, being brilliantly caught at short leg by Noble, who, however, only succeeded in holding the ball after some

juggling. Hopkins was the bowler. Four for 160. At Tyldesley's retirement Hopkins had taken three wickets for 32.

With Foster and Braund together, the next week yielded 35, of which the former contributed 16 and the latter 19. Foster then played on a ball from McLeod and, with him gone, the Englishmen's hopes of compiling the huge score they required to win seemed practically at an end.

Two balls before Foster's dismissal Braund gave a chance off McLeod, who had relieved Hopkins at 189, putting up a skier to point, which, however, Trumper somehow missed.

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At the luncheon interval the score was 232 for seven wickets. - Reuter.

Report from Thursday 21 January, page 12

Adelaide, Jan. 20.

The test match ended shortly before 3 o'clock to-day, Australia winning by 216 runs. Any chance the Englishmen might have had of getting the 345 they required was lost during the first quarter of an hour. The weather was pleasant and the wicket in perfect condition.

England's score at the drawing of stumps yesterday was 150 for two wickets. Warner, not out 79, was joined to-day by Tyldesley, the bowling being shared by Trumble and Hopkins. When ten runs had been added - all by Tyldesley - both batsmen were got rid of, Warner being caught and bowled and Tyldesley splendidly caught at short-leg.

Warner's innings of 79 was the best he has played during the tour. He showed very watchful defence and scored well all round the wickets, his driving being especially good. He hit nine fours and was batting just over three hours. When Tyldesley left Hopkins's bowling average came out at three wickets for 32 runs.

Foster and Braund stayed together for some time, but did not obtain any mastery over the bowling. After scoring three Foster gave a hard chance off Hopkins to McLeod at mid-on. The total having been raised to 189 a change was tried, McLeod relieving Hopkins. With his score at 18 Braund was missed by Trumper at point off McLeod. Two balls later Foster played on, the fifth wicket falling at 195.

Hirst came next, and 200 went up. At 211 Howell bowled in place of Trumble. Having made 13 Hirst was missed at point by Noble off Howell, but the chance was a hard one. Amid much cheering, Hirst from successive balls cut Howell for three fours. However, at 231 Braund played a ball from that bowler on to his wicket, and in the same over Lilley was caught and bowled. Six and seven for 231. Bosanquet joined Hirst and Hopkins bowled at McLeod's end. At luncheon the score was 232, Hirst being not out 30.

On the resumption of play Warner ran for Bosanquet, who had lamed himself while fielding. At 240 Trumble took the place of Howell. With 16 runs added Bosanquet was caught at point, and with the total still at 256 Hirst was bowled. During a stay of 66 minutes Hirst played excellent cricket. His defence was sound and he hit six fours. Rhodes and Fielder put on 22 for the last wicket, and then the match ended, Rhodes being run out.

Mr Warner stated after the match that the Australians thoroughly deserved their victory. The wicket throughout was the best he had ever seen. Trumper, Duff, Noble, Hill and Gregory won the match for Australia. England's bowling and fielding in both innings were excellent. The Englishmen stuck to their game splendidly. The total made by Australia was not more than was to be expected on a good Australian wicket, but England's batting was bad.

Noble declared that it was the pleasantest test game he had ever played in. England had had to face a colossal score in the second innings. Gregory's batting was superb. The English bowling was never bad throughout the match. - Reuter.

Saturday 23 January, page 13: THE ENGLISH TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Jan. 22.

The programme arranged for the Tasmanian tour of Mr Warner's team includes only two fixtures. On Monday the Englishmen will begin a two-days' match against a Combined Tasmanian team at Hobart, while on Friday and Saturday they will again meet an All Tasmanian team at Launceston. - Reuter.

Tuesday 26 January, page 11: THE CROCKETT INCIDENT

(From a correspondent)

Melbourne, Dec. 23.

No State in Australia, except New South Wales, consciously and consistently sets amusement before business. But whether we are to attribute it to a beautiful harbour or to a lethargic climate, there can be no doubt that in Sydney a general election comes a poor second to an international cricket match.

So great was the apathy of New South Wales over the Federal elections that nearly two-thirds of the electors did not take the trouble to record their votes. But there was no apathy in New South Wales over the first Test Match, which alike in attendance and in "gate" money easily constitutes a world record.

In the circumstances no excuse is needed for a brief reference to the instance of "larrikinism" which did much to mar the enjoyment of that historic match. Imperial feeling in Australia has, it may be confidently asserted, been helped at least as much by cricket as by any political agency; and misunderstandings in the cricket field are to be deplored in the interests not less of cricket than of the Imperial sentiment.

It must be owned by all that no public could at the outset have been more generously disposed than the vast assemblage that greeted good cricket on either side with rounds of applause and cheered to the echo every stroke of Mr Foster's great innings. On Tuesday, the day of the incident, the audience seemed in no less generous a mood, and, even at the height of their enthusiasm for the magnificent fight made by the Australians in their second innings, allowed no instance of good English fielding to pass without its mood of applause.

It was only when Mr Hill's magnificent batting seemed to make victory within the limits of possibility that the excitement of the audience was really roused. And it was at the height of the excitement, at the close of a succession of fourers, when Mr Hill was 51 and showed every indication of staying for another 100, that the appeal for a run-out was given against the batsman.

As to the merits of the decision from my position on the ground I am entitled to express no opinion. But of the many persons with whom I have discussed the matter, and who were in a position to be able to form a more correct judgment, I have only found one who believed Mr Hill was out and a few who would not express themselves definitely on the matter; the large majority agree with a Sydney sporting paper that Crockett's was "one of the worst decisions given on the ground."

This is not said to excuse what followed, only to explain it. The average Australian is a good sportsman, and had the crowd believed that Mr Hill was out they would have taken their disappointment like cricketers. As it was, Crockett's decision was the signal for an uproar that has seldom been heard on any cricket ground.

At this juncture Mr Warner's action did not help matters. For some unexplained reason, he left the field for the pavilion. The crowd immediately jumped to the conclusion that his mission was to put Mr Hill in again. Mr Warner's subsequent appearance arm in arm with Mr Noble did nothing to allay the excitement, and for the next two hours pandemonium reigned. "How's that, Crockett?" shouted the crowd, when any conceivable occasion for an appeal occurred. Then some wit started a batrachian chorus of "Crock, Crock, Crock, Crockett." In a minute it was taken up by a thousand voices and the whole arena echoed with the audacious parody of Aristophanes.

Two courses were open to the Englishmen, to desist from play until some approach to silence was restored, or to endeavour to ignore the disturbance. Mr Warner decided in favour of the latter

course, and the good temper with which the Englishmen "played the game" in the face of the popular clamour deserves as much praise as their excellent cricket.

The uproar continued until the drawing of stumps, and it was thought that the unfortunate umpire might even meet with rough treatment on his way from the ground. "Which way are you going home, Crockett?" being frequently shouted from the crowd, alternately with certain imaginative remarks upon his family history and a suggestion that he should "stand for the Senate."

But the ill-humour of a Sydney crowd passes as suddenly as one of their "southerly bursters" from the harbour. By the next morning they had forgotten all about the incident and, indeed, sore from a lecture from both the morning papers, were secretly rather ashamed of themselves. So that Mr Crockett was actually applauded as he took his place behind the wickets; and the game ended, as it began, in cordial good feeling.

Much could, of course, be said - much has been said - of the unsportsmanlike conduct of the crowd who by their conduct punished not only an umpire, who was, after all, only doing his best, but their English visitors. What I think may be fairly said, however, is that the very freedom of manners of the Sydney crowd is, in a sense, a tribute to their English opponents. They treated them exactly as they would treat each other; forgetting that "barracking" is not in England what it is in Australia. They certainly had no intention of showing any ill-will to Mr Warner's Eleven, which remains, at the time of writing, by far the most popular team that has ever visited Australia.

#### NOTTS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

The annual report of the Notts County Cricket Club was issued last night. In it the committee state that, in spite of a rather heavy deficiency, the state of finances is not altogether unsatisfactory, taking into account the bad weather which prevailed and the exceptional expenses of the year.

Three hundred pounds have been paid to William Gunn as his share of the gate money at the Surrey match, which was partially devoted to a second benefit to him. Special mention is made of the services of John Gunn, who scored over 1,000 runs and took over 100 wickets, of James Iremonger and Mr Jones.

The special appeal made with a view to decreasing the heavy debt under which the club rests has met with a generous response.

The same county matches will be played as last year, and in addition there will be the usual colts match, a game between the Notts and Yorkshire colts at Trent Bridge, and a match between amateurs and professionals on the August Bank holiday.

Special reference is made to the loss the county sustained by the death of Arthur Shrewsbury.

25 January: TASMANIA v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6392.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6392.html))

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

Hobart, Jan. 25.

In the match here to-day - the first of the two fixtures in Tasmania - Hayward, Hirst and Braund were left out of the English team. It is an eleven a side game and limited to two days. The weather kept fine nearly all the afternoon, but rain came on before the time for drawing stumps.

Warner won the toss and, on an excellent wicket, opened the English innings with Foster to the bowling of Windsor and Paton. Foster scored fast and made a large majority of the runs. After making six Warner was missed at slip off Paton, who, with the total at 49, gave way to Eady. The first wicket fell at 72, Foster being caught at mid-off.

Tyldesley was bowled at 78 by the second ball he received, and before another run had been obtained Warner was caught at mid-off. A third catch by Cuff in the same position got rid of Arnold, the score with four men out being 82. At this point Smith had taken three wickets for four runs.

Knight and Bosanquet stayed together, and the hundred went up when the innings had lasted an hour and a quarter. Having made nine, Knight gave a chance at the wicket of Eady's bowling, and Bosanquet was twice missed - at mid-off when 24 and at mid-on a run later. At 127 Knight was caught at long-on.

After lunch Lilley joined Bosanquet, Windsor and Eady bowling. With a dozen runs added Bosanquet was bowled. Lilley and Relf increased the score to 163, and then the former was out to yet another catch at mid-off. Rhodes came next, and was missed in the slips before he had had a run by Burn off Eady. Relf was also fortunate, giving a chance of being stumped off Windsor's bowling when he had scored 14.

At 182 Relf was run out, and after this the innings quickly ended for 185, Fielder being caught at slip and Strudwick bowled. It was altogether a poor display, but the batsmen - fatigued by a tedious journey by water - did not play a serious game. Windsor took three wickets . . .

Cuff and Hawson started Tasmania's innings, Fielder and Relf bowling. Only 11 runs had been obtained when Cuff was caught at long-off. Douglas followed, and the score steadily rose, both batsmen playing well. At 55 Hawson fell to a catch at mid-off, but Douglas found another good partner in Dodds, and at the tea interval the total without further loss had been increased to 77.

At 90 Dodds was caught at mid-off, and at 97 Windsor hit a ball into Arnold's hands at point. Douglas and Eady showed good cricket, and when rain stopped the game they were still together.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 January, page 9)

Limited as it was to two days, the match here ended to-day in a draw. Playing in very different form from that shown in their first innings, the Englishmen gave a brilliant display of batting. When play began the weather was cloudy and the wicket to some extent favoured the bowlers. Moderate at first, the attendance increased during the afternoon to 2,000.

Having scored 116 for four wickets, the Tasmanian eleven went on batting, Douglas and Eady, the not-outs, being opposed by Arnold and Rhodes. Eady was bowled by Rhodes's first ball, the fifth wicket falling at 119. Then at 121 Douglas was caught at slip. Hale left at 131, but Burn and Smith added 22 together before Smith was caught at long-on. Paton followed, and a still better stand was made. Runs so far had come slowly, the fielding being very good. Strudwick was keeping wicket in excellent style.

At 158 Bosanquet relieved Rhodes, who crossed to Arnold's end. Thirteen runs were obtained in one over from Bosanquet, and the total reached 186 when Paton was run out. Bailey was soon bowled and the innings closed for 191. Fielder took one wicket . . .

The wicket had improved when Warner and Foster opened the Englishmen's second innings. Eady and Windsor shared the bowling, and at lunch time 12 had been scored without loss. On the resumption of play Foster, when six, was missed being caught and bowled by Eady. Runs then came fast, till at 57 Foster played a ball on to his wicket.

After this Warner and Tyldesley batted brilliantly together and, though five bowlers were tried, they carried the score to 158, Warner being at last caught at square leg. He gave no chance, and his forcing play on the on side was admirable. At the fall of his wicket the tea interval was taken, Tyldesley being not out 71.

At 175 Tyldesley was stumped. His innings - quite free from fault - was marked by a great variety of strokes. Arnold left at 188, but with Knight and Bosanquet together the bowling was completely mastered. Bosanquet hit in great form and delighted the spectators. Runs were made at a tremendous pace, 17 being scored in one over from the old Cambridge bowler Hale, and 18 in one over from Smith. At 354 Warner declared the innings closed. Bosanquet's score included four fives and 18 fours. Windsor took three wickets . . .

A draw being inevitable, no interest remained in the match when Tasmania went in for the second time. Burn and Hawson started the innings, and Warner - not treating the cricket seriously - put himself and Foster on to bowl. At 42 Burn was caught at the wicket, and then Hawson and Dodd played out time. Foster took one wicket . . .

Friday 29 January, page 5: THE ESSEX COUNTY CLUB

A special general meeting of the Essex County Cricket Club was held yesterday afternoon at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, Mr C E Green presiding. The meeting was summoned to receive the report of the special committee appointed on November 10, and to consider the recommendation of the committee that a new set of rules should be substituted for the existing rules of the club.

It is satisfactory to state that the sum of £1,500 for which the committee appealed in the autumn to pay off the liabilities of the club has been practically secured, more than £1,000 being already in the bank. The recommendations of the special committee, which were all unanimously adopted, were: -

1. That Rule 18, imposing an entrance fee of one guinea, be rescinded.
2. That life membership be created.
3. That the subscription of lady members shall be half a guinea.
4. That football matches shall be arranged during the winter months.
5. That the members of the club shall, subject to regulations to be made from time to time by the committee, have the privilege of introducing one friend into the pavilion during county matches, and that the accommodation for members be increased, if necessary, by allocating seats in the grand stand.

The new rules, with one correction in wording, were also passed, and a vote of thanks to the chairman brought the proceeding to a close.

Inasmuch as the sum of £1,500 was required for the payment of the club's debts, the committee are striving to get further support, in order that the season may be begun with a working balance in hand. The fee for life membership in accordance with the new rules is 20 guineas, or in the case of lady members ten guineas.

#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

A special meeting of the members of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club was held at Bristol yesterday to take into consideration the present financial position of the club, and to take steps to establish a guarantee fund.

Mr H W Beloe, who presided, stated that the balance of over £1,100 had been reduced to between £200 and £300, and it was quite evident then even if they had an exceptionally fine summer in 1904, it would be impossible to make both ends meet. It was thus absolutely necessary that they should at once establish a guarantee fund, if they were to keep the county club going. He pointed out that the subscriptions had diminished very considerably.

The committee had gone carefully into the subject of economy, and it was hoped to be able to make a saving of £400 or £500 a year. Already £290 had been guaranteed, and their secretary, Mr E M Grace, had offered to return £50 of his salary, until the club was in a more prosperous condition. The chairman moved that circulars be issued asking for guarantors to the amount of £2,000. Mr J A Bush seconded the proposal.

In the discussion which ensued it was pointed out that bad cricket rather than bad weather had resulted in the present adverse financial position. In reply to a question, the chairman said it was uncertain if Mr Jessop would be captain next summer. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### THE INDIAN TEAM

The proposed tour of a team of Indian cricketers in this country during the forthcoming season has had to be given up, a cable message to that effect having been received in London within the last day or two. We are informed that it was found impossible to finance the team satisfactorily.

29 January: TASMANIA v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6394.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6394.html))

Launceston, Jan. 29.

Day 1 (report from Saturday 30 January, page 9)

The Englishmen began a two days' match here to-day against an eleven of Tasmania. Warner left out Foster, Bosanquet, Braund and Relf, the side being completed by Drummond. The weather was magnificent and the wicket good.

Windsor beat Warner in the toss, and Tasmania went in, Savigny and Hawson opening the innings to the bowling of Hirst and Fielder. Two wickets fell for seven - all extras. Hawson was bowled and Savigny caught at slip. The score having been exactly doubled two more wickets were lost, Douglas and Cuff being both bowled.

So far seven runs had been made off Hirst and none off Fielder, each bowler having taken two wickets. James was bowled at 30, but after this the batting improved, Dodds and Windsor playing very good cricket. Rhodes bowled in place of Fielder at 54, and at 71 Arnold relieved Hirst. Runs came rather slowly, but the total had reached 92 when Dodds was caught by the wicket-keeper. Dodds hit seven fours in his 48 and gave no chance, his off-driving and cutting being excellent. Windsor and Westbrook carried the score to 121, and at lunch time the former was caught at the wicket for 33.

Afterwards Hirst and Arnold bowled. Westbrook was stumped at 129 and Addison bowled in the same over with the total unchanged. Smith and Harrison added a dozen runs before Smith was bowled, the innings ending for 141. Hirst took five wickets . . .

Hayward and Warner began the English innings, Smith and Windsor bowling. Warner was bowled at 16 and Tyldesley at 19. However, Hayward and Knight played steadily together and took the total to 71, when Knight was bowled.

After tea Hirst joined Hayward and, in spite of frequent changes of bowling, the score rose fast. When the Tasmanian total was passed the innings had been in progress an hour and 35 minutes. Hirst, who hit all round with great power, was at last caught at long-off, the fourth wicket falling at 181. His 51 included a five and seven fours.

Hayward found another good partner in Rhodes, and between them the two batsmen increased the score to 261. Hayward's innings of 134 was closed by a catch at cover point. He was batting for two hours and 20 minutes, and his only mistake was a chance of being stumped when he had made 113. He hit four fives and seventeen fours.

Rhodes was run out at 270, Arnold leg-before-wicket at 276 and Drummond bowled at 282, but Lilley received excellent help from Fielder, and without further loss the score at the drawing of stumps had reached 321. The bowling was weak, but only five men were tried.

Day 2 (report from Monday 1 February, page 11)

The match here - limited to two days - ended this afternoon in a draw, the Tasmanian eleven, thanks to the remarkable batting of Savigny and Douglas, easily avoiding the defeat that had threatened them. The weather was fine and the wicket remained good to the finish.

With eight wickets down for 321, the Englishmen went on batting, Lilley and Fielder, not out overnight, continuing their innings. Fielder was bowled at 325, but Strudwick gave some trouble, and when Windsor bowled him the total had reached 353. The innings only lasted three hours and a half. Smith took four wickets . . .

Wanting 212 to avert a single innings defeat, Tasmania began with Savigny and Douglas, and a wonderful stand the two batsmen made. From the start the batting was marked by far more confidence than in the first innings, and though Hirst and Fielder, who began the bowling, gave way to Arnold and Rhodes, the score at lunch time was 35 for no wicket. Savigny o far had made 21 and Douglas nine.

After luncheon Knight and Rhodes shared the bowling. Runs came steadily, but when Savigny, who was driving well on both sides of the wicket, had scored 33 he was badly missed at mid-off by Lilley. The chance was given off Rhodes's bowling. After this the batting was very correct, no risks being run. As time went on and a draw was seen to be inevitable, the cricket became lifeless and the Englishmen ceased to treat the game seriously, Tyldesley and Drummond being put on to bowl. At the tea interval the score was 128, Savigny having made 81 and Douglas 37.

When the players came out again Arnold kept wicket and Strudwick and Lilley were the bowlers. Two hundred went up without loss, but at 202 Douglas was caught at slip. The long partnership, during which every member of the English eleven bowled, lasted four hours and ten minutes. Douglas played with the utmost patience, but now and then he hit well, his innings including seven fours. He gave no chance. When the wicket fell Savigny had scored 132.

The rest of the cricket possessed no interest. Cuff was bowled at 254 and Dodds stumped at 256. Hawson stayed with Savigny for the few remaining overs, the total when the match was left drawn being 259 for three wickets. Savigny was batting five hours for his 164 not out - in every way an admirable innings. He hit 21 fours, his driving being especially good. Knight took two wickets . .

Wednesday 3 February, page 12: BARNES AND THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY CLUB

It is reported from Manchester that, in spite of statements to the contrary, it is not likely that B Barnes will be played for Lancashire during the forthcoming season.

Thursday 4 February, page 12: THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club was held at Nottingham yesterday under the presidency of Mr Alfred Page.

Captain Tomasson, the honorary secretary, announced that the appeal for donations to decrease the debt had resulted in the receipt of £1,128, with about another £100 to come in, but they still needed a good deal more. The adoption of the report, which was moved by Mr Page, was seconded by Mr W E Denison.

Mr Denison said that there had been a great deal of talk about the slowness of Nottinghamshire cricket, but during the past three or four years they had had one of the fastest run-getting teams.

Turning to Mr Fry's scheme, Mr Denison said that if it had been taken up by all the counties it might have been valuable and a pecuniary benefit to the clubs engaged, but as to the latter point he was doubtful, and it was obvious that without Middlesex, Surrey, Yorkshire, Lancashire and Nottinghamshire the competition was quite out of place. He protested strongly against these schemes being put forward at the last moment without opportunity being afforded to discuss their merits, and having regard to the experience of last year, when the widening of the wicket was hurriedly suggested, he welcomed the proposal to establish an advisory council to the Marylebone Club.

Major Robertson was elected president in succession to Lord Savile.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

It was officially announced in Bristol yesterday that Mr G L Jessop would be available for all the Gloucestershire matches during the forthcoming season, and that he would probably be offered the captaincy again.

5 February: VICTORIA v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6395.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6395.html))

Melbourne, Feb. 5.

Day 1 (report from Saturday 6 February, page 14)

The return match between the Englishmen and Victoria, which began here to-day, did not prove a great attraction, the attendance never exceeding 3,000. Relf's absence from the English team was due to a strained heel. The weather, though windy, was warm and the wicket perfect. Victoria made a splendid start, but the cricket was slow and only remarkable for the fine batting of McAlister, who withstood the bowling the whole of the afternoon. The Governor-General was present.

Trott beat Warner in the toss, and Victoria's innings was opened by McAlister and McLeod to the bowling of Hirst and Arnold. Both bowlers were in form at the start, and so cautious was the batting that

when the score reached 10 the game had been in progress nearly 25 minutes. The first change was tried at 18, Braund relieving Hirst. Then at 30 Rhodes came on and Braund crossed over to Arnold's end. Runs came slowly but no wicket fell, so at 43 Bosanquet displaced Rhodes.

McAlister was playing in excellent style and scoring all round the wicket. At 65, just before lunch time, McLeod was stumped off Bosanquet, McAlister having then made 39.

After the interval Armstrong joined McAlister, the bowling being shared by Bosanquet and Arnold. With the score at 85 Rhodes took the place of Arnold, who had sent down 13 overs, five maidens, for

17 runs. McAlister completed his 50 after batting for an hour and 33 minutes. At 113 Arnold bowled again, Bosanquet giving way to him, and with nine runs added Armstrong was out leg before to Rhodes. Two for 122. Armstrong played an attractive innings, driving well and scoring skilfully on the leg side.

Trott, who came in next, had a cordial greeting from the crowd. He began confidently and the cricket became brighter in character. Bosanquet was put on in place of Arnold at 124, and at 147 he got rid of Trott, who was caught at square leg.

Ransford joined McAlister, and at 151 Braund took the ball from Rhodes, off whose bowling 34 runs had been hit. Painfully slow play followed this change, nothing tempting McAlister to depart from his correct and watchful defence. Hirst relieved Bosanquet at 160, and at the tea interval the total stood at 166, McAlister having scored 77 and Ransford 18.

On the resumption of the game, Rhodes and Braund were the bowlers, but when the score had been slowly raised to 194 Arnold was tried again, Rhodes changing ends. The fielding all round was very smart. When 200 went up the innings had lasted three hours and 40 minutes. Ransford, who is a left-handed batsman, was bowled at 205. He showed decided promise, playing with plenty of confidence and hitting well on the on side.

Laver followed in, and McAlister, who had given no chance, reached his hundred after a stay of three hours and 50 minutes. The bowling was changed several times, but to no purpose.

After sunset the sky became overcast and it is now raining heavily. - Reuter.

Day 2 (report from Monday 8 February, page 12)

Melbourne, Feb. 6.

It is raining and there will be no play to-day in the match between Mr Warner's team and Victoria. - Reuter.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 9 February, page 12)

Melbourne, Feb. 8.

The rain that prevented play here on Saturday affected the ground so much that it was not until after an early lunch that the match could be resumed to-day. Collins, who had been picked to play for Victoria, gave place to Fry. The weather was dull and the attendance, which was very small at the start, never exceeded 2,000. In face of great disadvantages the Englishmen did well, but they owed much to the bad fielding of their opponents.

With four wickets down for 269 Victoria continued their innings, McAlister, not out 133, and Laver, not out 28, being opposed by Arnold and Rhodes. It was seen at once that the pitch would help the bowlers, and off the fourth ball sent down by Rhodes, Laver, from a false hit, was caught at slip. Five wickets for 281.

Baker followed, but only a single had been added when McAlister was bowled. McAlister was at the wickets just over four hours and three-quarters, his innings being a remarkable display of patience and strong defence. He hit one six and seven fours, and did not make a mistake of any kind. Scott, the next batsman, was caught at cover-point at 290, Rhodes having so far to-day taken three wickets for eight runs.

Carkeek came in, and was missed at the wicket off Rhodes after making two. He was, however, caught at mid-on two balls later. Eight for 397. Fry was caught at point first ball, and Baker, in jumping out to drive, was easily stumped, the innings, which lasted five hours and twelve minutes, thus coming to an end for 299. Rhodes took six wickets for 62 . . . Rhodes was irresistible to-day, five wickets falling to him for 13 runs.

Tyldesley and Warner opened the English innings, Saunders and Laver bowling. Before he had made a run, Tyldesley had a chance of being stumped off Saunders, but it was high and difficult. The score, however, had only reached six when Tyldesley lost his wicket. He failed to stop a ball from

Saunders, but only one bail fell, and it was not until both umpires had been appealed to that he was given out. Crockett gave the decision on an appeal from Trott, after Barrass - the umpire first asked - had said "Not out" in a hesitating way.

Braund went in first wicket down, but foolishly ran himself out at 33. The out-fielding ground was still very dead. Another disaster soon befell the Englishmen, Foster at 49 being smartly stumped. All this time Warner was playing a capital game, getting most of his runs by forcing strokes on the on side. He had made 28 when Foster left.

Hayward joined Warner, and at 58 the first change of bowling was tried, Trott relieving Saunders, from whom 21 runs had been hit. Both batsmen played a free game and the score rose very fast. At 80 McLeod displaced Laver, and at 94 Ransford bowled for Trott. When Hayward had made 22 he was missed being stumped off McLeod. The hundred went up at the end of only 62 minutes' batting, but at 102 Warner was caught at mid-on. His vigorously-hit innings, which included four fours, was quite free from fault.

Knight came next, and Saunders at once resumed at Rainsford's end. The change soon proved effective, as at 114 Knight made a false hit off Saunders and was caught at slip. Hirst hit up 21 runs out of 35, and then, after bringing on Fry for McLeod, was caught at short-leg, the sixth wicket falling at 149. Hayward in the meantime had enjoyed a liberal share of luck, giving a chance to Baker in the long-field off Saunders, and another to Saunders at mid-on off McLeod.

On being joined by Bosanquet, Hayward completed his 50 - the result of an hour and 20 minutes' batting. At 164 Armstrong went on for Saunders, and off the new bowler Hayward, with his score at 52, had one more mistake, Ransford missing him at leg. The total having been raised to 185, Bosanquet was caught at long-on.

Arnold came next, and at 196 Laver bowled in place of Fry. When 200 went up the innings had only been in progress two hours and 20 minutes, a gradual improvement in the wicket accounting in a measure for the rapid run-getting. Hayward lifted a ball from Armstrong over the ring for five, but at 214 he was caught at long-off. His very lucky but invaluable innings lasted an hour and 53 minutes, and included, besides the five just mentioned, six fours.

Rhodes was missed at long-on by McLeod off Laver, after getting a single, but this piece of luck did not profit him much, as at 227 he was bowled. Strudwick, the last man, gave some trouble, he and Arnold putting on 21 runs. When the innings, which extended just over three hours, ended for 248, or 51 behind, stumps were drawn. But for the wretched fielding, the score would have been much smaller. At the close the weather was cloudy and the wicket still improving. Saunders took three wickets . .

Day 4 (report from Tuesday 9 February, page 12)

VICTORIA'S SECOND INNINGS

ALL OUT FOR FIFTEEN

Melbourne, Feb. 9

The resumption of play in the match against Victoria was marked by a sensational opening to the second innings of the home team. McAlister, who went to the wickets with McLeod, was caught at the wicket by Strudwick off Rhodes without a run having been scored, and Armstrong, who took his place, met an exactly similar fate directly afterwards, two wickets thus falling for none, from successive balls. With the fourth ball of the over Trott, the fourth man in, was missed by Bosanquet at slip.

The excitement caused by this sensational over was raised to fever heat when Arnold, who had taken the other end, opened his over by catching McLeod off his very first ball. Three wickets for 0.

Sensation followed sensation. With the second ball of the second over Ransford, the newcomer, was taken at point by Rhodes. Four for 0.

It was only some few balls later that Trott scored the first run of the innings and the day off the fourth ball of Rhodes's second over. He was loudly cheered, the spectators at once assuming that the streak of ill-luck had now been broken. However, the crowd was doomed to disappointment, for in

Rhodes's next over Laver, who had made a single, was bowled with a yorker. Trott, not out, 4. Five for 5.

LATER

All out for 15. - Reuter.

Report from Wednesday 10 February, page 8: Melbourne, Feb. 9

There was a sensational finish here to-day, the Englishmen getting Victoria out for 15 - the smallest score on record in a first-class match in Australia - and winning by eight wickets.

Victoria began their second innings to-day with a lead of 51 runs. McAlister and McLeod went in first, Rhodes and Arnold bowling. The pitch was very difficult and the batsmen could do nothing. Four wickets fell before a run had been scored. From the third ball delivered by Rhodes McAlister was caught at the wicket, and from the next Armstrong was out in the same way. Trott came in and was let off first ball by Bosanquet at slip, Rhodes thus missing the "hat" trick. McLeod was then caught and bowled by Arnold, and from the following ball Ransford was caught at point.

With Laver in, Trott made the first run of the innings, playing the fourth ball of Rhodes's second over away to short-leg. The score having reached five, Laver was bowled by a yorker from Rhodes. At 12 Baker was stumped. So far Rhodes had taken three wickets for four runs and Arnold three for eight.

Trott was caught at point at 14, and with one run added Carkeek was caught at cover-point. After Scott had given a chance of stumping off Arnold, Fry was caught at third man and the innings closed for 15, Saunders being absent through illness.

Rhodes bowled six overs and a ball, three maidens, for six runs and five wickets; and Arnold six overs, two maidens, for eight runs and four wickets.

Rain fell heavily, and it was not until after lunch that the Englishmen went in, 67 runs being required to win the match. On a sodden wicket Hayward and Warner faced the bowling of McLeod and Fry. From the last ball of McLeod's first over Warner was missed by Fry over the bowler's head. Steady scoring followed, Warner getting most of the runs. When the total reached 26 Warner was caught at point.

Tyldesley went in, and at 41 Laver relieved McLeod. Having scored seven, Tyldesley gave a chance off Laver to McAlister in the slips. Ransford bowled in place of Fry at 52, and at 60 Hayward was run out. Foster, who came in next, was missed by McAlister at slip off Laver and, the runs being obtained without further loss, the Englishmen won by eight wickets . . .

Monday 8 February, page 12: THE PROPOSED NEW COMPETITION

It was officially announced on Saturday that the inter-county cricket competition on the knock-out principle, which was formulated by Mr C B Fry in conjunction with Mr F H Bacon, secretary of the Hampshire County Cricket Club, has been abandoned so far as the coming season is concerned. It is, however, hoped that it will come into force next year.

12 February: NEW SOUTH WALES v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6396.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6396.html))

Day 1 (report from Saturday 13 February, page 14)

Sydney, Feb. 12.

In choosing his team for the return match with New South Wales, which began here to-day, Warner left out Arnold, Fielder and Strudwick. The wicket was in good condition.

Warner won the toss, and Cotter and Hopkins shared the bowling. Only one run had been scored when Warner, from the questionable he received, was caught at point. Tyldesley came next, and did nearly all the hitting, till at 26 a catch at the wicket got rid of Hayward. Other disasters soon followed, Tyldesley being caught at slip at 29 and Braund bowled at 34. When Tyldesley left, Cotter - a young fast bowler - had taken three wickets for 15 runs.

Foster and Knight improved matters a little, the former playing with extreme caution and Knight hitting freely. At 58 a double change was tried, Bowden and Howell going on. Howell bowled Knight at 68 with a beautiful off-break. Foster, so far, had made nine.

Hirst joined Foster and the game proceeded uneventfully. Cotter and Hopkins took up the bowling again at 81. Foster ought to have been out for 19, but Kelly, standing back to Cotter, missed him. At lunch time the total stood at 86 for five wickets, Foster being still 19 and Hirst 8.

At the resumption of play Bowden bowled in place of Cotter. The change proved a success, as from Bowden's fifth ball Foster was out leg-before-wicket. Bosanquet came in, and the 100 went up with the innings had been in progress an hour and 35 minutes. After this Hirst scored fast, obtaining most of his runs by pulls and off-drives.

Howell relieved Hopkins at 129, but did not get on well, 12 runs being hit from him in one over. Cotter went on again in place of Hopkins at 147, and off his first ball Hirst was caught at short leg from a skier. Kelly and Noble ran for the catch and closed on the ball together. Hirst was batting 67 minutes and hit five fours.

Bosanquet hit freely, but could get little support, Lilley being run out, through a smart return by Bowden from mid-on, at 168, and Relf caught at the wicket at 173. Bosanquet completed his 50 after a stay of an hour and seven minutes, and then had an escape at long-off, Gregory misjudging the flight of the ball. However, no harm was done, as from the next ball Bosanquet was caught at point, the innings, which had lasted just over two hours and a half, ending for 190. Cotter took five wickets . . .

The New South Wales innings opened to the bowling of Hirst and Relf. The start was unfortunate, Gregory being bowled by Hirst's fifth ball when only two runs had been scored. Trumper was in a vigorous mood, and in one over punished Relf for 16 runs. Relf gave way to Braund at 30. At 55 Trumper was caught at mid-on. He had hit seven fours and was only batting 35 minutes.

Mackay was soon bowled by Braund, the third wicket falling at 57. When the score had reached 86 Rhodes bowled for Hirst, but after sending down a couple of maiden overs, he gave place, at 95, to Bosanquet, who at once got Noble caught at the wicket.

Rhodes once more bowled, and Bosanquet took the ball from Braund. Gregory had the luck to be twice missed off Rhodes, first by Hirst at mid-off when 12, and then, with his score at 18, by Relf at slip. In the latter case the ball struck the fieldsman on the cheek. Gregory, however, was stumped by Bosanquet at 113. At this point Bosanquet had taken two wickets for ten runs. Duff was run out almost immediately, and with six wickets down for 114 New South Wales then had the worst of the game.

At 141 Hirst relieved Rhodes, who had bowled 11 overs - four maidens - for 11 runs. Braund was tried again, and off him Hopkins, when 25, was missed by Foster at short leg. At the close the score was 152 for six wickets.

Day 2 (report from Monday 15 February, page 12)

Pleasant weather favoured to-day's cricket here, and the attendance, though moderate at the start of play, numbered 12,000 after the tea interval. The wicket remained good. At the drawing of stumps yesterday the game had been left in a very even position, New South Wales, in face of a total of 190, having scored 152 for six wickets.

Hopkins and Kelly, the not outs, went on with the New South Wales innings, the bowling being shared by Bosanquet and Rhodes. Having added seven to his overnight score of 25, Hopkins was missed at slip by Relf in Rhodes's first over. Kelly made runs quickly from both bowlers, and at 183 a change was tried, Hirst going on in place of Bosanquet. The English total was passed when the innings had lasted two hours and 40 minutes.

Kelly's off-driving was excellent, and among other hits he lifted a ball from Rhodes over the ring for five. The parting came at 204, Hopkins playing on. He was only at the wickets 70 minutes for his 52, his finely hit, but lucky, innings including nine fours. Bowden was bowled first ball by Rhodes, the eighth wicket falling with the score unchanged.

Cotter played with plenty of confidence and, amid loud cheering, hit Rhodes for three fours. However, at 222 that bowler sent him back. Howell, after making eight, was caught at deep point, the innings, which occupied three hours and ten minutes, ending for 232. Kelly played sound cricket for an hour and a half, and gave no chance. The fielding to-day, apart from Relf's mistake, was good. Hirst took three wickets . . .

With a balance of 42 against them the Englishmen went in for the second time, Warner and Hayward facing the bowling of Cotter and Bowden. Both batsmen played cautiously, and at lunch 16 runs had been scored without loss, Warner having made six and Hayward ten.

At the resumption Howell shared the bowling with Bowden. Hayward did nearly all the scoring, and Warner, after a stay of 40 minutes for eight runs, was bowled at 38. Tyldesley came in, and Hopkins at once took the ball from Howell. Playing a free game, Tyldesley quickly increased the score, so at 74 Cotter bowled again in the place of Bowden. This change proved successful, a yorker beating Hayward in Cotter's first over. Two wickets for 76. Hayward's careful innings, which was quite free from fault, lasted 70 minutes and included three fours.

Knight followed in, but at 86 he lost Tyldesley, l.b.w. to Cotter. Tyldesley had started to run for a leg-bye, and was surprised to see the umpire's hand go up. Another disaster soon befell the Englishmen, Foster being finely caught at slip at 104. The 100 have been obtained in an hour and 35 minutes. Braund joined Knight and the bowling underwent two changes - Howell for Hopkins and Bowden for Cotter. At the tea interval the score stood at 124, Knight not out 29. He had played in excellent style, his hitting on the off side being very crisp and attractive.

On the game being resumed Braund, with his score at 11, gave an easy chance of stumping off Howell. At 149 Cotter bowled for Bowden, and at 152 Noble, who was cheered on going on, displaced Howell. The second change soon separated the batsmen, Braund being caught off Noble at cover-point at 165. He hit five fours in his stylish innings and was batting for three-quarters of an hour.

Hirst, who came in next, began by vigorously hitting Cotter for a dozen runs in one over. This punishment brought on Bowden again at 184. Two hundred went up when the innings had lasted two hours and three-quarters. Not long after this an accident delayed the game, Cotter, in stopping a hard drive at mid-off, falling on his right shoulder. He had to retire, and the doctor who examined him pronounced the injury to be a severe wrench, but said he would probably be all right in a few days. On play being proceeded with Relf came out to field.

At 235 Hirst's capital innings was closed by a catch at short-leg. Bosanquet came in and made nearly all the runs till the finish, the total at the drawing of stumps being 254 for six wickets. The Englishmen are thus 212 runs ahead, with four wickets to fall.

Rain is falling here. - Reuter.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 16 February, page 9)

Sydney, Feb. 15.

The Englishmen carried everything before them to-day, and won by 278 runs. The weather was fine. Rain yesterday had made the wicket slower.

With six wickets down for 254, the Englishmen continued their second innings, Knight and Bosanquet facing the bowling of Hopkins and Bowden. Cotter, owing to his accident on Saturday, did not field, Dwyer acting as substitute for him.

Both batsmen began in confident style, Bosanquet hitting vigorous and making most of the runs. Knight played a quiet game, but his cutting was very pretty. Bosanquet completed his 50 after batting 50 minutes. At 297 Noble put himself on in place of Hopkins, from whom, so far, 75 runs had been hit during the innings, and at 309 another change was tried, Howell relieving Bowden. Bosanquet had scored 42 to-day and Knight 12.

Bosanquet went on hitting in great form, driving with equal power on both sides of the wicket. Once he lifted a ball from Noble straight over the ring for five. Including 19 obtained on Saturday, the first hour of the partnership produced a hundred runs. Bosanquet reached his 100 in an hour and a quarter, Knight having made 95.

At 376 Bowden was caught at mid-on. His innings lasted 87 minutes and included one five and 17 fours. With five runs added Knight was caught at slip. In getting his 104 he gave no chance. He hit 11 fours, and was at the wickets three hours and 35 minutes. Lilley and Rhodes were together at lunch time, the score being 386.

On resuming Bowden and Noble shared the bowling. In Bowden's second over Lilley was bowled, the ninth wicket falling at 395. Relf was the last man. Rhodes played steadily, but was missed at short-leg when 26 by Hopkins off Bowden. Hopkins displaced Noble and off his bowling Rhodes, with his score at 35, gave another chance, being missed this time at slip. Fifteen runs were obtained in one over from Hopkins, the innings, which had lasted five hours and three-quarters, ending for 461. The bowling to-day was weak. Cotter took three wickets . . .

Wanting 420 to win, New South Wales began with Duff and Trumper to the bowling of Hirst and Braund. Trumper was bowled by Braund with the score at 12. Noble went in first wicket down and runs proved hard to get, Hirst's bowling bumping rather awkwardly. The fielding was so smart as to earn frequent rounds of applause. The total having reached 32, Duff was caught at short leg. Hopkins came in and Hirst bowled without any one in the slips. Braund, Foster and Relf were close in on the leg side. At 41 Lilley - standing back to Hirst - caught Noble brilliantly with the left hand.

Hopkins and Sydney Gregory played admirably together. When the score had reached 76 Warner tried a double change, putting on Rhodes for Braund and Bosanquet for Hirst. Bosanquet had five men on the boundary for Hopkins. The hundred went up when the innings had been in progress an hour and 20 minutes, but at 113 Gregory was caught at square-leg. With four runs added Hopkins was bowled. He scored his 56 in an hour without making a mistake, his innings including eight fours.

From the time he left the batting fell to pieces, no one being able to play Bosanquet. Mackay was bowled at 128 and Kelly caught and bowled at 130. When he got Kelly out Bosanquet's record was four wickets for 36 runs, 25 having been scored from him before he took a wicket.

At 137 Charles Gregory was caught at short-leg, and at 141 Cotter hit a ball into Knight's hands at long-on. With the score unaltered Bowden was run out and the match ended. The innings lasted two hours and ten minutes. Lilley kept wicket superbly and the fielding all round was excellent . . .

If his damaged shoulder be well in time, Cotter is thought to have a good chance of being picked for the Test match here next week.

Thursday 18 February, page 5: THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

At a meeting of the committee of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, which was held at Sheffield yesterday, under the presidency of Lord Hawke, it was decided to support the suggestion of the Marylebone Club for the formation of an advisory county cricket board.

John Tunnicliffe's benefit realized £1,768 19s 8d, and the president handed over to Tunnicliffe one-third of this amount.

A vote of thanks to Mr H H Stones for acting as honorary secretary for the benefit was passed.

Tickets for George Hirst's benefit next season, admitting to the Leeds ground on the three days of the match, will be issued at 1s.

Friday 19 February, page 5: THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLUB

Lord Sheffield has been offered and has accepted the presidency of the Sussex County Cricket Club. The acceptance is, of course, subject to the approval of the County Club at the forthcoming annual meeting.

19 February: FIFTEEN OF BATHURST v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135178.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/135/135178.html))

Day 1 (report from Saturday 20 February, page 14)

The English team began a two days' match here to-day against Fifteen of the District in fine weather and on a good wicket. No great amount of interest was excited, the attendance at the close of play numbering 1,500.

The arrangement was that the Englishmen, though playing with 12 men, should only field with 11, and that for the local team 13 should field. Rhodes and Arnold were left out of the English side. Included in the Fifteen are Charles Gregory, Hickson, Bowden and the aboriginal fast bowler Marsh.

Diamond won the toss for Bathurst, and sent in Hickson and Gregory. Braund and Fielder shared the bowling and Strudwick kept wicket. Only two runs had been scored when a catch at the wicket got rid of Hickson. Payne followed in and stayed some little time, Braund bowling him at 36. Edwards came in and at 59 Relf relieved Fielder. The change soon proved successful, Edwards being caught at the wicket off Relf at 66.

Diamond was Gregory's next partner, and at 72 Bosanquet displaced Braund. Gregory punished the new bowler for 23 runs in three overs, among his hits being a five. Hirst bowled at 106 for Relf, who crossed over to Bosanquet's end. At lunch time the total was 117 for three wickets, Gregory being not out 68 and Diamond not out 17. Except for a chance at slip to Foster off Fielder's bowling with his score at 6 Gregory had played admirably.

On the game being resumed Diamond was caught at long-on, the fourth wicket falling at 131. Lipscombe was bowled with the score unaltered, but Bowden stayed with Gregory, who, although he did not get runs very fast, scored skilfully all round the wicket. Owing, probably, to the roughness of the ground the fielding was not very good.

Bowden was caught at slip at 175. Ernest Kenna hit up 18 before being stumped, but Turner did nothing and eight wickets were down for 218. About this time Gregory played in brilliant style, hitting Bosanquet for four fives and scoring in all 33 runs from that bowler in eight strokes.

At the tea interval the score stood at 240 for nine wickets, but so little was done afterwards that the innings, which lasted three hours and three-quarters, was all over for 249. Gregory was warmly cheered for his fine batting. He hit six fives and 11 fours. Braund took four wickets . . .

Hirst and Lilley opened the English innings, Marsh and Allman bowling at them. The early play was disastrous, Hirst being caught at mid-off at 2 and Tyldesley brilliantly taken in the same position - over the fieldsman's head - at 7. Then, with the score at 28, Lilley was bowled. Knight and Hayward improved matters a little, but at 52 Knight fell to a splendid catch at mid-on. Warner was bowled at 62 and Relf joined Hayward.

At this point Bowden relieved Allman, but no other wicket went down, the total at the drawing of stumps being 72. So far Marsh has taken three wickets for 26 runs and Allman two for 36.

Day 2 (report from Monday 22 February, page 12)

The two-days' match here ended this afternoon in a draw. Moderate in the morning, the attendance increased to 2,000 as the day went on. The pitch did not wear particularly well. In face of a total of 219 the Englishmen here yesterday lost five wickets for 72. Hayward and Relf, the not outs, continued the innings to the bowling of Marsh and Allman.

The score had reached 145 when a brilliant catch at slip with the left hand off Dr Kenna's bowling got rid of Hayward, whose fine innings was only marred by a chance at leg a few overs before he was out. Dr Kenna also got Relf out leg before and Bosanquet caught at third man. Eight wickets were down for 162. At this point Kenna had taken three wickets for 16 runs. He is a medium-pace bowler with a high delivery and is quick off the pitch with an off-break.

Braund, from a false hit, was caught at point at 166, and Fielder and Strudwick were bowled by Marsh, the innings having lasted two hours and a half. Marsh took five wickets . . . Marsh deceived the batsmen by his swerve and variety of pace, but the English team questioned the fairness of his fast ball.

After lunch Hickson and Edwards opened the second innings of the Fifteen to the bowling of Fielder and Relf. At 33 Edwards was bowled. Payne followed, and the partnership added 106 runs, Hickson being at last stumped at 139. He played a vigorous and attractive innings, but when he had made 31 Hayward missed him badly at mid-on from Braund's bowling. Payne was bowled at 151 and then the innings was declared closed. Relf took two wickets . . .

When the Englishmen went in Foster and Braund faced the bowling of Kenna and Marsh. At 29 Braund was bowled. At 50 Foster played a ball on to his wicket; at 67 Tyldesley, who had been joined by Relf, was bowled, and with one run added Knight was also bowled. Lilley fell to a ball from Marsh at 87, but Hirst helped Relf to play out time, the match being left drawn. Kenna took two wickets . . .

26 February: AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND (Fourth Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/.html))

Tuesday 23 February, page 9: Sydney, Feb. 22.

Mr Warner will omit Relf, Strudwick and Fielder in the fourth test match, which begins here on Friday next.

Crockett and Gillinan having been appointed umpires for the match, Mr Warner wrote to the New South Wales Association objecting to the selection of Gillinan on the ground of his inexperience and lack of ability. He further stated that he declined to accept the association's nominee, and questioned the association's right to appoint either umpire, asserting that this was a matter solely for Noble and himself and that both he and the Australian captain were agreed that Crockett and Argall were the best umpires obtainable.

At the meeting of the association to-night Mr Warner's letter was characterized as discourteous, impolitic and impertinent. It was agreed to rescind the appointment of Gillinan and to submit the names of eight umpires to Warner, Noble and the association's representative for choice by lot. A motion of confidence in Gillinan was carried. - Reuter.

Thursday 25 February, page 10: Sydney, Feb. 24.

The difficulty arising out of the selection of umpires for the next test match has now been adjusted. The New South Wales Association ascertained from Murdoch the method of appointment adopted by the Marylebone Cricket Club for test matches, and decided that it should be followed, Argall and Crockett being subsequently appointed.

Mr Warner states that he is delighted that the matter has been settled amicably, as the action at first taken by the association threatened to spoil the whole match. The association had no right to appoint umpires in the international matches. The satisfaction felt by the visitors at the solution arrived at is generally shared.

The Australian team will not be chosen until Friday. Cotter's arm is well again. The weather forecasts indicate a probability of wet weather. - Reuter.

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 February, page 9)

Sydney, Feb. 26, 11.5 a.m.

The team selected to represent Australia in the fourth test match is composed as follows: - Noble, Hill, Duff, Trumper, Kelly, Sid Gregory, Trumble, Hopkins, McLeod, McAlister and Cotter, with Armstrong as emergency man.

12.15 p.m.

The fourth test match was begun to-day in sultry weather. The attendance was large and the wicket in good condition. Noble is captaining the Australians.

Warner won the toss and went in with Hayward. The English captain was out to Noble's fourth ball for 0. Hayward not out 4. One wicket for 4.

12.30 p.m.

Anxiety was felt as to whether Cotter would be able to play, but a doctor who was consulted stated that the arm would be all right if Cotter was not afraid to extend himself. Cotter and Noble accordingly went on first to bowl.

When Warner was dismissed Tyldesley came in. Playing cautiously, he scored six. Hayward not out five. One wicket for 11.

1.10 p.m.

With his score at 16, Tyldesley, playing forward to a ball from Noble, was caught by Gregory at cover point. Hayward not out 18. Two wickets for 34.

Foster joined Hayward, but only eight runs had been added when Hayward was taken in the slips by McAlister off Trumble's bowling. Foster not out 6. Three wickets for 42. - Reuter.

Saturday 27 February, page 13: Sydney, Feb. 26.

The fourth test match began here to-day. Play was once interrupted by rain. Warner beat Noble in the toss, and on a good wicket opened England's innings with Hayward. Cotter and Noble shared the bowling.

The start was disastrous, Warner being beaten by Noble's fourth ball. Tyldesley joined Hayward and both batsmen played cautiously. At 25 Trumble displaced Cotter, who had bowled six overs for 17 runs. The second wicket fell at 34, Tyldesley being caught at forward cover point. Foster came next, but at 42 Hayward was out rather unluckily, the ball bouncing off the wicket-keeper's knee into McAlister's hands at slip.

Knight joined Foster, and at 45 Noble, who had taken two wickets in 11 overs for 24 runs, gave way to Hopkins. Cotter relieved Trumble at 62, and Noble went on again, but nothing happened before luncheon. The total was then 66, Foster having made 19 and Knight 11.

There were 9,000 people on the ground after the interval. Trumble and Noble bowled, and before a run had been added Foster was brilliantly caught at short-leg. Braund, who followed, began with extreme care, being at the wickets 17 minutes before he scored. Knight also played a defensive game, but the cricket was full of interest, the bowling being admirable and the fielding beyond reproach.

When the total had reached 95, McLeod was put on in place of Noble, whose record now stood at three wickets for 39. McLeod bowled four maidens in succession, but no wicket fell. At 96 Cotter resumed bowling at Trumble's end. When the hundred went up the innings had lasted two hours and a quarter. At 128 a double change was tried. At the tea interval the total had been increased to 142 and the two batsmen were still together. Knight had scored 48 and Braund 33.

On starting afresh Noble and Trumble were the bowlers. The latter kept a fine length and was difficult to hit. Knight completed his 50 after batting two hours and five minutes. At 155 Braund was caught low down at slip. His innings, which occupied a trifle over an hour and three-quarters, was mainly remarkable for defence, but he hit five fours. After his dismissal rain came on, the game being delayed 15 minutes.

Beginning badly, Hirst made several faulty strokes off Noble. At 185 Hirst played a ball on to his wicket. He was batting for 40 minutes, but fell a good deal below his usual standard. Bosanquet had only made four, when Hopkins at long-on missed him badly off Noble. When 200 went up the game had been in progress four hours and a quarter.

Cotter and Hopkins took up the bowling at 205, and the latter promptly beat Bosanquet. Stumps were then drawn, the total being 207 for seven wickets. Cotter's bowling to-day was erratic. At the close the wicket was in good condition.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 February, page 13)

Sydney, Feb. 27, 12.10 p.m.

Arnold joined Knight when the test match was resumed this morning, but was dismissed without scoring - leg before wicket, to Noble's fifth ball. Knight, not out, 65. Eight wickets for 208.

1 p.m.

Lilley, who came in next, hit out freely and scored much faster than Knight. When he had made 24 Lilley was caught by Hopkins at long-on, off Trumble. Nine wickets for 237.

Rhodes, the last man in, was stumped by Kelly when he had made 10. Knight, not out, 70. Total, 249. - Reuter.

Melbourne, Feb. 26.

The fifth and final test match will be played at Melbourne on March 5. - Reuter.

Monday 29 February, page 12: (Through Reuter's Agency)

Sydney, Feb. 27.

The test match was continued here to-day. Though rain caused considerable delay in the middle of the afternoon, there were 20,000 people present after the luncheon interval, and the numbers gradually increased to 35,000. The pleasure of the day was unfortunately marred by the bad behaviour, during the stoppage by rain, of a section of the crowd.

England's score at the drawing of stumps yesterday stood at 207 for seven wickets. Knight (not out 64) and Arnold went on with the innings to the bowling of Noble and Trumble. Knight was missed at point by McLeod off Noble's first ball, but from the fifth ball of the same over Arnold was out leg-before-wicket. Eight for 208. So far Noble had taken six wickets for 78 runs.

Lilley followed in. Playing with extreme caution, Knight left nearly all the run-getting to his partner. Before long Lilley became quite vigorous in his methods and had scored 24 out of 29 when Hopkins caught him at long-on. Rhodes was missed at short-leg by McAlister before he had made a run. He hit up ten and was then stumped. The innings had lasted five hours and 25 minutes.

Knight was batting for four hours and 20 minutes, and scored chiefly by late cuts. Noble bowled finely and the batsmen found his swerve most puzzling. Trumble always kept a splendid length.

Duff and Trumper opened the Australian innings, the bowling being shared by Hirst and Braund. At lunch time the score was 16 for no wicket. Only five runs had been added after the resumption when rain came on and stopped play for a quarter of an hour.

After a fresh start, Trumper was bowled off his thigh, the first wicket falling at 28. Another shower came on, and the umpires consulted as to an adjournment, a section of the spectators immediately beginning to hoot them. Play went on for a few minutes, but with the total at 35, the game was suspended. Duff had scored 27 and Hill a single.

During the stoppage some of the spectators indulged in a good deal of horseplay, throwing rubbish and bottles across the cycling track into the long field. After an hour's delay, the umpires came out, but further rain caused them to go back to the pavilion again. At this the "rinkers" hooted and the spectators in the pavilion cheered. A small number of people attempted to rush the ground, but soon retired on the appearance of the police. The bottle-throwing, however, continued.

At last the game was proceeded with. Hirst and Rhodes bowled, and in the latter's first over Duff made ten - two cuts and a stroke on the leg side. When 50 went up the innings had been in progress

exactly three-quarters of an hour. With his score at 42 Duff was hit by a bumping ball from Hirst and was for a time prostrated. At 57 Arnold relieved Rhodes, and the change proved effective, for Duff was by at 61 by a ball he tried to pull. He was batting 56 minutes.

McAlister came in, and at 68 Rhodes displaced Hirst. Again a change met with success, McAlister at 72 being out to a brilliant catch with the right hand by Arnold at point. Hopkins joined Hill, against whom, when 14, Lilley appealed for stumping off Arnold. Crockett answered in the batsman's favour. At 91 Hirst took the place of Rhodes, who had bowled seven overs for 24 runs and one wicket.

An appeal was made against the light, which had by this time become bad, but the umpires decided that the game should continue. At 97 Braund went on in place of Arnold and at once dismissed Hopkins. Arnold crossed to the other end, and off his bowling Hill was caught at slip at 101, Braund securing the ball at the second attempt. The innings had lasted an hour and 50 minutes when the 100 was reached. Hill was at the wickets 90 minutes.

McLeod and Kelly played out time. The wicket was in good condition at the close, but the weather [was] overcast.

Sydney, Sunday, Midnight.

Rain is falling heavily and seems likely to continue. The wicket is under water.

The local umpires have sent a letter to the New South Wales Association stating that a stigma has been cast upon them by Messrs Warner and Noble, who have practically branded them as unfit to officiate in test matches. They request that a meeting of the association may be held in order to afford Messrs Warner and Noble an opportunity of publicly justifying or else retracting their remarks. If this is not done they consider that it will be in the best interests of the game if they refrain from officiating any longer as umpires.

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

Sydney, Feb. 29, 11.50 a.m.

The wicket is still under water. Play is impossible before lunch.

4 p.m.

It has been decided that there shall be no play in the test match to-day.

Sydney, March 1, 6.30 a.m.

It is raining heavily, and the conditions are similar to those which prevailed yesterday. No play is probable to-day.

The score remains - England, first innings, 249; Australia, first innings, 114 for five wickets.

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

So bad was the condition of the wicket to-day that play in the test match could not be resumed till 4 o'clock. At that time 2,000 people were present, and the number increased to 3,000 before the drawing of stumps. At the close of Saturday's play - not a ball could be bowled yesterday - Australia had, in face of a total of 249, scored 114 for five wickets.

McLeod and Kelly, the not outs, continued the innings to the bowling of Arnold and Rhodes. The wicket was sticky at one end, but at the other the ball cut through. In the outfield the turf was very heavy. The batsmen could do nothing and were quite helpless against the admirable bowling. Two runs having been added, Kelly was caught at slip, Foster juggling with the ball before he managed to hold it, and at 124 McLeod was bowled.

Then at 126 another catch by Foster at slip got rid of Gregory. Trumble was caught at the wicket and Cotter at third man, the innings, which had lasted three hours, coming to an end for 131. Only 51 balls were bowled to-day, Rhodes taking three wickets for nine runs and Arnold two for six.

Holding a lead of 118, England went in for the second time. Warner altered the order, Hayward and Foster opening the innings. Trumble and Noble shared the bowling.

The batsmen began cautiously, both showing excellent form. The core having reached 20 McLeod relieved Noble, and at 35 Trumble gave way to Hopkins. The wicket did not seem so difficult as when the Australians were batting. With the total at 49 - the result of 55 minutes' play - Foster was caught at short leg. Arnold followed in, and after Hayward had added a single time was called.

As the game now stands the Englishmen are 168 runs ahead with nine wickets to fall. At the close the weather was clearing up and the wicket improving.

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

Almost immediately on the resumption of play this morning the Englishmen lost another wicket, Arnold being caught by Kelly off Noble's third ball without having scored. Two wickets for 50.

Only seven runs had been scored when Tyldesley, who joined Hayward the overnight not out, was bowled by Cotter, after making five, the third wicket thus falling for 57.

Hayward's next partner was Knight, but he had not been at the wicket ten minutes when play was stopped on account of rain. Hayward had at this point made 30 and Knight one, the score standing at 63 for three wickets.

Thursday 3 March, page 11: Sydney, March 2.

The test match was continued to-day in very unsettled weather, and owing to interruptions by rain no great progress could be made. England left off yesterday in a very strong position, as on going in for the second time with a lead of 118 runs they had scored 50 for the loss of Foster's wicket.

Hayward, not out 23, and Arnold, not out 0, went on with the innings to the bowling of Noble and Cotter. The wicket was hard at one end, but obviously helped the bowler at the other. From the third ball sent down Arnold was caught at the wicket, the overnight total being unchanged.

Tyldesley followed, but Cotter, who was making the ball get up very awkwardly, soon bowled him, the third wicket falling at 57. Knight joined Hayward and half a dozen runs were added. Rain, however, stopped play for half an hour.

On resuming, Knight was caught in the slips at 73. Braund came next, and Hayward, with his score at 34, was missed at slip by Trumble off Noble's bowling. More rain fell, and lunch was taken, the total standing at 78 for four wickets, Hayward, not out, 36.

Two hours and ten minutes elapsed before anything further could be done. When a fresh start was made Cotter and Noble bowled. The batsmen complained of people who were in front of the sight-board, and the game was suspended while Noble appealed to them to move away. When Hayward had made 38 he ought to have been caught and bowled by Noble, but the catch was a low one. At 96 Hopkins relieved Noble, and the hundred went up when the innings had been in progress two hours and five minutes.

Trumble took the place of Cotter at 106, and before another run had been scored Braund hit a ball from Hopkins into mid-off's hands. Braund had batted finely for nearly 70 minutes. He hit four fours. Hirst, the next batsman, was cheered for a big drive off Hopkins into the grand stand. At 120 Hayward was out leg-before-wicket. His innings, marked by watchful defence and masterly play on the leg side, lasted two hours and 40 minutes. He hit four fours.

Bosanquet came in and had only made two when Hill missed him off Trumble at long-on. Hirst scored with some freedom, and at 135 McLeod bowled in place of Hopkins. The change proved effective, Hirst being caught at the wicket at 138. Bosanquet was caught at third man at 141 and Lilley bowled. With the total at 155 for nine wickets stumps were drawn. McLeod took three wickets for eight runs.

The weather was overcast at the close, but the wicket had improved. With Rhodes to go in, the Englishmen are 273 runs ahead.

Day 6 (report from Thursday 3 March, page 11)

Sydney, March 3

The Englishmen's second innings in the test match, which was continued here this morning, was marked by a fine stand for the tenth wicket, Warner, the overnight not-out, and Rhodes, the last man in, putting on no fewer than 55 before the latter was caught in the slips by McAlister off Cotter. The two partners had scored very evenly, Rhodes making 29, while his captain added 25 to his overnight score of 6. Total 210.

At the luncheon interval the Australians had scored six runs for no wicket.

Friday 4 March, page 10: VICTORY OF THE ENGLISH TEAM

Sydney, March 3.

England beat Australia here this afternoon by 157 run, and thereby won the rubber in the test matches. The Australians made a very plucky effort at the finish, but it came too late and the result was never in doubt. The weather was pleasant and the wicket, considering the rainfall since Saturday, was in good condition. Exercising the power conferred upon him by Law 9, Warner did not allow the wicket to be rolled before play began.

England's score at the drawing of stumps yesterday was 155 for nine wickets. Warner, not out 6, went on batting with Rhodes, McLeod and Cotter bowling. Runs came steadily, so at 173 Cotter gave way to Trumble. When Rhodes had made 15 he skied a ball from McLeod, but it fell safely between Noble at point and the bowler. After this both batsmen played in excellent style, Warner getting most of his runs on the on side.

Noble took McLeod's place, and the score reached 200 when the innings had been in progress four hours and 20 minutes. Cotter took Trumble's place at 209, and off his third ball Rhodes was caught at slip, the innings closing for 210. The last wicket added 59 runs, and the Englishmen were batting for four hours and 37 minutes.

Wanting 329 to win, Australia sent in Duff and McAlister, the bowling being started by Hirst and Braund. At lunch time six runs had been scored without loss. On their resuming the same bowlers were put on, and with the last ball of his first over Hirst beat McAlister, the wicket falling at seven. Hill joined Duff, and some very steady cricket followed. When the total had reached 35 Arnold took Braund's place, and bowled Duff with his third ball. Two wickets for 35.

Trumper came in next, and Braund bowled at Hirst's end. The pace quickened, but at 59 Trumper was out leg-before-wicket to Arnold, who at this point had taken two wickets for 13 runs. From the beginning of the innings the fielding had been very smart.

Noble was next in and the cricket became quieter. Hill had the game stopped once until people had moved away from the sight board. Rhodes was tried in place of Braund at 65, and off his bowling Hill, when 24, was missed by Braund at slip. With nine runs added Bosanquet took Arnold's place, and the change met with marvellous success. Bromwich Bosanquet's sixth ball Hill was stumped at 76, and directly afterwards Gregory was out leg-before-wicket. The interval for tea was then taken, the score standing at 76 for five wickets. Hill withstood the bowling for an hour and 25 minutes, but was not seen at his best.

When the game was continued Bosanquet, finding his length, bowled in deadly form, and in quick succession took three more wickets. From his second ball, with the score still at 76, Hopkins was stumped; at 86 McLeod was caught at the wicket, and at 90 Trumble was stumped. So far Bosanquet had the average of five wickets for 12 runs. The pitch being in good order, his success astonished both batsmen and spectators.

Kelly joined Noble, and the crowd cheered wildly at every stroke that scored. A section of them began, without the slightest reason, to jeer at Crockett, the umpire, but others cheered warmly when the players waited for the disturbance to cease. When Noble had made 19 he might have been caught by Foster at slip off Bosanquet, but the chance was a hard one. At 109 Rhodes, who had bowled 11 overs for a dozen runs, gave place to Arnold. At 114 Kelly was caught at slip.

The match seemed over, but Cotter gave valuable help to Noble, and the last wicket caused a good deal of trouble. Cotter scored very fast - getting most of his runs from Bosanquet. When the total had been raised to 153 Hirst went on for Arnold and Braund for Bosanquet. The first of these changes finished the game, Hirst bowling Cotter at 171. The innings lasted three hours and 26 minutes. Noble played sterling cricket, and Cotter, with five fours as his chief hits, scored 34 in a little over half an hour.

After the match Warner said that his team had won fairly and squarely on their merits. He expressed his pleasure at winning the rubber, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Noble's innings.

Noble said the Englishmen were to be heartily congratulated on their victory. They had played the finer game. It was a triumph of the ball over the bat, and at one stage Bosanquet was practically unplayable. Noble added that the fact of England's winning the rubber was the more gratifying after the adverse criticism to which the team had been subjected at home. - Reuter.

Thursday 3 March, page 11: THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club was held at Birmingham yesterday, Mr Cartland presiding. The report showed a loss on the last year's working of £306.

In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman said their financial troubles had been overcome, and owing to the response to the special appeal which had been made they were now in a better position than ever before, having a balance in hand. Last year there was a debit of £1,740, but now they had a credit balance of £1,486.

The programme for the forthcoming season was the same as last year, except that the matches with Gloucestershire had been dropped. They, however, had arranged a match with Cambridge University, and the South Africans would also be played. Last year's team was almost, if not quite, the best ever put into the field by Warwickshire, but it was not so successful as it might have been.

He thought the movement initiated by the M.C.C. for the formation of a Cricket Council, if taken up by the different counties, might lead to some development of the very anomalous system of championships. The championship in cricket to-day was no championship at all. Lord Warwick was re-elected president.

THE TIME LIMIT AT CRICKET

A deputation of the Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire County Cricket Clubs met at Leeds yesterday, under the presidency of Lord Hawke, and decided to give a practical trial to the proposal to introduce the time limit into county cricket. A match will be played at Headingley on May 23 and 24 between the Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire elevens under a limit of four and a quarter hours to each innings. The match is to be decided by the number of runs scored, not by wickets.

5 March: AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND (Fifth Test Match)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6399.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6399.html))

Day 1 (report from Saturday 5 March, page 14)

(Through Reuter's Agency)

Melbourne, March 5.

The fifth and last test match between Mr Warner's team and an eleven representing All Australia began here this morning. The English eleven consisted of P F Warner, Hayward, Tyldesley, R E Foster, Knight, Braund, Hirst, B J T Bosanquet, Arnold, Lilley and Rhodes. The Australian team is almost identical with the eleven that played at Sydney, the only change being that Gehrs is included in place of Gregory, who, however, is acting as emergency man.

Noble won the toss and elected to bat, and sent Duff and Trumper to the wickets. The start was a bad one, as only thirteen had been scored when Duff was bowled by Braund for nine. In the second over, the partnership, though so briefly, had been a lively one. Hirst started the bowling, and seven were scored in his opening over, while Braund, who took the other end, had six knocked off him before he beat Duff.

Hill, who joined Trumper, had a narrow escape of being run out when he had made nine. Trumper, after blocking a ball from Braund which rebounded only a couple of yards in front of the crease, started to run. Lilley, the wicket-keeper, jumped round, picked up the ball and threw at the wicket before Hill got in, but missed. After this the score rose gradually, Trumper doing nearly all the hitting, to 67, when Hill was caught in the slips by Braund off Rhodes. He had made 16, Trumper now being 42.

Monday 7 March, page 12: Melbourne, March 5.

The last of the five test matches was begun here to-day. A drizzling rain fell in the morning, but it soon passed off without effecting the wicket, and for the rest of the day the weather, though cloudy for a time, kept fine. England played the same team which won at Sydney on Thursday, but the Australians substituted the South Australian batsman Gehrs for Gregory.

Noble beat Warner in the toss. Hirst and Braund started the bowling. The game opened very brightly, seven runs being scored in Hirst' first over and six in Braund's. Then Duff was out, and Hill, who followed, narrowly escaped being run out when he had made nine. Trumper played a ball from Braund not more than two yards from block and ran. Lilley, jumping in from behind the stumps, picked up and threw at the wicket, but missed it.

At 42 Rhodes displaced Braund, but Trumper hit him for three fours in his first over. Arnold relieved Hirst at 63, and then off Rhodes's bowling Hill was caught in the slips. Two for 67. With Noble in runs came less rapidly, and at 75 Braund took the ball from Rhodes. At lunch time the total was 96 for two wickets, Trumper having made 58 and Noble 13.

At the resumption of play Rhodes and Arnold shared the bowling. When the hundred went up the innings had only lasted an hour and a quarter. Trumper continued to bat brilliantly and Noble played sound cricket. The score rose at a good pace, and as Rhodes proved ineffective Braund bowled again. The change parted the batsmen, Braund with a left-handed catch off his own bowling getting rid of Trumper at 142. In his 88 Trumper hit 11 fours. He was batting for an hour and 50 minutes.

McAlister came in next, but only two runs had been added when Noble was caught in the slips. Gehrs began cautiously. The score having reached 158 Hirst relieved Arnold. Braund was bowling in capital form - a little faster than usual - and was backed up by smart fielding. He caught and bowled Gehrs at 159.

At 169 Bosanquet took the ball from Hirst. Some fierce hitting followed. Hopkins sent Braund to leg for four and five from successive deliveries, and 13 runs were scored off Bosanquet in one over, Hopkins getting 11 of them. Among other hits he made a big drive over the bowler's head for five. Hirst, Warner and Knight were all fielding out on the boundary. Two hundred went up at the end of just over two hours and three-quarters. Hirst displaced Bosanquet, and at the tea interval the score was 208 for five wickets, McAlister 27 and Hopkins 29.

The Governor-General was present when the players came out again. Braund and Hirst bowled as before, and at 218 McAlister was stumped. He had played good cricket for about an hour and ten minutes, and now and then hit well. With three runs added Hopkins's vigorous innings was closed by a catch at long-off. He was at the wickets 46 minutes.

McLeod and Trumble stayed together for some little time, but runs came slowly till at 231 McLeod was caught at cover-point. Hirst at this time was bowling admirably. Trumble was brilliantly caught at mid-off at 235, and after the last wicket had put on a dozen runs Cotter was bowled, the innings, which had lasted three hours and 50 minutes, ending for 247. Braund, who bowled wonderfully well, took the last four wickets for 19 runs.

Little time remained for play, and Warner altered the usual order of the English batting, sending Rhodes in with Hayward. Noble and Cotter began the bowling. The start was disastrous. Hayward played on in the first over, and from the next ball Arnold was caught at the wicket. Thus both batsmen were out with a run's having been obtained.

Rhodes and Warner played with extreme caution, and when stumps were drawn the score was four. The wicket is in good condition.

Day 2 (report from Tuesday 8 March, page 5)

The weather having broken up here, play in the test match to-day was out of the question at the ordinary time for starting, the ground being in a very bad state. At 3 o'clock the umpires inspected the wicket, and an hour later the game was continued. On Saturday the Australians scored 247 and England lost two wickets for four runs.

Rhodes and Warner, the not-outs, went on with the English innings, Cotter and Noble bowling. The weather was dull, but 3,000 people were present. It was evident from the first that the batsmen would be at a great disadvantage. From the first ball bowled Rhodes was caught at point, and with a single added Warner was caught in the slips. Three for four; four for five. Cotter, so far, on the day's play, had taken two wickets for one run.

Tyldesley and Foster next became partners, and Foster, before he had scored, was missed at slip by Trumble off Noble's bowling. For some little time after this both batsmen did well, considering the trying conditions, but when the total had reached 23 Tyldesley was caught at cover-point. Noble's average was then three wickets for five runs.

Hirst, who came next, ought at once to have been caught and bowled by Noble, but he did not profit by his luck, being attained at mid-off at 26 without having made a run; Braund followed. Foster was much cheered for hitting Noble to leg for five. He was playing a masterly game when at 36 Cotter bowled him, the off stump being entered five yards out of the ground.

With the total unchanged Knight was also bowled by Cotter, but Braund and Bosanquet added 12 runs and avoided the follow-on. Then at 48 Braund was taken at long-on, Hopkins bringing off a running catch. Bosanquet and Lilley put on 13 before the former was caught at mid-on, the innings, which lasted an hour and 42 minutes, ending for 61. Cotter's bowling got up very high and some of the batsmen drew away from the wicket to avoid the danger of being hit on the head.

Holding a lead of 186 runs Australia went in for the second time, McAlister and McLeod opening the innings to the bowling of Rhodes and Arnold. Relf fielded as substitute for Hayward. McAlister scored eight in Rhodes's first over, causing Braund to go on at nine. Then, without the addition of a run, two wickets fell, McAlister being caught in the slips and McLeod caught behind the bowler from a skyer. Hirst relieved Arnold, and after three maiden overs had been sent down he bowled Cotter. Then, with the total at 13 for three wickets, stumps were drawn.

At the close the crowd numbered 4,000. The weather was overcast and the wicket sticky. As the score now stands the Australians have a big advantage, being 199 ahead with seven wickets in hand. Hayward, owing to an attack of tonsillitis, will not be able to take any further part in the match.

Day 3 (report from Tuesday 8 March, page 5)

Melbourne, March 3.

On the resumption of play in the test match this morning Kelly, the overnight not out, was accompanied to the wickets by Trumper. Hirst started the bowling, and with his very first ball took Trumper's wicket, the fourth wicket thus falling with the score unchanged.

Hill was the next batsman, and in 20 minutes' play he and Kelly carried the score to 26, Kelly having then made 11 and Hill six. The partnership was dissolved at 43, when Kelly, who had made 24, returned a ball to Arnold. Hill, who at this point had made ten, had only added another six when he followed Kelly back to the pavilion, being caught at mid-on off Hirst, who had now taken three wickets for seven. Six for 49.

Wednesday 9 March, page 11

Melbourne, March 8.

The last of the five test matches ended here this afternoon, the Australians winning very easily by 218 runs. This result was largely due to the wonderful bowling of Trumble, who with this match has finished his career in first-class cricket. He did the "hat" trick and took seven wickets for 28 runs. The weather was unsettled. In view of the exceptional interest taken in the visit of the eh team, a large oil picture commemorating the final test match is being painted.

With three men out for 13, The Australians continued their second innings, Kelly, not out, being joined by Trumper. The wicket was wet. Hirst and Rhodes bowled, and with the first ball Hirst dismissed Trumper. Hill joined Kelly, and runs came at a fair pace. When the score reached 33 Rhodes, from whom 27 runs had been hit, gave way to Arnold. Kelly made nine in the new bowler's first over, but played a ball back into his hands at 43. In getting 24 Kelly was at the wickets 42 minutes, among his hits being five fours.

Hill was caught at mid-on at 49, Hirst at this point having taken three wickets for seven runs. Duff and Noble became partners and gave the bowlers considerable trouble. At 76 Rhodes resumed in place of Arnold. From the first ball Rhodes bowled Noble, who had made eight, was badly missed at slip by Relf fielding substitute for Hayward.

After this the cricket brightened up, both batsmen playing an attractive game. Eleven runs were obtained in one over from Hirst, who at 89 was relieved by Braund. At lunch the total was 92 for six wickets, Duff 21 and Noble 19.

When the time came to start again the wicket had become sticky. Rhodes and Hirst bowled, and off the fifth ball of the first over, with the total unaltered, Noble was stumped. Hopkins came in, and before he had scored gave a difficult running chance at long-on to Bosanquet off Rhodes's bowling. The 100 went up at the end of an hour and 50 minutes' batting.

When Duff had made 26 he ought to have been caught and bowled, but Rhodes failed to hold the ball. However, Duff was soon caught at mid-on. He hit five fours in his 31 and played sound cricket for a little over an hour. Hopkins batted well, but could get little help. Gehrs was caught and bowled and Trumble caught at mid-off, the innings, after lasting two hours and a quarter, closing for 133.

The catch which got rid of Trumble was a clever one, Arnold securing the ball while he was running. Hirst bowled finely, but Rhodes and Arnold were not up to their usual form.

England wanted 320 to win - an impossible task with the wicket as it was. Braund and Foster opened the innings to the bowling of Cotter and Noble. From the first ball delivered Braund made a wretched stroke and was caught at slip.

Tyldesley came in, and had scored 11 when he was badly hurt by a ball from Noble, and for a time prostrated. Foster, after getting nine, gave a catch at leg off Cotter, but Duff misjudged the catch. At 24 Tyldesley was caught at slip. Knight was next in, and Foster scored ten in one over from Cotter, who at 35 gave way to Trumble. The change quickly got rid of Knight, who at 38 was caught at the wicket. At 47 Foster was out to a marvellous catch, Trumper, at long-on, securing the ball over his head with his right hand. So far Trumble had taken two wickets for three runs. Foster's innings occupied 46 minutes and included four fours.

Hirst joined Warner, and at 51 McLeod relieved Noble. At 54 Hirst was cleverly caught at leg, and with seven runs added Trumble did the "hat" trick. Bosanquet was caught at long-on, Warner from the next ball was caught and bowled, and from the next Lilley was out leg-before-wicket. Rhodes and Arnold were together when, with the total at 71, rain stopped play.

On starting afresh the batsmen hit in spirited style and carried the score to 101. Afterwards Arnold was caught at long-on and the match ended, Hayward being away ill. The innings only lasted 84 minutes.

#### RESULTS OF THE TEST MATCHES

Played 5 - England won 3, Australia won 2.

[Note: Test match batting averages follow. These can be found on Cricket Archive on [http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Events/0/Marylebone\\_Cricket\\_Club\\_in\\_Australia\\_1903-04/Team\\_Averages.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Events/0/Marylebone_Cricket_Club_in_Australia_1903-04/Team_Averages.html)]

## THE MARYLEBONE CLUB AND THEIR AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The committee of the Marylebone Club have decided to invite the members of the team now in Australia to a dinner upon their return to this country.

Wednesday 9 March, page 11: THE M.C.C. TEAM IN AUSTRALIA

The result of the Australian tour by the team selected by the M.C.C. and led by Mr Warner has exceedingly general expectations; and, though the absence of Messrs Jackson and Fry undoubtedly weakened the batting strength, it is not certain that even the presence of these two great cricketers would have materially strengthened the combination as a whole. Somebody would have been left out, and where all have done so well it would be invidious to suggest who the victims should have been; and though Mr Warner might not have claims to represent the full strength of England, nobody could have managed his side better, while he has been a fairly consistent scorer all through the tour.

In these days the great international "test" matches dwarf everything in cricket, and what will be remembered of the tour under notice will be that out of five of these matches England won three. The defeat of the different colonies, and especially of New South Wales (which certainly could play the rest of Australia) showed that the eleven were a strong, consistent lot.

The strength of the side lay in its consistency, in the admirable manner on which Mr Warner as captain kept the team up to concert-pitch all through, and in the excellence and variety of the bowling, which, for the first time for many years, was probably better in Australia than that of the Australians. As bowlers Rhodes, Arnold, Mr Bosanquet, Braund and Hirst mad a combination not only strong but of remarkable variety; and it was in this variety that Australia were somewhat deficient.

Until Mr Cotter was found they possessed no fast bowler at all, while Mr Saunders, who was the only left-handed bowler, was by no means successful and had to be dropped. No new Australian bowler has been discovered, except perhaps Mr Cotter; and the main strength of the Colonial elevens lay in the magnificent batting of their four leading batsmen - Messrs Trumper, Noble, Duff and Hill; but there was a decided tail, though whether this was owing to a batting weakness or to the undeniable excellence of the English bowling on wickets not wholly easy it is impossible to say.

Of the English batting it may be said that, though consistency was its leading feature, there were some brilliant individual performances. Mr Foster's great effort when the wicket had become easy after the effects of the rain had worn off in the first match at Sydney was, of course, a wonderful feat of endurance and skill, and was the cause of success in the first test match; but Tyldesley's two innings in the second match at Melbourne on a difficult wicket were probably the most skilful exhibition of batting on the whole tour; the experience and nerve of Hayward more than once proved of the highest value, and Hirst and Braund were frequently useful, as was Mr Warner on occasions.

Variety combined with excellence distinguished the bowling. Rhodes, Arnold and Mr Bosanquet were in the test matches the most successful, Hirst all through rather disappointing and Mr Bosanquet the most surprising. To judge by the old-fashioned standard, Mr Bosanquet sends down too many balls which make the entire field tremble for their outrageous length; but bowling is not judged by this standard, and the bowler who by some trick entirely independent of his own wishes every now and then puts in a good length ball which sometimes breaks from the off and sometimes from the leg is more useful now than many a more accurate bowler, and this Mr Bosanquet certainly has proved himself to be.

The two bowlers who distinctly added to their reputations were, however, Rhodes and Arnold; and though Rhodes was undoubtedly fortunate in the wet wickets rarely found in Australia, he preserved an excellent length all through and kept down runs even when Mr Trumper was pulverizing the other bowlers. Arnold also kept a good length and made the ball occasionally get up.

The fielding of the whole eleven was good, though probably not so good as Mr MacLaren's eleven showed. More catches, however, were missed than should be the case, but Lilley has never kept wicket better. The Australians, especially on the Melbourne ground, were by no means blameless in the way of missing catches, and the custom of raised seats and stands makes it undoubtedly harder to catch

than it used to be; this is a great drawback to modern cricket, for bowlers are very heavily handicapped as it is and want every encouragement.

Australian cricket is generally on this side of the world associated with burning skies and hard, very easy wickets; but peculiarities of weather have to be faced even in Australia sometimes, and during the last tour runs, except in the first match at Sydney, were kept within reasonable bounds - to the great advantage, many will think, of the game. The disadvantage of wet wickets is that luck is seldom evenly distributed; but in the present case, on the whole, there is little to complain of in this respect.

In both Melbourne matches winning the toss meant winning the match, and this bit of fortune was equally divided. In the other three matches Australia won the toss twice, and in the matter of accidents, though Mr Noble was unable to bowl much in the second and third matches, Mr Foster was never quite the same batsman after his illness.

Mention has been made of the splendid batting of the leading Australians. Mr Trumper is probably the best batsman in the world, and Mr Noble the best all-round man; but the satisfactory feature of English cricket now is the great excellence of the bowling; and, though fast bowling is at a discount, there is infinite variety in pitch, pace and break in England, and the success of this last tour has given great attraction at home.

We do not draw attention to the bad behaviour of the Sydney crowd in the interests of English cricket alone. It is disgraceful, and it is equally unfair to their own players - for the Sydney crowd is no respecter of persons - and most of all to the umpires, whose task is wearisome and difficult; its continuance will not make the task of the M.C.C. any easier in trying to get the best English elevens to go to Australia; and this consideration we commend to the attention of those in authority.

The success of this tour, the first selected and managed by the M.C.C., has been such that it is to be hoped all future trips will be conducted under the same auspices. It may not be possible ever to get absolutely the best elevens; but the M.C.C. has the best chance of doing so as opposed to any individual, and the cricket world will tender their warmest congratulations to the M.C.C., Mr Warner and the side he has led for the admirable way in which their respective tasks have been fulfilled.

Saturday 12 March: THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN TEAM

(Through Reuter's Agency)

Adelaide, March 11.

The eleven who will represent South Australia in the match against Mr Warner's team to-morrow will be selected from the following: - Gehrs, Hack, Jennings, Dickinson, Evans, Pellew, Claxton, Travers, Coombe, Howland, Clement Hill and Harry Hill.

12 March: SOUTH AUSTRALIA v M.C.C.

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6400.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6400.html))

Day 1 (report from Monday 14 March, page 12)

The Englishmen began here to-day the last match of their tour - the return with South Australia. The weather was warm and the wicket good. Hayward, Arnold and Lilley were omitted from the English side, and of the 12 players provisionally chosen for South Australia Dickinson stood down.

Clement Hill won the toss, and sent in Gehrs and Hack. Hirst and Fielder bowled. Both played cautiously. When the score had reached 28 Bosanquet relieved Fielder, and with eight added the change got rid of Hack. Clement Hill joined Gehrs, and 50 went up at the end of an hour's batting.

At 52 Rhodes took Hirst's place. With his score at 38 Gehrs ought to have been easily stumped off Bosanquet, but Strudwick missed the chance. Fielder bowled again at 67, Rhodes giving way to him, and at lunch the total was 72 for one wicket - Gehrs 36 and Hill 22.

Subsequently Braund and Hirst bowled, and at 79 Hill was caught at the wicket. Jennings came next, and before long the 100 went up, the innings having lasted an hour and 53 minutes. When Gehrs had made 57 he lifted a ball from Braund high on the leg side, and Rhodes brought off a fine catch with the left hand. The fieldsman, however, was on the cycling track, outside the boundary, when he secured the ball, and Gehrs escaped. At 116 Hirst bowled him. His innings occupied just two hours and included seven fours.

Claxton came in at 123. Relf was tried in place of Braund. At 134 Bosanquet resumed for Hirst. The first of the two changes parted the batsmen, Jennings being caught at the wicket off Relf at 143. Relf followed up his success by bowling Pellew, the fifth wicket falling at 149. So far Relf had taken two wickets for six runs.

Evans joined Claxton, and at 152 Rhodes went on at Bosanquet's end. At tea the score was 173 for five wickets, Claxton not out 26 and Evans not out 11. Claxton's late cutting was excellent.

Afterwards Relf and Bosanquet bowled. Claxton sent Bosanquet over the ring on the on side for five, but at 191 he was caught at the wicket. Harry Hill was bowled at once, the seventh wicket falling with the total unaltered. Newland became Evan's partner and the batting improved. When 200 went up the innings had been in progress three hours and 23 minutes.

At 217 Fielder relieved Bosanquet. Evans played a steady game while Newland hit, the two men in their different styles showing very good cricket. The score having been increased to 250, Braund took the ball from Relf. With seven runs added Newland was bowled. His innings included seven fours and only lasted 35 minutes. Most of his runs were obtained by cuts and leg hits.

Travers was run out and vans caught and bowled, the innings ending for 259. It had extended over four hours and 12 minutes. Braund took one wicket . . .

The Englishmen made a bad start against the bowling of Travers and Claxton, Foster being caught at slip in the second over. One wicket for two. Bosanquet joined Warner, and at the drawing of stumps the score was nine. The weather remained fine all the afternoon, but rain is predicted.

Day 2 (report from Tuesday 15 March, page 9)

In sultry weather the last match of the Englishmen's tour was continued here to-day. It cannot be said that the cricket aroused much interest, the attendance never exceeding 2,000. The wicket remained good, but the ball beat the bat in a most surprising way, Braund doing great thing in South Australia's second innings.

Going in against a total of 259, The Englishmen had at the drawing of stumps on Saturday scored nine run for the loss of Foster's wicket. Warner and Bosanquet, the not outs, went on with the innings to-day to the bowling of Claxton and Travers. A change in the weather seemed impending, and Warner evidently thought there was no time to be lost. He began to force the game at once, hitting well on both sides of the wicket. When the score had reached 44 Coombe relieved Claxton, and H Hill bowled for Travers. Coombe parted the batsmen at 52, Bosanquet making a false hit right into point's hands.

Tyldesley came in and had two escapes. Having scored five, he gave a difficult chance of stumping, and, when 11, should have been caught and bowled by Hill. However, he did not profit much by his luck, being bowled at 75.

Knight joined Warner. Claxton resumed bowling and Pellew was tried, but no other wicket fell before luncheon. The total was then 83 for three wickets - Warner not out 43. Harry Hill had bowled eight overs (five maidens) for eight runs and a wicket.

At the resumption, Claxton and Pellew still shared the bowling, and with the score at 106 Warner was caught at leg, just in front of the boundary. He was batting an hour and 55 minutes and hit four fours. Except for a chance at the wicket before he had made a run, his innings was a good one.

Braund was next in, and at 113 Harry Hill bowled again in place of Pellew. At 122 Knight was smartly caught at point, and with two runs added Hirst was taken at mid-on. Other misfortunes soon followed, Relf being caught at the wicket at 130 and Rhodes bowled at 135. Fielder after getting three was missed at slip off Claxton.

Then at 151 Braund fell to a catch at mid-off, Travers holding the ball at the second attempt, and Strudwick was soon caught at square-leg. The innings, which had lasted three hours and a quarter, ended for 154. The batting was disappointing. Claxton, who bowled exceedingly well and kept an excellent length, took five wickets for 56 runs . . .

Leading by 105, South Australia opened their second innings with Gehrs and Hack. Hirst and Braund started the bowling. When 15 runs had been scored a catch at mid-off got rid of Hack, and at 30 Clement Hill was caught at mid-on at the other end. With the total unaltered Jennings was out leg-before-wicket, and at 31 Claxton was bowled.

Gehrs, who had all this time been batting in capital style, stayed till the score reached 44, and then, in jumping out to drive, missed the ball altogether and was stumped. His innings lasted 50 minutes and included four fours. Directly after Gehrs had left Evans was bowled. Six wickets for 44. So far Braund had taken four wickets for 32 runs and Hirst two for 11.

By slow cricket Pellew and Harry Hill took the total to 61, at which point Warner tried a change, putting on Bosanquet in place of Hirst. The new bowler did nothing, but Braund quickly finished off the innings, taking the four remaining wickets at a cost of only 11 runs - Hill was caught at the wicket at 63 and Newland at long-on at 75. Then Pellew played on and Coombe was bowled. South Australia had batted for an hour and three-quarters.

At the close of the innings stumps were drawn. The weather at this time was sultry and cloudy. Braund took eight wickets for 43 runs . . . Thus the English team wants 183 to win.

Day 3 (report from Wednesday 16 March, page 11)

Adelaide, March 15.

The English team finished their tour in most brilliant style to-day, beating South Australia by nine wickets. With an innings to play they wanted 183 to win, and in an hour and 48 minutes they hit off the runs.

Warner and Foster began the task, the wicket being still in good condition. Claxton and Travers started the bowling. When Warner had made 13 he was badly missed at point by Travers. At 31 a double change was tried, Harry Hill going on for Travers and Coombe for Claxton. Out of the first 35 runs Foster obtained 21. After this, playing in splendid form, with a great variety of strokes, he scored rapidly, hitting Hill for three fours in one over.

Claxton bowled again at 86 in place of Coombe. Foster completed his 50 in an hour and a quarter. Fourteen runs were made in one over from Claxton, Warner getting 13 of them. He hit vigorously on both sides of the wicket and reached his 50 in 82 minutes. At lunch the total was 117 for no wicket, Foster 56 and Warner 54.

A light rain fell during the interval. Afterwards Claxton and Travers bowled; and in the first over, without the addition of a run, Warner was caught at slip. His innings included a five and six fours. Tyldesley followed in and set to work at once, scoring 26 of the next 30 runs. At 158 Gehrs relieved Travers. Rain fell again, but it was very slight and did not stop the game.

Hack took Claxton's place, but all the bowling came alike to Tyldesley and the remaining runs were soon knocked off. Foster hit nine four and gave in every way a very fine display. Tyldesley made his 50 in 25 minutes, scoring eight fours. Claxton took one wicket . . .

Mr Warner, reviewing the tour, says that the M.C.C. will lose money. Future teams should demand half the gross gate receipts, for the expenses have been enormous.

As regards the test matches, the sides were equally matched. Two of the matches, which were decided by the spin of the coin, might be eliminated; but the remaining three were fair test matches. The Englishmen had won the rubber on their merits. They had no tail. The Australians had a big tail, and their bowling, though plentiful, was lacking in variety. Australia's fielding was better and more uniform than England's.

There were several promising players in South Australia, and Mr Warner expects to see Gehrs, Jennings, Claxton and Newland in the next team which visits England. He eulogizes the sportsmanship and abilities of Noble, whom he calls the champion all-round cricketer of the world.

The conditions of the Australian wickets have changed. Adelaide, which was formerly the fastest ground, is now an easy-paced pitch. Sydney is the fastest and Melbourne comes next. He thinks that test matches in England ought to be played to a finish. His remarks about the Sydney crowd are far from complimentary, but he thinks their bark is worse than their bite. - Reuter.

#### THE M.C.C. TEAM'S TOUR

##### FIRST-CLASS MATCHES

Played 12 - won 9, lost 2, drawn 1.

##### ALL MATCHES

Played 20 - won 10, lost 2, drawn 8.

[Note: a summary of all the first-class matches follows, and then of other matches. Next come the first-class batting and bowling averages, which can be found on Cricket Archive on [http://cricketarchive.com/Archive/Events/0/Marylebone\\_Cricket\\_Club\\_in\\_Australia\\_1903-04/Team\\_Averages.html](http://cricketarchive.com/Archive/Events/0/Marylebone_Cricket_Club_in_Australia_1903-04/Team_Averages.html)]

#### AUSTRALIAN BATTING AVERAGES

##### FIRST-CLASS MATCHES [Note: averages over 20 only]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an Inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Jennings (South Australia)	4	134	77*	2	67.00
Mr V T Trumper (New South Wales)	14	630	185*	1	52.30
Mr M A Noble (New South Wales)	14	483	133	3	43.90
Mr C Hill (South Australia)	14	439	116	0	31.25
Mr P McAlister (Victoria)	8	232	139	0	28.00
Mr R A Duff (New South Wales)	14	390	84	0	27.85
Mr P L Newland (South Australia)	4	81	50	1	27.00
Mr A R Gehrs (South Australia)	6	139	63	0	23.16
Mr A J Hopkins (New South Wales)	14	292	56	1	22.46
Mr S E Gregory (New South Wales)	12	256	112	0	22.16
Mr F T Hock (South Australia)	4	88	54	0	22.00
Mr W W Armstrong (Victoria)	10	219	48	0	21.90

##### AUSTRALIAN BOWLING AVERAGES [Note: averages below 60 only]

	Runs	Wkts	Average
Mr A Cotter (New South Wales)	250	19	13.15
Mr H Trumble (Victoria)	396	24	16.58
Mr N H Claxton (South Australia)	190	10	19.00
Mr M A Noble (New South Wales)	503	21	23.95
Mr W P Howell (New South Wales)	459	17	27.00
Mr A J Hopkins (New South Wales)	488	16	30.50
Mr J V Saunders (Victoria)	435	12	36.26
Mr C McLeod (Victoria)	233	6	38.83
Mr F Laver (Victoria)	302	7	43.14
Mr W W Armstrong (Victoria)	266	5	53.20

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Cricket Club was held on Monday afternoon at the Golden Cross Hotel, London. Vice-Admiral Rice was in the chair, and among those present were Lord Darnley, Mr C J Burnup, Mr J R Mason, Mr C H B Marsham, Mr G J V Weigall, Mr W H Patterson, Mr W B Pattison, Mr T Pawley, Mr A J Lancaster and Captain McAlpine.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The latter showed a satisfactory state of affairs, there being a balance to credit of about £600. The new president is Mr C Fitch Kemp.

It is understood that Mr Burnup will be abroad during a part of the coming summer, and in his absence Mr C H B Marsham will take charge of the team.

Thursday 17 March, page 10: CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA - THE M.C.C. TOUR

#### ALL MATCHES

Played 20 - won 10, lost 2, drawn 8.

#### BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Runs	Most in an Inns	Not out	Average
Hayward	25	1181	157	1	49.20
Mr R E Foster	28	1053	287	5	47.78
Tyldesley	27	976	127	2	37.04
Mr B J T Bosanquet	24	711	124*	3	33.85
Knight	25	768	109	2	33.30
Hirst	26	775	92	2	32.29
Rhodes	24	411	49*	10	29.35
Mr P F Warner (capt)	29	805	79	1	28.75
Braund	25	620	102	2	26.95
Lilley	22	433	102*	4	24.00
Relf	19	298	80	3	18.62
Arnold	16	192	34	3	14.76
Strudwick	11	142	42	0	12.90
Fielder	15	88	23	4	8.00

#### BOWLING AVERAGES

	Runs	Wkts	Average
Rhodes	1180	76	15.58
Braund	1181	75	15.12
Arnold	954	53	18.00
Fielder	608	33	18.42
Relf	539	29	19.25
Hirst	1006	45	22.35
Knight	45	2	22.50
Mr B J T Bosanquet	1319	53	24.88
Mr P F Warner (capt)	32	1	32.00
Hayward	104	2	52.00
Lilley	68	1	68.00

#### THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming season in Yorkshire by the establishment of a nursery for young cricketers at the Headingley Ground. Mr H Hayley, of Wakefield, has been appointed to coach the players, and practice will begin on April 12.

The county committee met at Leeds yesterday evening, under the presidency of Lord Hawke, when a number of players were engaged for the earlier practices. Lord Hawke was re-elected captain of the Yorkshire eleven, and Mr R W Frank was elected captain of the second eleven.

#### THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club was held yesterday evening at Leicester, Mr Marriott presiding. The committee reported that Knight, G Gill, Brown, Coe, H Whitehead, Marlow, Cobby, Buswell, Jayes, Palmer, B Whitehead, Chamberlain and Toon had been engaged on the ground staff for the coming season.

It was also reported that the membership was 1,794, and that a further portion of the playing pitch on the county ground had been relaid. An appeal was made for additional members.

The accounts showed that last year's receipts were £3,928, including £1,810 gate money and £1,742 subscriptions, the expenditure being £4,533. There was £605 owing to the bank, against £279 at the beginning of the year, the loss on the season being £326. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The chairman, in supporting the appeal for new members, said that it was necessary to get more people to join the club in order to ensure a satisfactory increase of assured income, and the treasurer urged retrenchment in expenditure.

Mr C Marriott was re-elected president; Mr T Burdett honorary secretary; and Mr J Parsons hon. treasurer.

A resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the inclusion of Knight in the English team for Australia and recognizing his services in the field during the tour.

Monday 21 March, page 12: THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

The following 14 players have been selected to form the South African team in this country during the forthcoming season. All are certain to come here with the exception of R O Schwarz, who is still doubtful. The team leave the Cape on April 20 in the Saxon, and are due in London on May 7: -

Frank Mitchell (captain), J H Sinclair, M Hathorn, E Halliwell, L J Tancred, R O Schwarz, G H Shepston, G White, W Shalders, J J Kotze, B Wallach, A Reid, S J Snooke and S Middleton.

Wednesday 23 March, page 12: DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

In the annual report, published yesterday, it was stated that their financial position was far from satisfactory, there being a deficiency last year of £688, of which, however, £131 was extraordinary expenditure in respect of repairs and painting. This was explained by the exceptionally wet season, which affected the gate receipts very considerably. The subscription-lines showed an increase during the year of £127, which was regarded as satisfactory.

Last season's fixtures have been renewed. A match has been arranged with the South Africans, and after a lapse of 20 years home-and-home matches have been arranged with Sussex.

Bestwick, Warren, A Young and a right-hand, medium-pace bowler named F Webster, of Whitwell, have been engaged for the ground during the coming season.

The receipts last year amounted to £1,665, of which £749 was from subscriptions, £149 ground-rents and £714 gate receipts. The expenditure during the same season was £2,353. The annual meeting takes place on the 30th inst.

THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v THE REST OF ENGLAND

It is officially stated that at the request of Mr P F Warner an attempt is being made to arrange a match between the M.C.C.'s Australian Eleven and the Rest of England at Lord's on June 16, 17 and 18. Leicestershire have kindly consented to give up their match at Lord's on these days; and if the counties interested can be persuaded to allow such of their players as are selected to take part in the match the fixture will without doubt be made.

Saturday 26 March: CRICKET

In answer to a correspondent who wrote suggesting that "test" matches in this country should be played to a finish instead of being limited to three days, Mr F E Lacey, the secretary of the Marylebone Club, has written as follows: -

"In reply to your letter of March 15, the suggestion you make has already been discussed; but I shall have pleasure in bringing the matter again before the Cricket Committee of the M.C.C. when next they meet."

Lord Hawke, having been asked his opinion on the same subject, says that three fine days should be sufficient, and that he does not think that the protracted matches in Australia are pleasant either to play in or to watch.

Tuesday 29 March: THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Club was held at Brighton yesterday afternoon, Colonel Campion presiding. Lord Sheffield was unanimously elected president for the year, the chairman remarking that Lord Sheffield had done more for cricket than any one in the country.

Colonel Campion referred to the position held by Sussex in the championship competition. The feature of the county's play was the magnificent batting of Mr C B Fry, who was to receive a testimonial, which he richly deserved. While giving Mr Fry every credit and honour, they must not forget what they owed to K S Ranjitsinhji, who had done so much to work up the county eleven to its present state of perfection.

Unfortunately the financial position was not satisfactory, there being a debt of over £600. He hoped that a good sum would be raised by the bazaar to be held next week.

Thursday 31 March: THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club was held at Derby yesterday, Mr Arthur Wilson presiding. The chairman alluded to the heavy loss on last season's workings and made several suggestions with a view to increasing the revenue.

It was understood that the Derby County Football Club was prepared to play a benefit match, and he also suggested a personal canvass throughout the county and the holding of concerts at various places. Several speakers supported the chairman's remarks but no resolution was framed.

Sir Peter Walker was re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of Mr John Mathieson and Mr Edward Estridge. In place of Mr Estridge Mr Dickinson, of Buxton, was elected to the committee, with Mr Newton, Mr Hughes-Hallett, Mr Barrington and Mr J H Smith. Mr Lawton was thanked for his services as captain.

Friday 1 April: THE SUSSEX COUNTY CLUB

Lord Sheffield has inaugurated his presidency of the Sussex County Club by contributing £100 towards clearing off the heavy deficit in the club's finances. A bazaar is to be opened next week, with the view to removing the debt, which now amounts to over £500.

#### THE CRICKET SEASON

The doings of the M.C.C. team in Australia, under the captaincy of Mr P F Warner, and the gratifying success of the tour have, of course, fully kept alive the interest in cricket during the winter; and, within a week or two of the arrival of the team in England the English cricket season of 1904 will have begun, the first match being that between London County and Surrey at the Crystal Palace on April 28 and the following days.

The chief essential to the success of the coming season would seem to be good weather, and every one will hope that this year the game may be played in normal conditions and that there may be no repetition of the rain-soaked wickets which made 1903 one of the most disastrous seasons in the history of English cricket.

A touring team always adds an element of novelty and attractiveness to the cricket season, and the visit of the South Africans will be looked forward to with interest. A good list of fixtures has been arranged and the team under the captaincy of Mr Frank Mitchell promises to be quite as strong as that which came over in 1901.

It is a matter for regret that, owing to various reasons, the Indians' tour has been abandoned; for, although several of the players who would have taken part have played cricket in England before, the strength of an Indian team as a whole against first-class sides has never been tested. It is to be hoped that the project may be successfully carried out at some future time.

With regard to county cricket, one or two proposals of some importance have been made during the winter. Mr Fry's scheme of an inter-county competition on the knock-out principle has been abandoned for the present season, as a number of the leading counties could not see their way to give it their support, at any rate in 1904; but the proposal to form an Advisory County Board to the Marylebone Club has met with much approval, and there seems little doubt that its adoption would give general satisfaction.

The Minor Counties Association have also put forward a scheme for the division of counties into three groups, with a regular system of promotion from one group to the other. The scheme seems to have certain points of merit, but the great changes involved would certainly, even if the scheme were thought advisable, prevent its being carried out for a year or two.

In a non-Australian year the Gentlemen and Players match at Lord's is rightly regarded as the great match of the season. This is fixed for July 4, 5 and 6. The Oxford and Cambridge match begins on June 30, and the Eton and Harrow on July 8.

Four days have been set apart for the Champion County v the Rest of England at the Oval, which finishes the season; while another interesting match will be that between the South Africans and an Eleven of England at Lord's on July 14, 15 and 16.

For some time past there has been talk of reviving the Harrow and Winchester match; but, although there are many who would like to see the match played again, there are many difficulties and it is not likely that the game will take place this season.

Although it has not been definitely fixed as yet, it is hoped that a match will be arranged at Lord's between the M.C.C.'s Australian eleven and the Rest of England. The proposed dates are June 16, 17 and 18, and there is no doubt that the match would create a widespread interest.

At Lord's work has been in progress during the greater part of the winter in thoroughly overhauling the system of drainage, and in future years it may be hoped that Lord's will not possess the unenviable reputation of being one of the slowest-drying grounds in England.

Rightly or wrongly, the county championship will be the central interest of the season. Prophecy as to the doings of a side during the summer is always dangerous, for teams on paper are so different to

the teams in the field; but it may at least be said that the chances of championship honours look very open.

Few cricketers at the beginning of 1903 would have thought Middlesex capable of going through the season with only one defeat, but after the level excellence of their cricket last summer there must be many who will think them equal to retaining the championship. They are an all-round side, a happy combination of cricketers of all sorts who all do something towards winning a match; and such a side is more likely in the long run to be successful than a team whose members occasionally perform sensational feats.

Mr Fry will captain the Sussex eleven in place of K S Ranjitsinhji, but it is expected that the latter will play in most of the matches, and if these two great batsmen are in form Sussex will always be formidable. The batting should be decidedly strong all through, but unless some new talent is discovered it is more than probable that Sussex will again be a side that makes large scores but not a side that wins many matches. To get a first-class batting side out on a good wicket at Brighton requires more than ordinary good bowling, and Tate, Cox, Relf and Bland, all excellent on their day, are hardly a sufficiently strong attack.

There seems little reason why Yorkshire in 1904 should not be a great side. The batting will need strengthening; but if the eleven can regain their wonderful propensity of making a large score when the first few wickets fall cheaply, and if they can bring the fielding up to the standard reached from 1900 to 1902, there should be few sides able to beat them.

In Hirst Yorkshire possess the best all-round English cricketer of the day, and in Rhodes the best bowler of his pace in England. With these two to bear the brunt of the bowling, and Haigh, a demon whenever the wicket suits him, Mr Jackson, Ringrose and others to follow, it can again be said that the man who can get runs against Yorkshire can get them against any one.

A nursery for young cricketers has been formed at Headingley, and to judge from the results of the Kent nursery at Tonbridge, its establishment should do much towards finding and developing capable cricketers for the county, and last year proved that the reserve talent in Yorkshire was not as strong as it should be.

In Lancashire the difficulty will be the bowling. It is not likely that Barnes will play, and this will mean the loss of a fast bowler who on his day was as difficult as anyone in England, not even Lockwood excepted. There is always a great amount of reserve talent in Lancashire, and several bowlers who were tried in a few matches last year gave distinct promise; so that it is not at all impossible that the weakness may be remedied. The batting is sure to be strong, and it is to be hoped that the amateurs who were so valuable to the side last summer will again be available.

Nottinghamshire should have a good serviceable eleven if not quite capable of winning the highest honours. In bowling a good deal would seem to depend on John Gunn, who improved so wonderfully last year. With Mr A O Jones, Iremonger and the three Gunns the side should be "full of runs," especially on the perfect wickets at Trent Bridge.

Since Worcestershire came into first-class cricket they have by hard work and perseverance showed steady improvement, and it is probable this improvement will be fully maintained this summer. In Arnold they have a fine all-round player, a good bat and a very good bowler when he gets a wicket to suit him. Besides Arnold there will be the Fosters, Bowley, Wheldon, Gaukrodger and others to bat, and G A Wilson, Keene and Bird to bowl, and these should form the nucleus of a strong eleven.

In Warwickshire the prospects look very hopeful. The team did not do themselves justice last year, but the form which they showed in certain matches gave distinct promise of better things.

Mr Burnup will be unable to captain the Kent eleven, at any rate during part of the season, and while he is away his place will be taken by Mr Marsham. With the recruits from the Tonbridge nursery the team should do well, although some of the amateurs who are so valuable to the side will not probably be available until late in the year.

Essex, on good wickets at any rate, should be a fairly strong side. The eleven will be much the same as before, although a trial will probably be given to several promising cricketers, and Mr A J Turner, it is hoped, will be able to play fairly often. Mr Kortright has resigned the captaincy.

No county eleven play cricket in a more sporting spirit or more for the pure love of the game than Somerset, and no county are, therefore, more deserving of success. The batting this year should be

strong, but Braund, good bowler as he is, and Cranfield want more support before Somerset can hope to get their opponents out cheaply. It is good news to hear that Mr Martyn will in future probably be able to play first-class cricket, so that Somerset will at least have a wicket-keeper of the highest class, and a worthy successor to Mr A E Newton and the Rev A P Wickham.

It cannot be said that the prospects of Surrey look in any way hopeful. Last season failed to discover the new talent which was so badly wanted, and until new talent is found there can be but small hope of improvement. Surrey are certainly in a bad way at present; but, with their great command of reserves, no doubt they will tide over the lean years and before long will once again be a power in the land.

None of the remaining counties seem likely to make any startling improvement. Derbyshire have renewed their fixtures with Sussex after an interval of 20 years, and these matches are being looked forward to with great interest. Mr Lawton will again captain the team and all the old players will be available, while Webster, a medium-pace right-arm bowler and a left-hand bat, who has been engaged on the ground staff at Derby, is spoken of as a promising young player.

It is, indeed, fortunate for Gloucestershire that Mr G L Jessop will still be able to play for them and will again captain the team, for, without him, Gloucestershire cricket would be in a very bad way. Mr R T Godsell has been elected vice-captain, but it is not probable that he will be able to play regularly.

In Hampshire cricket there are certainly some signs of improvement. Last summer they were a more settled side than they had been for some time and depended less on the valuable military talent, which is, unfortunately, so seldom available. It is, of course, impossible to judge the merits of a bowler from a few sensational performances on difficult wickets, but it may be hoped that in Langford Hampshire have found a bowler who will be of permanent value to their eleven.

Mr W H B Evans (Malvern and Oriel) is captain at Oxford and Mr F B Wilson (Harrow and Trinity) at Cambridge. Mr Evans's bowling was the feature of the University match last year, and as an all-round player he will probably be in a class by himself in University cricket this season.

As a whole the prospects at Oxford seem more favourable than those at Cambridge. Besides Mr Evans there will be several old Blues in residence. Mr Burn, a left-hander with a swerve often likely to get wickets, Mr Martin, a good fast right-hander, and Mr A von Ernsthause to bowl, and Mr Carlisle, the secretary, Mr Raphael and Mr McIver to bat. None of these three are brilliant, but all are sound players and quite likely to get runs against moderate bowling.

Mr Evans should not have much difficulty in filling up the side. There is a good deal of talent among the Seniors, and Oxford would seem to have the pick of the Freshmen from the public schools. Mr K I Nicholl, captain of Eton, and Mr G T Branston, of Charterhouse, perhaps the best two public school bats of last year, are both in residence; and among other batsmen there are Mr Williams (Eton), Mr Weatherby (Winchester) and Mr Cozens-Hardy (Rugby), all above the average, while Mr Gorell Barnes (Harrow) and Mr Snowden (Rugby) are useful all-round players.

A successor to Mr Findlay will have to be found to keep wicket. Mr Bomford, who kept so well in several matches last year, and Mr W S Bird are both decidedly above the average, so it is probable that the high standard of Oxford wicket-keeping during the past few years will be fairly maintained.

At Cambridge, besides Mr Wilson, Mr McDonell, Mr Mann, Mr Roberts and Mr Keigwin will be available, so that there will be a good many places to fill. The loss of Mr E M Dowson will be almost irreparable, as last year his success or failure usually meant the success or failure of the side. The bowling should not be a great difficulty as three of last year's bowlers are left, but of these none are really difficult. Mr McDonell, who keeps a splendid length, is always likely to get wickets, but neither Mr Keigwin nor Mr Roberts was more than moderate last summer.

As regards batting, Mr Wilson is a brilliant, if not a dependable player, and Mr Mann is a sound cricketer who ought to get more runs than he did last year. Mr McDonell, Mr Roberts and Mr Keigwin can all bat; but for Cambridge to develop into anything like a strong side Mr Wilson will have to unearth at least one really good bowler and several good bats from among the Freshmen and Seniors.

To judge from University cricket of late years, the finding of capable University batsmen is not hard, but the discovery of a first-class bowler is a rare occurrence. At Eton, where Mr G C Campbell is captain, several of last year's eleven, including Mr Hatfield, who bowled so well at Lord's, are available, and the side should, if anything, be rather above the average.

At Harrow Mr R E H Baily is captain for the second time in succession, while Winchester, where there are eight old choices left, also have the same captain - Mr E L Wright.

The chief fixtures for the season are given below: . . .

[Note: fixture list follows, as from  
[http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal\\_Averages/ENG/1904\\_f\\_Match\\_List.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal_Averages/ENG/1904_f_Match_List.html)]

Monday 11 April, page 9: THE ESSEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual general meeting of the Essex County Cricket Club will be held in the dining-hall at the Leyton ground on April 21, at 5.30.

Mr C E Green had engaged Alfred Shaw and R Peel to coach the eleven and specially selected players on the county ground for three weeks from April 20. The ground will be open to members on May 2, when the ground's bowlers will be in attendance.

The committee state in their annual report that the sum of £1,500 required to pay off the deficit of last year's working of the club has been promised, but as a working capital is absolutely necessary, they hope to raise a further sum of £500.

Wednesday 13 April, page 7: CRICKET

Members of the Marylebone Cricket Club who wish to join in welcoming their team on returning from Australia by attending the banquet to be held at the Trocadero on April 22 are reminded that tickets for that purpose can be obtained either from the secretary of the M.C.C. or from the manager of the Trocadero, Piccadilly-circus, at £1 2s 6d each (including wine &c.).

After Saturday next, if there is available space, members will be allowed to introduce friends who are not members.

Friday 15 April, page 5: CRICKET

It has now practically been arranged that the proposed match between the M.C.C.'s Australian Eleven and the Rest of England will be played at Lord's on May 9, 10 and 11. No difficulty is expected if Lancashire, who on those dates are playing Leicestershire, will allow such of their players as are selected to take part. Lord Hawke, Mr A C MacLaren and Mr A G Steel will be asked by the M.C.C. committee to select the Rest of England Eleven.

Monday 18 April, page 11: RETURN OF THE MARYLEBONE CLUB'S AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN

With the exception of Mr R E Foster, who is staying in Paris for a few days, Mr Warner and the members of the M.C.C.'s Australian cricket team reached Victoria Station yesterday evening. They made a splendid passage by the Orient liner Orontes from Australia to Marseilles and travelled overland by way of Paris and Dover, crossing in the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway's steamship Queen.

Although it was only known late on Saturday evening at Lord's that the cricketers would reach Victoria between 6 and 7 last night, the news seemed to have spread rapidly and there was a very large crowd filling the platforms and approaches of Victoria station when the second part of the train with the players arrived some 40 minutes behind time. Those members of the M.C.C. who were there to receive the team had to struggle through the crowd to get anywhere near the train. Among the company were Mr A G Steel, Mr A J Webbe, Major Hardy, Captain E G Wynyard, Mr E C Mordaunt, Mr F E Lacey, Mr F H Browning, Colonel Bosanquet, Mr J E Seton, Mr C Lambton and Sir James Blyth.

The cricketers were all in excellent health, but the warmth of the reception was a little embarrassing to themselves and their friends, for it was quite a struggle to get away from the station. When Mr Warner at least reached his friends he was able to express his satisfaction that the tour had been so successful and that his men had worked so splendidly and happily together.

Friday 22 April, page 9: THE ESSEX COUNTY CLUB

Mr C E Green presided at the annual general meeting of the members of the club, which was held yesterday evening at the county ground, Leyton.

In moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the chairman dwelt very largely on the financial crisis through which the club had passed since last summer and upon the prospects of the coming season. The £1,500 that was necessary to clear off the club's indebtedness had been more than subscribed, and the liberal response to the appeal was largely to be attributed to the zeal of Mr O R Borradaile, the secretary. Even this sum, however, did not put the financial position of the club on the sound basis that a county club ought to possess.

The committee had done everything possible in the way of retrenchment of expenditure. He appealed to the meeting to do their best in getting new members to join, for to secure any elasticity in the finances of the club there must be a membership of 2,500. The future of the club rested entirely with the efforts of the members in this direction, for there could not be a recurrence of the public appeal, and another year of main dependence on the receipts from matches would probably leave the club so badly off that the Leyton ground would have to be sold. He sincerely urged the members to make a strenuous effort to help themselves this season.

Turning to the actual cricket prospects of the eleven, he mentioned the resignation of the captain. Mr Kortright would not be wholly lost to them, and would play whenever it was possible for him to give the time.

In replying to a vote of thanks, Mr Green said that he was always ready to do what he could in the interests of Essex cricket, and that he hoped that his re-engagement of Alfred Shaw and Robert Peel to coach the eleven and specially chosen young players would be beneficial to the county team.

The new rule of the club, by which the entrance fee is abolished, were adopted.

Monday 25 April, page 11: THE SURREY COUNTY CLUB

The annual report and balance-sheet of the Surrey Club were on Saturday issued to members. In spite of the wet weather last summer, there was a profit on the year's working of the club of £37 6s 6d - a result which, in the circumstances, the committee consider very satisfactory. The receipts from the August Bank Holiday match with Nottinghamshire came to £635 5s 2d, and from the Gentlemen v Players match £498 16s. The amount taken at the stands at the Oval during the season was £748 14s.

Referring to the disappointing cricket shown by Surrey last year, the committee point out that the team was severely crippled by Abel's illness, and by the loss of Mr Jessop and Mr Crawford. In recognition of his valuable services to the club since he had his benefit, the committee will invite the members to subscribe to a testimonial to Abel - to be presented at the close of the season - and they have decided to head the list with £50 from the club funds. Abel has recovered his health and there is every reason to believe that he will play regularly this year.

Mr C W Alcock is back at his post at the Oval, in good health again after his serious illness. The committee express their thanks to Mr C A Stein for acting as honorary secretary during Mr Alcock's enforced absence. The annual meeting of the Surrey Club will be held in the Pavilion at the Oval, on Thursday, May 5, at 5 o'clock.

Tuesday 26 April, page 12

The committee of the Sussex County Cricket Club have decided to give a benefit to Marlow this season, and have allotted him the match between Sussex and Surrey at Brighton on July 21 and the two following days.

Marlow first played for Sussex in 1891, and made a sensational start in first-class cricket by scoring 144 against the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's.

25 April: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COLTS v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COLTS 188 (F Stocks 21; Pennington 7/48) and 58/10 (Langham 28; Pennington 7/26). NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 285/5 dec (Iremonger 27, G Gunn 122). Match drawn.

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 April, page 12)

The annual Notts colts' match was begun at Trent-bridge yesterday. As usual, the colts were sent in to bat, but with few exceptions their failed very badly before the bowling of Pennington and Hallam, and they were all out for 188 runs.

Branmar, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Langham, of Bradmore, made the most useful stand of the innings, but by far the best display was given by F Stocks, a member of the ground staff, who played good cricket in getting hi 21 runs. The innings lasted in all just over four hours, and Pennington, who was tried by the county in some of the earlier matches last year, took seven wickets for 48 runs.

Iremonger and George Gunn hit the colts' bowling freely, and after Iremonger had been dismissed for 27, George and William Gunn played out time, the score being 60 for one wicket. Morrell, a right-hand fast bowler, made a favourable impression.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 27 April, page 12)

The feature of the concerning day's play in the Notts Colts' match at Nottingham, yesterday, was the fine batting of George Gunn. He played very good cricket for nearly four hours, and made 122 out of a total of 285 for five wickets, at which point the innings was declared closed. Fifteen bowlers were tried for the Colts, and Shakespeare, of Stapleford, a slow, left-hand bowler, with a break from the off, made a most favourable impression.

Going in a second time 97 behind, the Colts lost 10 wickets for 58. Pennington again bowled well, taking seven wickets for 26 runs. Langham, of Bradmore, one of the highest scorers in the first innings of the Colts, again showed fine defence and scored 28 before he was caught and bowled. The weather was much colder than on Monday, and rain caused over an hour's delay after luncheon.

Friday 29 April, page 5: THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Gloucestershire County Club was held in Bristol yesterday. Mr Harry Beloe presided.

The financial statement showed that the year was started with a balance in hand of £1,153, but at the end of last season this sum had been reduced to £295 - a loss on the season' working of £850.

The chairman regretted that there was a decrease in the number of subscriber and that towards the guarantee fund of £2,000 only £837 had so far been promised. He appealed for increased support and expressed the hope that the ensuing season would prove more successful than the last, when only three matches were won.

Mr G L Jessop stated that last season's results would have been more successful if the county team had enjoyed a more liberal supply of luck. He spoke optimistically of the coming season and hoped for much success from Dennett. There were, the Gloucestershire captain added, several promising young players coming on, and he thought a useful recruit would be found in Hill, a medium pace

bowler. The county would, however, be handicapped by the absence of Roberts, who had not yet recovered from his serious illness.

In reply to criticism, Mr Jessop explained that most of the matches were arranged for late in the season, because it was not until then that a good team was available.

28 April: THE OXFORD SENIORS' MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR E G WHATELY'S SIDE 310 (R W Awdry 47, G G M Bennett 59, L D Brownlee 45, G le Blanc Smith 41, E G Whately 65, G Tinley 29; N R Udal 3/102, G V Goodliffe 4/70) and 251 (E G Awdry 67, G M Bennett 53, L D Brownlee 74; G V Goodliffe 6/72). MR V H CARTWRIGHT'S SIDE 487 (C L McDonald 65, V H Cartwright 25, Hon A E P Mulholland 49, Hon M Herbert 149, G V Goodliffe 68, N R Udal 23\* E G Whately 3/129, F H Henley 4/113) and 75/2 (A E Worsley 41\*). Mr V H Cartwright's Side won by eight wickets.

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 April, page 5)

In cold weather the cricket season was begun in the parks at Oxford yesterday with the Seniors' Match.

The batting, taken as a whole, during the afternoon was good, the best cricket being seen when Mr Bennett and Mr Awdry were together, but Mr Cartwright had very little bowling at his disposal. Mr Udal began well, but had rather bad luck, while Mr Goodliffe was the most successful. The fielding generally was loose, no doubt chiefly owing to cold weather, but some good catches were made, notably by Mr Udal in the slips.

Mr Cartwright's side had an hour's batting before the close of play.

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

Some high scoring was seen on the second day of this match in the Parks at Oxford yesterday, the last three wickets which fine leg adding 274 runs. Owing to the drizzle of rain the wicket played very easily and the bowlers found great difficulty in getting a firm foothold.

Mr Herbert gave a really first-class display and he made his runs all round the wicket, while he did not give a chance throughout his innings. Mr Macdonald and Mr Mulholland, although they were both rather lucky at times, played capital cricket. For Mr Whately's side Mr Henley bowled best, but it was no easy matter to control the greasy ball. Mr Tinley, at the start, rather puzzled the batsmen, but later on he seemed to lose his length. The fielding again was very ragged and many opportunities were thrown away.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 May, page 14)

Mr Cartwright's side beat Mr Whately's side in the Oxford Seniors' match at Oxford on Saturday by eight wickets. Considering how early it is in the year, the batting in the match has been very good as a whole, but the bowling was only moderate and the fielding left much to be desired.

28 April: LONDON COUNTY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6403.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6403.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 29 April, page 5)

The feature of the cricket at the Crystal Palace yesterday was the batting of Dr W G Grace. He played his innings in a bad light and against some very good bowling by Lees and Lockwood.

Holland and Abel played very good cricket at first, and after luncheon Richardson, by free hitting, helped Lockwood to put on 75 for the ninth wicket in 40 minutes. Lockwood played in quite his old

form, and he made several fine strokes between mid-off and cover-point. The cricket finished with London County 107 runs behind and six wickets in hand.

Mr K J Key appeared as captain of the Surrey eleven for this occasion only, for it is understood that during Surrey's May matches Mr H B Chinnery will captain the team.

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

In the two hours and a quarter that cricket was practicable at the Crystal Palace yesterday the London County established a strong lead, for, at the cost of their fifth and sixth wickets, 184 runs were added, and London County are now 77 on with four wickets to fall.

Knight played steadily and seemed well set when he was out to a splendid piece of fielding by Moulder, who, running from third man, threw down the wicket. Mr Poidevin was in good form, but it was Sewell who completed the discomfiture of the Surrey bowlers. His driving was very hard and in one over from Jackson he got 17 runs. He scored very quickly all through his innings, and he made 50 out of 71 in half an hour.

The rain came on soon after luncheon and play was definitely abandoned for the day at a quarter to 5.

Day 3 (report from Monday 2 May, page 14)

London County beat Surrey at the Crystal Palace on Saturday by an innings and 51 runs. While the wicket was still easy in the morning from Friday's rain Sewell and Mr Douglas scored so rapidly that their full two hours' partnership for the seventh wicket yielded 185 runs.

Sewell's great innings was marked by hard driving to the end; he made few errors in timing the ball, but was once nearly caught by Lord Dalmeny in the long field. It was his first century in important cricket.

2 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6404.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6404.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 May, page 15)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible in the following matches yesterday: -  
Lord's. - M.C.C. and Ground v London County . . .

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

It was a bowler's wicket at Lord's yesterday, and with the exception of Captain Wynyard in the second innings the batsmen made a very poor show. Mr Odell, bowling rather faster than usual and keeping a fine length, seemed almost unplayable in the morning, and the ball that got out Mr Gay was a particularly good one, while with Mr Gay's dismissal Mr Odell completed the "hat trick," for with the two balls before he had got out Newstead, a Yorkshire professional, and Mr Jessop, who was caught at the wicket.

Tarrant, the Australian medium-pace left-hand bowler, who joined the staff of Lord's last year, and J T Hearne made short work of London County. Both got a great deal of spin on the ball, and at one time the side looked like being out for a much smaller score than 79, as six wickets were down for 44.

In the last two hours of the day, with the pitch much drier, the bowling was less difficult. Captain Wynyard had to play very hard for his runs, but he made many fine strokes on both sides of the wicket.

Among the best things in the cricket were the catches of Vine at short slip and long-on in the M.C.C. and Ground's second innings, when he got out Newstead and Mr Jessop. The M.C.C. and Ground at present are 130 runs ahead with six wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 May, page 12)

London County beat the M.C.C. at Lord's yesterday by seven wickets. The victory was largely the work of Knight and Mr Poidevin, who, becoming partners at a critical stage of the match, batted splendidly. Knight was in particularly good form, and his strokes on both sides of the wicket made his innings the best in the two days.

London County were set 197 to make to win, and after Dr Grace and Mr Murdoch had scored 48 three wickets fell quickly. Tarrant and Hearne were bowling very well at this stage, but the wicket had quite recovered, and Knight and Mr Poidevin played such a quick game that the last 127 runs were hit off in an hour and a half.

2 May: THE OXFORD FRESHMEN'S MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR K M CARLISLE'S SIDE 178 (R A Bence-Pembroke 21, G R J Round 62; R G Barnes 4/76, G T Branston 5/26) and 206 (R A Bence-Pembroke 43, P J Reiss 21, E Cleveland Stevens 58; A F Lambert 4/70). MR W H B EVANS'S SIDE 170 (A F Lambert 20, W H B Evans 49; H Cozens-Hardy 3/29, E Cleveland Stevens 3/34) and 219/10 (G Marsden 50, A F Lambert 40, R G Cruwys 30, A H Fyffe 28\*, W H B Evans 21\*; A O Snowden 4/84, N S Talbot 3/50, H Cozens-Hardy 3/30). Mr Evans's Side won by one wicket.

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 May, page 15)

This match was begun at Oxford yesterday. Mr Carlisle's side, who batted first, gave a very disappointing exhibition. With the exception of Mr Round no one could do themselves justice on the slow wicket, which during the earlier part of the afternoon played easily.

Mr Weatherby was batting very nicely when he had the misfortune to be run out, while Mr Round scored most of his runs by pulling the short balls to leg. No one seemed comfortable with Mr Branston, who kept a good length throughout the innings and at times got considerable spin on the ball. Of the other bowlers, Mr Barnes, left-handed medium, was the most successful. Mr Waggett was very safe behind the wicket.

Mr Evans's side had lost two wickets when bad light stopped play for the day.

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

Considerable progress was made with this match at Oxford yesterday, Mr Evans's side giving an even poorer display of batting than Mr Carlisle's side, and although they eventually got to within eight runs of their opponents' score, they would have been in a bad way but for some good hitting by Mr Evans himself.

Mr Williams was shaping well when he was easily caught and bowled by Mr Snowden performed rather a tame stroke, while Mr Cruwys alone of the others showed good form, although Mr Ogilvie helped his side in no small degree by remaining at the wickets while Mr Evans made runs. The ease with which Mr Evans hit the bowling seemed to show that the earlier batsmen had treated the bowlers with more respect than was their due. Mr Cozens-Hardy, who made full use of his height and made the ball bump very nastily at times, appeared to be the most dangerous bowler.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 May, page 12)

As was expected, there was a very close finish in this match at Oxford yesterday, Mr Evans's side ultimately winning by one wicket. On the last day the cricket was of a much brighter character than before. Mr Cleveland Stevens played a lively, although lucky, innings for his side.

Mr Evans's team fared very badly until Mr Marsden and Mr Lambert came together. Both players made some excellent strokes on an improving wicket. Mr Cruwys again played good cricket, while Mr Fyffe hit hard late in the innings when things were going badly for his side.

It has been a disappointing match, at any rate, as regards the batting, Mr Weatherby, Mr Branston and Mr Williams, from all of whom great things were expected, failing to do themselves justice. The bowling was, if anything, rather above the usual standard, and in this respect Mr Branston, Mr Barnes and Mr Talbot should be heard of again. The fielding was only moderate, but Mr Waggett is a wicket-keeper distinctly above the average.

## 2 May: THE CAMBRIDGE SENIORS' MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR R E LAMBERT'S SIDE 143 (C C Page 42, R E Lambert 35; F J V Hopley 5/41, G W Lyttelton 3/17) and 273 (R E Lambert 24, H D Keigwin 86, J C Bickford-Smith 40, R H Powell 26; F J V Hopley 6/75). MR J F MARSH'S SIDE 129 (J G Hirsch 53; R H Powell 3/37, H G Driffield 4/21) and 288/7 (J G Hirsch 33, E S Phillips 20, J F Marsh 113, G S Tomkinson 37, C J Peshall 21\*; H G Driffield 3/70). Mr Marsh's Side won by four wickets.

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 May, page 15)

The start of this match, at Fenner's, yesterday, was delayed by rain until after 3 o'clock. Mr Lambert won the toss and took first innings. The wicket was at first easy after the rain, but it became more difficult later, when the sun came out.

At first runs came freely, Mr Page, especially, scoring well all round the wicket. Neither Mr May nor Mr Hirsch could do much with the wet ball, and they soon gave way to Mr Hopley and Mr Lyttelton. So successful did these bowlers prove that, although the hundred went up with four wickets down, the whole side were out for another 43 runs, Mr Lambert alone offering any resistance. A feature of the innings was the fine fielding of Mr Mainprice at third man and in the deep.

When Mr Marsh's side went in, the wicket was more difficult. Mr Hirsch played a good free game, but he was twice missed badly. Mr Phillips helped him to add 51 for the second wicket. Mr Wilding and Mr Leney were both bowling well at the finish.

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

This match, at Cambridge, was continued in perfect weather yesterday, with the wicket in good condition. The play was never very exciting, neither the batting nor the bowling reaching a very high standard. The fielding, however, was good, especially on Mr Marsh's side, Mr Mainprice and Mr Tomkinson being particularly smart. The bowling was on the whole poor, the tendency to overpitch being most marked. Mr Hopley had the best analysis, but he was very erratic.

Mr Marsh's side had half an hour's batting at the finish, and they now require 260 to win with all their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 May, page 12)

This match was concluded yesterday at Fenner's, Mr Marsh's side, who had overnight scored 28 without loss, winning by four wickets. This result was due mainly to Mr Marsh, who played a capital innings, marred by only one chance.

Mr Phillips batted carefully and helped to put on 71 for the first wicket. Mr Hirsch and Mr Tomkinson both batted freely, the latter scoring his runs in under half an hour. Mr Peshall made several splendid off-drives at the end.

## 2 May: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (not first-class)

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129159.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129159.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 3 May, page 15)

The time-limit match between Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire was begun at Leeds yesterday. The weather was cold, while a strong wind interfered with play throughout the whole of the day.

Mr F S Jackson was unable to assist Yorkshire, and Mr J A Dixon stood out of the visiting eleven, their places being filled by Ringrose and Day. Rain had fallen heavily during the early hours of the morning, but sufficient ground having been covered in accordance with the rule, to protect the batsmen's and bowlers' foothold, play was not delayed and the team were thus enabled to save considerable time.

There was nothing unusual about the Yorkshire first innings, except for the fact that Brown and Tunnicliffe forced the runs from the start, instead of playing themselves in. Afterwards the game proceeded on quite orthodox lines. Fifty runs were made in less than half an hour by the first pair and the scoring was fast up to the fall of the fifth wicket. Hirst and Denton both played good cricket, the former hitting freely all round the wicket. Playing quite their usual game, the Yorkshire batsmen had made 207 at the luncheon interval. Lord Hawke and Ringrose added 39 runs for the last wicket.

Nottinghamshire started rather badly against the bowling of Hirst and Rhodes, losing Iremonger and John Gunn for seven runs. Nottinghamshire made no attempt to force the game at any time, and at the close of play they were 109 runs behind with two wickets to fall.

So far as the game has gone at present, it would appear that the device adopted for protecting the ground for the bowlers' foothold from rain is likely to prove a distinct success, but it was generally thought that for the purposes of a thorough time test the game is being played too early in the season. The probability is that neither side will bat the requisite four and a quarter hours on such a wicket.

Yorkshire batted for two hours and 50 minutes, thus making a saving of an hour and 25 minutes on the scheduled time of four and a quarter hours, while Nottinghamshire have already been at the wickets for two and a quarter hours.

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

The probability is that the time-limit match, which enters upon its final stage at Leeds to-day, will prove to be of little value. The play was not very interesting yesterday, and confirmed the impression that a match of this kind, if it is to be a good test, should be played later in the year.

Having had a good deal the worst of the play on the opening day, the Nottinghamshire batsmen steadily improved their position yesterday. Wass hit out freely, and his side got to within 73 of the Yorkshire total. The innings lasted two hours and 35 minutes.

Yorkshire did none too well in their second innings, the best cricket on the side being played by Hirst, who got his runs in about an hour. The Yorkshire innings lasted for two hours and 20 minutes. They set Nottinghamshire the task of making 254 runs to win and, according to the umpires' official decision, the time at their disposal was five hours, two and a half minutes.

There was less than two hours left for play yesterday after deducting the time of three stoppages of rain, and before the close Nottinghamshire had lost five of their best wickets and were 133 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 5 May, page 12)

The time-limit match at Leeds ended yesterday in a victory for Yorkshire by 71 runs. Owing chiefly to the state of the wicket neither side batted for the requisite four and a quarter hours in either innings; and the game afforded no real trial of the new scheme, the match being completed after ten and a half hours' actual play.

Tuesday 3 May, page 15: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

The following seven members of the side to play at Lord's next Monday for the Rest of England were

known yesterday: - the Hon F S Jackson, Mr G L Jessop, Hunter, Lockwood, John Gunn, Denton and J T Hearne. Mr MacLaren and Mr Fry have promised to play if they are well enough.

Wednesday 4 May, page 12: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

It was officially announced at Lord's yesterday that Blythe and Hargreave will both be in attendance on Monday, the choice between the two depending upon the state of the wicket. Mr A O Jones has been obliged to decline an invitation to play.

Thursday 5 May, page 12: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

W G Quaife has been asked to play for the Rest of England v the M.C.C.'s Australian team at Lord's on Monday next.

THE MARYLEBONE CLUB

The annual general meeting of the members was held yesterday afternoon in the pavilion at Lord's. Lord Alverstone, the retiring president, was in the chair. There was only a small attendance.

The proceedings were formal in character and were soon over. In moving the adoption of the report the chairman referred briefly to the success of the club's team in Australia. Last night, at the annual dinner, the Marquis of Granby was nominated as the new president.

Friday 6 May, page 10: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

It was officially announced at Lord's yesterday that W G Quaife will play for the Rest of England in this match at Lord's on Monday next, and that Mr A C MacLaren is fully expected to play. Mr C B Fry will not take part in the match, so that there is one vacancy which has yet to be filled.

THE SURREY COUNTY CLUB

Lord Alverstone presided at the annual general meeting of the Surrey Club, which was held last evening in the pavilion at the Oval.

In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet the chairman said that it was a matter of regret to the committee, and to no one more than to himself, that there was not a better record to present to the members. Last season it was well known that the side was affected in strength by the inability of Mr D L A Jephson to continue the captaincy, the illness of Abel and the withdrawal of Mr Crawford. They were all delighted to find Abel recovered again, and in such excellent form. The committee had given permission for a testimonial to be got up for Abel, and there would be a collection for him at the Bank Holiday match in August.

Lord Alverstone afterwards referred to the captaincy, and he thought that the club owed Mr H B Chinnery a debt in his decision to come back to them. He appealed to the meeting to rally round the club and help in getting new members.

Lord Alverstone, in conclusion, drew attention to the subject of winter payment for professionals. This payment in the winter had developed to an extent that was never meant; and he strongly advocated an amendment of the whole principle. A man who played cricket in the summer months should have some work or profession to return to for the winter.

The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, the re-election of officers took place as follows: - President, Lord Alverstone; vice-presidents, Lord Onslow and Lord Rosebery; honorary treasurer, Mr S Wildman Cattley.

THE ESSEX COUNTY CLUB

Mr F L Fane has according the captaincy of the Essex eleven for this season.

Saturday 7 May, page 13: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

It was officially announced at Lord's yesterday that Iremonger, the Nottinghamshire batsman, had been asked to fill the vacant place left in the Rest of England team for this match at Lord's on Monday next. Iremonger, however, was compelled to decline the invitation owing to a strained leg. Mr P Perrin has therefore been asked to play.

A cricket match between barristers and barristers' clerks has been arranged to take place at the Oval, by permission of the Surrey County Cricket Club, on Friday, May 27.

5 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6405.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6405.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 May, page 10)

The first day's play of the M.C.C. and Ground and Nottinghamshire match, at Lord's, yesterday, went greatly in favour of the county, for, after making a large score, they dismissed six of the M.C.C. and Ground team and at the close of play they held a lead of 300 runs.

For their large score Nottinghamshire were chiefly indebted to a fine innings by Iremonger. The wicket always appeared to play easily and none of the bowlers could get much work on the ball. Nottinghamshire had passed the 300 with only four wickets down, but after Anthony was out at 318, the remaining five wickets only added 27.

The M.C.C. and Ground had about an hour and a half's batting before the close. They started badly, losing Mr de Trafford for one run, while Tarrant and Captain Wynyard were both out at 23, the latter being beautifully caught at third slip by Mr Jones. Was bowled at a great pace from the nursery end, and once or twice he made the ball get up quickly off the pitch.

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

Nottinghamshire, in spite of three short delays owing to the rain, won this match at Lord's yesterday by eight wickets. At one time it seemed as if the M.C.C. and Ground would be beaten in an innings, for with only four wickets to go down they were 123 behind, but the remaining batsmen added 169, and in the end Nottinghamshire were left with 47 to get to win.

The four remaining wickets in the M.C.C. and Ground first innings added 57, but none of the batsmen ever appeared comfortable with Wass and Hallam, who bowled unchanged.

Captain Wynyard and Braund started the M.C.C. and Ground second innings against the bowling of Chambers, medium left hand, and Day, medium right hand. Braund played beautiful cricket from the start and he made the bowling look very simple. The pair carried the total to 52 before Captain Wynyard was stumped, just as he was getting well set.

At lunch the score was 85 for two, and afterwards things for a time went badly for the M.C.C. Trott played a good innings, but it was not until Newstead and Mr Bevington came together at 153 that there seemed to be much chance of the Club's saving the innings defeat. They carried the score to 205 before Newstead was caught in the deep field.

Mr Bevington continued to get runs fairly fast until he was injured and had to retire. He was able to come in again last, however, and he and Huish added 48 for the last wicket. On the whole, Mr Bevington played very good cricket. He has a number of good strokes and he got the majority of his runs by drives past cover-point.

Nottinghamshire went in to bat shortly after 6, but it was decided to finish the match yesterday. Trott, who was bowling fast from the nursery end, got out G Gunn and Anthony, but then Day and Hardstaff hit off the runs.

5 May: SURREY v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6406.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6406.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 May, page 10)

The return match between Surrey and London County opened very quietly, at the Oval, yesterday, and at the close of a rather uninteresting day's play, Surrey were able to claim a lead of 92 runs on the first innings.

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

There were several interruptions through rain at the Oval yesterday, and the cricket was reduced to some four hours' actual play. In that time, however, 261 runs were scored for the loss of 13 wickets. Although the conditions were not nearly so favourable as on Thursday and the bowling generally was not so good, the batting showed some improvement and the cricket was brighter.

Surrey, who held a lead of 92 on the first innings, again started well, Abel and Hayward putting on 53 runs for the first wicket. But when once they were separated the bowlers for a time held the upper hand, and half the side were out for 60. Subsequently, however, the batsmen by some free and consistent cricket enable Surrey to reach a respectable total.

Lord Dalmeny and Lees were the first pair to make a stand, and after Lord Dalmeny was out to a fine catch at deep long-on by Sewell Lees and Strudwick put on 50 runs in half an hour for the eighth wicket. Strudwick, in particular, scored fast, and his 38 included eight fours.

London County went in a second time, requiring 278 runs to win; but they fared none too well for a time, losing three good wickets for 41. Then Mr McGahey, who had been batting steadily, was joined by Mr Poidevin, and they managed to keep together until a quarter past 6, when defective light caused stumps to be drawn for the day. At the close of play London County still required 202 runs to get to win, with seven wickets still to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 May, page 12)

Surrey beat London County in their return match at the Oval on Saturday by 81 runs. Some such result was expected from the position of the game overnight, for London County, with seven wickets in hand, still required 202 runs to win.

At one time on Saturday it seemed improbable that the game would be able to be finished, but the weather cleared and it was found possible to make a start at a quarter past 3. The wicket then, however, was fairly easy, although the light at times was very defective.

When Mr McGahey and Mr Poidevin resumed their innings they were almost immediately parted, for the latter was bowled without any addition to his score, while Mr McGahey was dismissed 15 runs later, and thus half the side were out for 95. Mr Stuart then joined Sewell, who had been batting well, and 56 runs were added by some good cricket for the next wicket. After they had been separated the end soon came, Lockwood taking the last four wickets for 14 runs, and the match was over at ten minutes to 5.

The Surrey fielding was fairly good in adverse conditions. Mr Chinnery dismissed Vine with a fine catch. He had to run a considerable distance from cover-point and he took the ball over his head.

5 May: THE TRIAL GAME AT OXFORD

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR C D McIVER'S SIDE 196 (J E Raphael 56, C D McIver 49, A E Worsley 32, G V Goodliffe 23; R C W Burn 4/33, F A H Henley 3/67, A O Snowden 3/50) and 353/8 dec (J E Raphael 26, R W Awdry

110, L D Brownlee 109, A E Worsley 24, G R J Round 21, G V Goodliffe 20\* R C W Burn 3/112, E G Whately 3/74). MR R C W BURN'S SIDE 266 (B T Branston 41, Hon M Herbert 58, P T Lewis 32\*, R C W Burn 40; N R Udal 8/95) and 161/7 (C L Macdonald 57, Hon M Herbert 33). Match drawn.

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 May, page 10)

A trial game was begun in the Parks, at Oxford, yesterday. Mr McIver's side batted first, but although the wicket was good and fast, they only made a moderate score and the batting was never up to a very high standard. Mr Burn, with a cross wind to help him, was at times very difficult to play, while both Mr Henley and Mr Snowden bowled well. Mr Bird was seen at his best behind the wicket.

The light was very bad when Mr Burns's side batted, and Mr Udal quickly secured three wickets. Had all the catches been held he would have had two more to his credit, but as it happened both Mr Herbert and Mr Branston managed to play out time.

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

In the second day's play of this match, in the parks, at Oxford, yesterday, there was some interesting cricket. Continuing their innings, Mr Burns's side did badly at the start, but eventually this ended up with a useful lead of 70 runs, for which they chiefly had to thank Mr Burn, who made 40 in eight hits.

Neither Mr Herbert nor Mr Branston gave much more trouble, but both played well, whilst Mr Lewis, although rather slow, played very correct cricket. Mr Udal again bowled very well. Mr Winterbotham was steady but he had little luck. A marked improvement was shown in the fielding, Mr Goodliffe bringing off one very fine catch.

By some good hitting Mr McIver's side soon took the lead again. Mr Brownlee and Mr Awdry were scoring well all round the wicket when rain put an end to play.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 May, page 12)

This match at Oxford on Saturday resulted in a draw. The feature of the second innings of Mr McIver's side was the batting of Mr Awdry and Mr Brownlee, both batsmen scoring their runs by really good cricket. Of the two Mr Brownlee made his runs the faster, but Mr Awdry was never slow and made some very pretty strokes, especially on the off-side. Mr Worsley, Mr Round and Mr Goodliffe all hit hard and enabled Mr McIver to declare the innings closed with seven wickets down. Mr Whately bowled well, but he did not have the best of luck.

When Mr Burns's side went in the scoring became very slow, and after the dismissal of Mr Macdonald, who had played a lucky innings, the cricket for the rest of the day was of the dullest description. Mr Udal was again bowling well when he strained a muscle and was compelled to discontinue.

5 May: THE CAMBRIDGE FRESHMEN'S MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: MR F B WILSON'S SIDE 394 (L A Gilbert 78, J S Jobson 32, R W Craig 35, A L Gorringe 33, A F Morcom 47, G G Napier 27, F B Wilson 48 retired hurt; L F Spilsbury 4/82, C B W Magnay 3/74) MR E W MANN'S SIDE 159 (H Logan 25, M W Payne 27, A V Stanfield 24, G Aspinall 23; G G Napier 6/71, A F Morcom 5/79) and 278/10 (H Logan 42, C B W Magnay 84, W M Greenfield 39, A V Stanfield 22; G G Napier 5 wkts). Match drawn.

Day 1 (report from Friday 6 May, page 10)

This match was begun at Fenner's in beautiful weather yesterday. Mr Gilbert, for Mr Wilson's side, played a good, forcing game, although he hits with a rather crooked bat. Mr Jobson and Mr Craig each batted well for their runs in a quieter and safer style.

Mr Wilson gave a splendid display of free batting, but he was most unfortunately disabled by a blow on the knee, which may keep him out of the cricket field for some time.

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

This match was continued at Fenner's yesterday in fine but cold weather. Mr Wilson was unable to appear and his place was taken by Mr McDonnell. The former will probably be able to play again next week.

Mr Mann's side, who overnight had scored 67 for four wickets, failed before the bowling of Mr Napier and Mr Morcom. Following on with a deficit of 235, they did better and left off with a lead of 43 with one wicket to fall.

Mr Magnay played the best innings of the match, while Mr Logan and Mr Greenfield each did well, although the former was missed several times. Mr Napier and Mr Morcom again bowled well, the latter having very bad luck.

Day 3 (report from Monday 9 May, page 12)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible in this match, at Cambridge, on Saturday, and the game was in consequence abandoned with the score as follows . . .

Monday 9 May, page 12: THE M.C.C.'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM v THE REST OF ENGLAND

The sides for this match, which begins at Lord's to-day, will be selected from the following: -

M.C.C.'s Australian Team (selected from). - Mr P F Warner, Mr R E Foster, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Hayward, Lilley, Braund, Knight, Tyldesley, Rhodes, Hirst, Arnold and Relf.

Rest of England. - The Hon F S Jackson, Mr A C MacLaren, Mr G L Jessop, Mr P Perrin, Lockwood or Mr W Brearley, Hunter, J Gunn, Denton, Hargreave or Blythe, J T Hearne and W G Quaife.

ARRIVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM

The South African cricketers reached Southampton on Saturday morning in the Union-Castle liner Saxon, and at once journeyed up to London, arriving at the Great Central Hotel, Marylebone, which is to be their headquarters during the season, at about noon.

The team consists of Mr Frank Mitchell (captain), Mr J H including, Mr E A Halliwell, Mr M Hathorn, Mr R O Schwarz, Mr W A Shalders, Mr L J Tancred, Mr J J Kotze, Mr J Middleton, Mr S J Snooke, Mr G H Shepstone, Mr G White, Mr B Wallach and Mr S Horwood. Almost at the last moment before leaving Cape Town on April 20 Mr Horwood was substituted for Mr A Reid.

Mr Mitchell said on Saturday that the players had had a very pleasant voyage, and he spoke hopefully as to the prospects of the side. He thought the present team the strongest that had yet visited England from South Africa, the batting being probably better than before, and Mr Kotze, the fast bowler, having much improved. It is hoped that the team will secure the services of Llewellyn when that player is not wanted for Hampshire.

As the first match of the tour - against the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's - is not until May 30, the players will have plenty of time to practise and get accustomed to English wickets. Every facility from practising at Lord's has been afforded the team by the Marylebone Club.

9 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6407.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6407.html))

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

An attractive day's cricket was seen in the match between Leicestershire and Lancashire at Leicester yesterday. There was some excellent batting on a wicket which played easily throughout.

Mr Garnett and Mr Spooner made a splendid start for Lancashire. They scored very freely and put on 137 runs before Mr Garnett was out. He played fine, free cricket, his leg hitting and cutting being particularly good, and throughout he never gave a chance.

Runs continued to come freely, and Mr Spooner was not dismissed until the score had reached 291. Although he gave one or two hard chances, he played fine cricket, making a number of splendid strokes on the leg side. I'Anson hit hard for his runs and Sharp and Cuttell also showed good form. Altogether, Lancashire were at the wickets for nearly four hours.

In the hour and a half which remained for play Leicestershire did very well. They were mainly indebted to a good stand by Mr C J B Wood and Mr V F S Crawford. The first wicket put on 53 runs, and with only two added King was out, but then Mr Wood and Mr Crawford collared the Lancashire bowling and got their runs quickly.

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

The conclusion of a short day's play at Leicester yesterday left the home county in a very unfavourable position. They completely failed to follow up the promising form which was shown on the opening day, and so badly did the batsmen fare against the bowling of Cuttell and I'Anson that they had to follow on 181 runs behind.

Drizzling rain set in during the early morning and delayed the start until close upon 4 o'clock. Mr C J B Wood and Mr V F S Crawford continued Leicestershire's innings, but neither batsman stayed long, and after their departure the side collapsed.

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

Another poor batting display at Leicester yesterday resulted in Leicestershire being beaten by an innings and 64 runs. From the start the game had gone in favour of the Lancastrians and, having to follow on, 181 runs behind on the first innings, Leicestershire had lost one wicket overnight for 35.

They fared even worse yesterday than on Tuesday, and with the exception of a plucky effort by Mr V F S Crawford, who stayed while 50 runs were added, of which he made 41, there was scarcely a redeeming feature in the innings. The remaining nine batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 82 runs to the overnight total. The Lancashire fielding was very smart, and Cuttell bowled with great effect, taking four wickets in the last five overs for six runs, securing the last three wickets without a run being scored off him.

9 May: M.C.C. AUSTRALIAN TEAM v REST OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6408.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6408.html))

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

The match between the M.C.C.'s Australian team, under the captaincy of Mr P F Warner, and the Rest of England was begun at Lord's yesterday. Although it was perhaps unfortunate that the original date in June proposed for the match was found impossible and that the game had to be decided early in the season, it is at least most satisfactory that an opportunity has been given of seeing the Marylebone Club's team playing at Lord's.

The selectors of the Rest of England eleven must have had no easy task in choosing a side so early in the year; but although, owing to various reasons, several players who received invitations were unable to take part, the eleven which took the field yesterday was certainly a formidable combination. If not so strong all through in batting as their opponents, they have at least eight good batsmen, while with Hargreave, Lockwood, J T Hearne, J Gunn, Mr Jackson and Mr Jessop, they are a powerful bowling side.

The conditions yesterday were fairly favourable for cricket, for the weather, although very cold, was fine and the light was good until the close of play. The wicket was not by any means fast, but although all the bowlers seemed to be able to get a certain amount of work out of the ball, it was at no time really difficult. The game was always interesting to watch, because the M.C.C. team had to play hard for their runs against some very good bowling. They were batting from 12 o'clock until half-past 5, and at the close of play they had got two of their opponent out, and they held a lead of 273 runs.

The batting of the M.C.C. team was most consistent all through, ten of the side getting into double figures. Hayward, who went in first, played very correct, if rather slow cricket, but certainly the two best innings were those of Tyldesley and Hirst. The latter's was, if anything, more attractive to watch, for during the greater part of the time he scored fast, and he brought off his pull stroke with great accuracy. Tyldesley played beautiful cricket, seldom seeming in difficulties with the bowling, and making a number of fine drives past extra cover.

The bowling was never collared, and very few of the batsmen played Hargreave with much confidence. Although he had to do a great deal of work, he always kept a good length and he varied his pace judiciously.

The fielding of the Rest of England team was, considering the coldness of the day, up to a high standard, Mr Jessop, although he missed Mr Warner badly, W G Quaife, and Denton in the deep field being especially smart.

Mr Warner and Hayward started the batting to the bowling of Lockwood from the pavilion end and Hargreave. Neither batsman at first appeared comfortable. When 35 had been scored, Mr Warner was missed by Mr Jessop at cover point off Lockwood, but the mistake did not make much difference, as he was out 14 runs later.

Tyldesley joined Hayward, and at once settled down to good cricket. The pair, in spite of several bowling changes, carried the score to 128 before Hayward was out for a patient innings. Mr Foster and Tyldesley carried the score to 136 at the luncheon interval, but soon afterwards Mr Foster was bowled by Hargreave.

Knight made several good strokes, but he never played Mr Jackson, who was bowling very well from the nursery end, with much confidence. With the total at 181 Tyldesley's innings came to an end, when he was out to a hard return to Hargreave. The best stand of the innings after this was by Hirst and Braund, who carried the score from 191 to 247 for the sixth wicket.

The Rest of England had just over half an hour's batting before the close. They started very badly, losing J Gunn in Arnold's first over for only three runs. Hunter came in next, and he and W G Quaife looked like playing out time, but from the last ball of the day Hunter was beautifully caught at the wicket, Lilley who was standing back to Hirst taking the ball low down on the leg side.

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

Owing to the weather no play was possible in this match at Lord's yesterday, the score in consequence remaining . . .

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

This match, at Lord's, ended in a draw yesterday, the M.C.C.'s team at the close of play, with nine wickets in hand, holding a lead of 87 runs. Owing to the rain there had been no cricket on Tuesday, and the third day's play was considerably interfered with by bad light, for a start could not be made until well after 12 o'clock, and there was a further delay afterwards. It cannot be said that the cricket yesterday was particularly interesting, for there never appeared to be any chance of the match being played to a finish, and the wicket all day was slow after the rain.

The Rest of England, who one Monday had lost two wickets for 27, did very well yesterday, and during the early part of the afternoon the batsmen quite mastered the bowling. The wicket was too slow to be difficult, but all the bowlers got a certain amount of work on the ball, and both Rhodes and Arnold seemed to require careful watching.

Denton perhaps played the bowling with more confidence than any one else on the side, but Mr Perrin's innings was also a good one, while Mr Jackson's cricket was the most attractive to watch. Mr Jackson was beaten once or twice both by Rhodes and by Hirst, but as a whole he timed the ball beautifully and he made several splendid drives. Rhodes and Arnold did the greater part of the bowling, and the former at the beginning of the day, from the nursery end, kept a wonderful length and often had the batsmen in difficulties.

At one time, when Mr Perrin and Denton had got well set, it looked as if the Rest of England would make a large score; but at 182 Mr Bosanquet, who was bowling fast from the pavilion end, got Mr Perrin out to a catch in the deep field, and Mr Jessop was dismissed four runs later. Mr MacLaren and Denton carried the score to 238, but the last three wickets only added nine runs, and the M.C.C. team were left with a lead of 53.

The fielding on the whole was very good throughout the day. Two catches were missed in the deep field, by Mr Bosanquet and Tyldesley, but neither of them was easy, for in each case the fieldsman had to run a considerable distance.

The M.C.C.'s team had about 20 minutes' batting in their second innings. Mr Foster was out at 22, but then Mr Warner, who made several fine hits, and Hayward remained together until the close.

9 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6409.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6409.html))

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

The University opened their season at Oxford yesterday with a match against a fairly strong team brought down by Mr Leveson-Gower. Batting first, Mr Leveson-Gower's team would have made a rather poor score if it had not been for a big partnership for the last wicket by Mr Fox and Mr Leveson-Gower.

Mr Fox was rather lucky at first, but afterwards he made some capital strokes, while Mr Leveson-Gower carried out his bat for a really good innings. Mr Ernsthause bowled well and Mr Evans always wanted watching, while Mr Burn bowled better than his analysis would indicate. The fielding generally was very satisfactory.

The University had about two hours' batting, in which time they scored very freely. Mr McIver played a rather lucky innings, but Mr Raphael made some very good strokes, especially on the on-side.

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

There is every prospect of an early finish to this match at Oxford to-day, as at the close of play yesterday Mr Leveson-Gower's Eleven, with two wickets in hand, were only 58 runs.

Continuing their innings on an easy wicket, the University put together a good score. Mr Evans made some beautiful strokes on the off side, and he got his runs by bright and attractive cricket.

For Mr Leveson-Gower's side Mr Marsham and Mr Fane again batted well, but except for Mr Leveson-Gower the others gave little trouble. Mr Burn again bowled skilfully, while Mr Evans at times considerably puzzled the batsmen. The fielding was keen and smart.

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

There was only a short day's cricket at Oxford yesterday, the University gaining an easy victory by six wickets. The last two wickets of Mr Leveson-Gower's side gave more trouble than was at first anticipated, and in the end the University had 127 runs to get to win.

Mr Raphael again played a good innings, while Mr Carlisle and Mr Brownlee hit hard for their runs. The form shown by the University has been very satisfactory throughout the match, but the fact must be taken into consideration that Mr Leveson-Gower had only a weak bowling side.

9 May: SURREY v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6410.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6410.html))

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

Although Surrey were without Abel, who was suffering from a slight chill, Hayward and Lockwood, they had much the better of the opening day's cricket against Hampshire at the Oval yesterday, and at the close they were left in a most favourable position.

For their advantage Surrey were chiefly indebted to the bowling of Lees, who took eight wickets for just two runs each. The pitch was not sufficiently difficult to account for the Hampshire collapse. It was true that it was soft, but the wicket was drying naturally under the influence of the wind, and in consequence it was more a case of bad batting against good bowling than anything else. Hampshire were always struggling for their runs, and with the exception of Webb no one played Lees with any degree of confidence.

Surrey started badly by losing Holland and Moulder for 10 runs. Then, however, Mr Sheppard and Hayes by some free cricket set the foundation of Surrey's score. Mr Sheppard, who was receiving his first trial for his county, is a batsman of considerable power, and he is possessed of a very fine off-drive. Hayes, Mr Chinnery and Lees all played well, but Lord Dalmeny, although making some good strokes, was lucky in being missed twice in the long-field.

The Hampshire batting was in marked contrast to that of their opponents. Lees found his length immediately, and he dismissed half the side with only 17 runs scored, and of these only seven were hit off his bowling. Hampshire's disasters did not end there, and eventually Surrey were left with a lead of 155.

Mr Chinnery, however, decided to send his side in again, and when stumps were pulled up for the day Surrey held a lead of 186 with all their wickets in hand.

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

Rain fell heavily all morning yesterday at the Oval, and as the wicket dried slowly it was found impossible to continue this match until a few minutes before 5. Surrey overnight, after holding a lead of 155 on the first innings, had gone in again and had made 11 runs without loss.

When they resumed their innings three wickets quickly fell, but Moulder and Lees then put on 44 by free cricket before they were separated. Subsequently Mr Sheppard and Mr Chinnery continued to force the game and, at the close, Surrey held a lead of 299 runs with half their wickets in hand.

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

Surrey beat Hampshire at the Oval yesterday by 253 runs. The home side held such a strong position overnight that, provided the weather kept fine, there could practically be only one result, in consequence of which the game lost much of its interest.

One feature, however, stood out prominently, and that was the bowling of Smith for Surrey, who, backed up by some good fielding, proved almost as difficult to play in Hampshire's second innings as Lees had been in their first.

12 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6411.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6411.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

This game, at Cambridge, yesterday, went all in favour of Yorkshire, who at the close of play were 131 runs ahead with seven wickets to fall. This result was mainly due to the splendid bowling of Haigh, which was followed up by some fine batting by Hirst, Denton and Brown.

The wicket at first gave the bowlers a little assistance, but it was never really difficult. When Yorkshire went in Brown and Denton were both missed in the slips before reaching double figures, but afterwards they played beautiful cricket.

Mr Wilson was unfortunately unable to play, so Mr Mann took his place as captain. Mr Payne kept wicket admirably for Cambridge, but otherwise the fielding of the side was poor.

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

Yorkshire followed up the big advantage which they had gained on Thursday by defeating Cambridge yesterday by an innings and 118 runs.

The visitors added 181 to their overnight score, owing mainly to the brilliant batting of Hirst and Rhodes and the sound defence of Myers. The bowling of Cambridge, however, was never bad, as may be gathered from the fact that seven of the Yorkshire side only made 96 between them. Mr Napier especially bowled very steadily. Mr Payne kept wicket admirably until just before the finish, when he hurt his right hand.

On going in a second time, Cambridge did much better. Mr Eyre played an excellent innings, and he was well supported by Mr Keigwin, who played sound cricket. Mr Fry hit brilliantly at the close, after a somewhat shaky start, but the last man was dismissed jut before time, and Yorkshire won as stated.

12 May: ESSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6412.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6412.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

Owing to the state of the ground at Leyton yesterday this match was not begun until 1.15. However, between that time and just on 6.30, when stumps were drawn for the day, fair progress was made with the game.

The wicket was difficult all through the day, but it was at its worst towards the close. Up to the present the Essex batsmen have done very badly against the Surrey bowlers, and Lees also had the bad luck to have three chances missed off his bowling before he took his first wicket.

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

In brighter weather this match was resumed at Leyton yesterday. The wicket still favoured the bowlers, and none of the Essex batsmen offered any serious resistance except Mr McGahey, who played a fine innings.

Going in a second time the Surrey players forced the game with good results. In neither innings were the Essex bowlers as difficult as Lees and Smith. With 312 to get to win, Essex, when stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock owing to bad light, were 196 behind with four wickets down.

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

An hour and 25 minutes' play was sufficient to finish this match on Saturday, Surrey winning by 125 runs. The weather was delightfully fine and, although Essex improved on their first innings form, they never looked at any time during their second innings like winning the match.

12 May: KENT v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6413.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6413.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

It was a bowler's day at Gravesend yesterday, and so much progress was made with the game that last night Kent had begun their second innings and were 46 runs on with three batsmen out.

The pitch was never rid of the effects of the over-night rain; the ball came at varying paces from it and at one end it often bumped badly. In such conditions precision in timing was almost an impossibility, and the only game was to hit. Most of the batsmen adopted this principle, but only in the instance of John Gunn did any one meet with much success. He went in first wicket down before a run had been scored and was seventh out at 111, having made his runs in 90 minutes.

The bowling and fielding of both sides were extremely good. Mr Marsham made his first appearance as the new captain of Kent.

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

Nottinghamshire beat Kent, at Gravesend, yesterday, by three wickets. It was a small scoring match to the end, and the pitch always helped the bowlers. Except for a little hard hitting by Murrell yesterday morning the Kent batsmen gave a poor display, and Nottinghamshire were left with only 123 to get in the fourth innings of the game.

Mr Jones was out a second time very quickly to a brilliant catch at short slip, and John Gunn failed to score, the first two wickets going down for ten runs. Iremonger turned the game for his side by his hard driving from Fielder's bowling, and George Gunn kept up his end for a couple of hours. With four wickets falling quickly Nottinghamshire had still 20 runs to get with seven men out; but Anthony and Oates quickly finished the match.

12 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6414.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6414.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

The first day's play in this match between the M.C.C. and Ground and Sussex at Lord's yesterday went slightly in favour of the home side, for at the close of play Sussex were 131 runs behind with half their wickets in hand.

After the rain the pitch was slow and dead when Captain Wynyard and Wrathall opened the innings for the M.C.C. and Ground. By good cricket they took the score to 73 before they were parted, and this proved to be the best stand during the day. By luncheon time the score was 96 for two wickets.

Subsequently the batsmen had to fight for their runs, the ball frequently beating the bat. In the circumstances the batting was rather uninteresting to watch and there [was] a large proportion of bad strokes which fell harmless. All that can be said in favour of the batting was that it was consistent, as can be judged from the score.

When Sussex went in at a few minutes past 5 they soon met with disaster, losing Vine and Killick for only 15 runs, the latter being out to a good catch by Mr Somerset at point, the fieldsman throwing himself forward and holding the ball at full length on the ground. Relf stayed some little time with Mr Fry but, with the exception of the latter's innings, the cricket was featureless. Mr Fry made two or three risky strokes, but he also made some very fine drives.

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

The M.C.C. and Ground had much the better of yesterday's cricket at Lord's, and at the close of play they were practically left in a winning position, as Sussex were still 306 runs behind with eight wickets in hand. Sussex overnight had scored 82 for the loss of half the side, and when play resumed

J T Hearne bowled splendidly and quickly finished off the innings, taking the remaining five wickets for 22 runs.

The M.C.C. and Ground, going in a second time with a lead of 68, again made a good start. Captain Wynyard and Wrathall put on 79 by some free and attractive cricket for the first wicket, and with the rest of the side rendering valuable assistance Sussex were sent in to get 313 to win. In the short time left for play they lost two wickets very cheaply.

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

The M.C.C. and Ground beat Sussex at Lord's on Saturday by 241 runs. In consequence of the strong position held by the M.C.C. and Ground overnight, there could practically be only one result, as Sussex, in the last innings of the match, with eight wickets in hand, were 306 runs behind.

When the game was resumed Vine and Killick made a short stand, but the remaining batsmen could do little against the bowling of J T Hearne and Allsopp, and the match was quickly over, Sussex hastening their end by their lack of judgment in running. In this way they lost three wickets. Butt was unable to go in owing to a blow which he had received on Friday. The feature of the game was the bowling of Hearne, who took 11 wickets for just under eight runs apiece.

12 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6415.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6415.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

Some very good cricket was seen in the Parks at Oxford yesterday, the University quite out-playing the Somerset team. The wicket at no time of the day was very easy, so that the Oxford score was in the circumstances a good one.

Mr Evans played a fine innings. He made his runs, without giving a chance, in his best style. Mr McIver, Mr Awdry and Mr Branston all played well, while at the end of the innings Mr Martin hit the bowling all over the field.

When Somerset went in Mr Evans followed up his good batting by some excellent bowling, and with Mr Martin also bowling very steadily there was a collapse. Following on, Somerset lost one wicket when bad light put a stop to play. The University fielding was very good.

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

Oxford won their match against Somerset, at Oxford yesterday, by an innings and 45 runs. Mr Evans and Mr Martin again bowled well, while the wicket-keeping of Mr Bomford was quite one of the features of the match.

12 May: WARWICKSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6416.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6416.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 13 May, page 12)

County cricket at Birmingham opened for the season yesterday with the match between Warwickshire and Leicestershire. Recent rain had left its traces on the ground, and the bowlers, especially in the early part of the day, had a decided advantage. In these circumstances, it is more than doubtful if Warwickshire gained anything by winning the toss.

Leicestershire left off with the better of the game, and deserved to do so, as they showed the superior cricket all round. By far the best batting of the day was shown by Whitehead, who in less than an hour scored 50 out of 73.

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

At Birmingham, yesterday, the Warwickshire eleven proved quite unable to make up the ground which they had lost on Thursday, and before the end of the afternoon the game was over, Leicestershire winning by eight wickets.

16 May: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6417.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6417.html))

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

Low scoring characterized the play at Bristol yesterday, where 18 wickets fell for 344. This was not due so much to the state of the ground as to the general quality of the bowling and fielding.

Dennett bowled very well for Gloucestershire. He kept such a good length that he was never easy to score from. Mr Palairret played him with confidence, and Captain Poyntz, who was making his first appearance for the county, also hit him with some freedom, but Lewis and Mr Lee, the only other men to reach double figures, batted with caution. Lewis was an hour and a half making his runs.

Gloucestershire found equal difficulty in scoring. Wrathall was batting nearly an hour, and Mr Jessop had to be content with one lively over from Braund. He was missed off the first ball and caught off the fifth. Mr Thomas played steady cricket, but it was left to Spry and Huggins to bring the total level with that of the visitors. They did not play with any degree of confidence but their work enabled Gloucestershire to leave off with a lead of 12 runs with two wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

Gloucestershire did not do so well at Bristol yesterday as on the opening day. They left off overnight with a lead of 12 runs and two wickets in hand, but the innings closed for the addition of one run.

Somerset quickly hit off these arrears, and then went on steadily to establish a strong position. Two wickets, however, went down for 59. At that stage Mr Palairret was joined by Robson, and for two hours they kept their ends up while 127 were scored. Mr Palairret had his share of luck, as he was missed at 41 and 45, although neither chance was easy, while he was again let off in the long field by Mr Barnett after making his hundred. Apart from these mistakes, however, his cricket was good to watch.

Owing chiefly to him Somerset hold a strong position, as at the close Gloucestershire, with all their wickets in hand, still required 278 to win.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 12)

A better match than that which ended yesterday in a victory for Gloucestershire has rarely been witnessed at Bristol. Having to get 298 in the last innings, the home county obtained the runs with three wickets to spare, after a great struggle.

Mr Barnett and Sellick, who had started the innings overnight, were not parted until the score had been taken to 73. Mr Jessop, with ten minutes' batting before lunch, employed that brief period in a way no one else could have done, for he scored 45 runs. He got 28 of these in one over from Braund, by hitting two sixes and four fours.

He hardly got a fair share of the bowling in the afternoon, and his innings altogether lasted 24 minutes. He got his runs off 24 balls, by hitting, two sixes, nine fours, a three, three twos and four singles. He left at 171, and then the steady cricket of Langdon eventually gave Gloucestershire the victory.

16 May: LANCASHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6418.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6418.html))

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

In the opening match of the season at Manchester, yesterday, Lancashire were without Mr MacLaren, who is suffering from an attack of rheumatism. The visitors were batting three hours and a half, but

they had some luck, as Devey was missed when he had made three, while Quaife was missed by Mr Spooner in the slips at 32 and by Sharp at long-leg at 59.

These mistakes had a considerable influence on the game, but in spite of them Mr Byrne and Quaife played clever, though cautious, cricket. They came together when two wickets had fallen for 30, and they added 117 runs before they were separated.

At the close of the day Lancashire had an hour and a half's batting, when it was apparent that Warwickshire were lacking in bowling strength. Mr Spooner played splendidly, making some fine off-drives, but Tyldesley was much quieter than usual.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

This game at Manchester yesterday underwent several changes. At the close of their innings Lancashire held a lead of 101 runs. This was mainly due to the batting of Mr Spooner and Sharp. Moorhouse, who bowled splendidly, took his last three after lunch for nine runs.

Going in a second time Warwickshire fared disastrously against the fast bowling of Mr Brearley, and four wickets were down for 33. At this point Lilley joined Quaife, and they batted so well that the deficit was hit off without further loss.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 12)

Lancashire beat Warwickshire, at Manchester, yesterday, by nine wickets. When the visitors resumed their innings they collapsed, and Lancashire had only to get 78 runs to win. These were quickly hit off by Mr Spooner and Tyldesley.

16 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6419.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6419.html))

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

This match was begun at Lord's yesterday in delightful weather. The wicket was in good condition, although the Kent fast bowler, Fielder, who bowled from the pavilion end, got up awkwardly at times.

Included in the M.C.C. and Ground are four of the South African team - Mr F Mitchell, Mr L J Tancred, Mr E A Halliwell and Mr G H Shepstone. Of these, the last-named is new to English first-class cricket. He is a fast right-hand bowler with an easy delivery, and is also an attractive bat. During a stay of an hour and 20 minutes he made the top score for the M.C.C. and Ground by sound and good cricket. Mr Tancred is not a stylish bat, but he showed a good variety of strokes, while Trott hit hard.

Kent fared very badly on going in to bat until Mr C H B Marsham and Murrell got together. Murrell had the good fortune to be badly missed before he had scored, and then these two gave the brightest piece of batting of the day. Mr Marsham gave an easy chance with his score at 43, otherwise his cricket was sound, his cutting and driving being especially well timed. The Kent fielding was good, but the M.C.C. and Ground made many blunders, and have, as a result of these, only a lead over the county of 24 runs on the first innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

The M.C.C. and Ground beat Kent at Lord's yesterday by 33 runs. Although the wicket helped the bowlers, it did not do so sufficiently to account for the batting collapse.

From the pavilion end Fielder again made the ball get up a good deal, and Mr H Hesketh-Prichard also got his wickets at that end. At one time Mr Hesketh-Prichard had taken five wickets for four runs. None of the M.C.C. and Ground stayed long except Tarrant, whose display, though perhaps tedious, was nevertheless sound.

Kent required 131 to win. A Hearne had the luck to be missed off Mr Hesketh-Prichard before he had scored, and the best innings was that by F H Huish. He never appeared in trouble with any of the bowling and he got his runs by some good strokes on each side of the wicket.

16 May: SURREY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6420.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6420.html))

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

The first day's play of the Surrey and Derbyshire match, at the Oval, yesterday, went in favour of the home side, for, after dismissing Derbyshire for quite an ordinary score considering the state of the wicket, they got within 106 of their opponents' total for the loss of Hayward and Hayes.

Derbyshire started very badly by losing three of their best men for only 26 runs. At this point Dr Ashcroft and Mr Curgenvin became partners, and by putting on 118 for the next wicket they rescued the side from a critical position. Both started unsteadily, Dr Ashcroft giving a return to Lockwood when he had only made three, while Mr Curgenvin was missed at the wicket at 15, also from Lockwood's bowling. Neither catch was easy. At the luncheon interval Derbyshire had made 125 for three wickets.

When the game was resumed Mr Curgenvin was soon out, but Mr Ashcroft stayed until the total had been taken to 188 [?] before he was caught at the wicket. Subsequently there was little in the batting worthy of comment. The feature of the innings was the bowling of Lockwood, who bowled much better than his figures would indicate. He varied his pitch and pace with great skill and frequently beat the batsmen, only just missing the wicket.

When Surrey went in shortly before 4 o'clock Hayward was soon out, but Abel and Hayes by some free cricket put on 54 in half an hour for the second wicket. Abel, although he was lucky in being missed, made some beautiful strokes, especially on the leg side.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

The Derbyshire eleven, at the Oval, yesterday, not only recovered the ground which they had lost overnight, but at the close of play held a lead of 256 runs with four wickets in hand. They started well by dismissing the eight outstanding Surrey wickets for the addition of 140 runs. Then a fine stand by Mr Wright and Mr Ollivierre for the first innings in Derbyshire's second innings turned the match in their favour.

When Surrey resumed their innings the batsmen began to force matters, with the result that wickets fell fairly fast. After Abel was out at 169 Mr Chinnery was the only one on the side to meet with much success. The Derbyshire total was not passed until seven wickets were down, and at the end of the innings Surrey only held a lead of 34 runs. Bestwick, although erratic at times, bowled well, and yesterday took seven out of the eight remaining wickets for 60.

Derbyshire, when they went in a second time, made an excellent start, Mr Wright and Mr Ollivierre by some free and attractive cricket putting on 173 for the first wicket. Subsequently Mr Ashcroft played well. There is every prospect of an exciting finish to-day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 12)

After an interesting match Derbyshire beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by 122 runs. It was a game full of incident and variety. Derbyshire had the worst of the opening day's play, but when once they had drawn level they always looked like a winning side.

The Surrey batsmen appeared to be beaten by the pace of the wicket, and to this fact chiefly owed their comparative lack of success. It is true that Bestwick and Warren made the ball get up awkwardly at times, but this was due for the most part to the bowlers' keeping rather short; and in the circumstances Surrey ought to have done better.

Overnight Derbyshire held a lead of 256 runs, with four wickets in hand, and when they resumed their innings the remaining batsmen, assisted by dropped catches, added 43 more runs. Mr Ashcroft again batted very well. Hayes was the only bowler on the Surrey side to meet with any degree of success, but he bowled splendidly.

Surrey went in a second time, required 300 to win, at a few minutes to 1. Although the batting was fairly consistent - eight of the side getting double figures - it was disappointing, and at no time during their innings did they really look like saving the game. But luncheon time four wickets were down for 89, and afterwards the only question was by how many Derbyshire would win. Before the end was reached Mr Sheppard, Lord Dalmeny and Lees made some good strokes, but the match was over just before 4 o'clock.

16 May: SUSSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6421.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6421.html))

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

Sussex gained a great advantage at Brighton yesterday in the first day's play against Nottinghamshire. The visitors gave an extremely disappointing display in conditions which were as a whole favourable to the batsmen, although early in the day the Sussex bowlers got a considerable amount of spin on the ball.

The only redeeming features of the Nottinghamshire innings were the steady batting of Mr Jones and George Gunn, who was at the wickets for two hours and a half, and the hitting by Oates and Hallam. Gunn lost several opportunities of scoring by his adoption of somewhat excessive caution, but he exhibited sound and patient defence, and in contrast to the other batsmen was seldom in difficulties. The Sussex bowling was wonderfully steady and effective, and it was backed up by some good fielding, in which Mr Ebden at point and Relf and Mr C L A Smith in the slips were conspicuous.

When the home side went in Mr Fry and Vine made a splendid start. The former played sound cricket and he scored the majority of his runs by beautifully-timed drives. Vine and Killick too played well and, although the Nottinghamshire bowling was steady and the fielding good, Sussex at the close were only 29 runs behind with eight wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

There was just one period yesterday at Brighton when Nottinghamshire looked to have a chance of giving Sussex something like a struggle for victory. Going in a second time 90 runs behind, Mr Jones and Iremonger made such a good start for them that 86 runs were scored before they were separated, while 100 went up for the loss of only one batsman.

Subsequently, however, the batting completely broke down. Iremonger's innings was the best during the day, although Mr Jones's batting was marked by much of his wonted brilliancy. Apart from their efforts, however, the superiority of Sussex was never in doubt and, while bad batting had much to do with the visitors' downfall, the Sussex bowling was always good.

Mr Ebden and Vine were sent in before the close, and Sussex, still wanting only 87 runs to win with all their wickets in hand, are assured of success.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 12)

To all appearances Sussex had a very easy task at Brighton yesterday, as they only required 87 runs to win with all their wickets in hand. At one stage, however, they found themselves in a somewhat critical position, and they were only able to meet with success after a keen struggle of two hours.

John Gunn bowled so well that Mr Ebden, Mr Fry, Killick and Vine were all dismissed for 44, and the home side might have been still more awkwardly placed if a chance which Relf offered in the slips at 17 had been accepted. As it was, the partnership of Relf and Mr Smith, who added 34, practically settled the result. Gunn at one period took four wickets for six runs.

16 May: YORKSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6422.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6422.html))

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

The Yorkshire eleven opened the county season at Bradford, yesterday, with their match against Leicestershire. Batting first on a wicket that had suffered from the rain, the Yorkshireman scored freely.

Some loose fielding on the part of Leicestershire, however, contributed to the success of the home county. Denton should have been run out early in the game, while Tunnicliffe was missed no fewer than three times. These mistakes proved serious, for Tunnicliffe helped Hirst to put on 111 runs for the third wicket, in rather less than two hours. Hirst's batting was certainly the best of the day, and at no time during his innings did he give anything approaching a chance.

Leicestershire had only ten minutes' batting before the close, but during that time they lost the wicket of Mr C J B Wood, who was well caught by Tunnicliffe.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 18 May, page 11)

There was a time in the match at Bradford yesterday when Leicestershire looked like having to follow on. Hirst bowled in quite his best form during the earlier stage of the game, but Yorkshire fielded none too well and, Whitehead being twice missed, by Ringrose and Hunter at 15 and 44, Leicestershire managed to save the situation. Although lucky, Whitehead's batting proved of the greatest service to his side.

Yorkshire, who had a lead of 125 runs on the first innings, had anything but a promising start on going in again. Gill made the ball get up awkwardly and, being supported by improved fairly good, he took the first five Yorkshire wickets for 55 runs. Hirst batted steadily for some time, but the best stand of the day was made by Lord Hawke and Rothery. When stumps were drawn for the day Yorkshire, with two wickets to fall, were 335 runs ahead.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 19 May, page 12)

Leicestershire accomplished a good performance at Bradford yesterday, when they drew their match with Yorkshire. The best innings on the Yorkshire side was played by Lord Hawke, who batted in all for two and a quarter hours and was still not out when the innings was declared closed. He played fine cricket throughout.

The visitors were set the task of making 385 to win, and playing very steadily they managed to escape defeat. Knight's batting proved invaluable to his side, and it was in a great degree due to him that Leicestershire were able to save the game. He gave a sharp chance to Rhodes at third man when he had made 23, but apart from this mistake his display was quite sound. It had been arranged to draw stumps at 5 o'clock, and when the players left the field ten minutes before that hour Leicestershire were 154 runs behind with four wickets to fall.

16 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TRIAL MATCH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Note: daily scorecards given but no reports.

Potted score: MR E W MANN'S SIDE 356 (E S Phillips 57, E W Mann 66, C B W Magnay 38, L A Gilbert 42, F J V Hopley 27; S S Harris 5/35) and 225 (E W Mann 62, N C Franklin-Smith 49; R P Keigwin 5/72). MR R P KEIGWIN'S SIDE 196 (S S Harris 34, R P Keigwin 20, W P Harrison 32, J Jobson 25; F J V Hopley 7/57) and 249 (K R B Fry 46, H Logan 84, S S Harris 23, H D Keigwin 24, R E Lambert 24\*; F J V Hopley 4/37). E W Mann's Side won by 137 runs.

19 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v G J V WEIGALL'S XI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6423.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6423.html))

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

In the continued absence of Mr F B Wilson, owing to an injury, the University eleven at Cambridge yesterday was captained by Mr E W Mann, who had the assistance of only one other Blue - Mr R P Keigwin.

The feature of the play was the batting success of Mr E S Phillips. For the most part he received poor support, but Mr Keigwin assisted in contributing 48 for the fifth wicket, and Mr Fry 43 for the sixth. At the close of play Mr Weigall's eleven were 133 behind with eight wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 14)

Play was resumed yesterday at Cambridge on a considerably improved wicket. Mr Hopley bowled excellently, quickly dismissing King and Mr Marsham. The latter and Mr Johnson were bowled by splendid balls. Mr Johnson played a good forcing game, but the batting of the rest of the visitors was poor.

With a lead of 54 on the first innings Cambridge, on going in again, started very quietly. Mr Magnay again showed good form, and some steady cricket was witnessed while Mr Mann and Mr Phillips were together. Mr Bradley, who had bowled for an hour and a half, was at length given a rest, but the change bowling was loose and runs came more freely. Mr Phillips, although rather uncertain at the start, played a capital innings and scored more freely off the loose balls sent down. Mr Keigwin also showed good form, but he was very slow.

Mr Payne, however, played quite the brightest cricket of the day, making many excellent strokes all round the wicket. At the close Cambridge held a lead of 388 with three wickets still to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 May, page 9)

Cambridge University won this match, at Cambridge on Saturday, by 153 runs. Play could not be continued until half-past 2, and then the conditions were unfavourable to the fieldsmen owing to the rain.

The wicket was slow and easy, and the ball soon became sodden. The bowlers found considerable difficulty in adapting themselves to the conditions, but three wickets fell rapidly. Mr Patterson was caught at slip just when he looked well set, but King and Mr Johnson then stayed together for a considerable time. Both played excellent free cricket and neither gave a chance.

King was at last caught at point, and a little later Mr Johnson was caught and bowled in trying to hook. None of the other batsmen gave much trouble and the match was over at 6 o'clock. Mr Eyre made two brilliant catches out of the five which he held.

19 May: LONDON COUNTY v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6424.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6424.html))

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

The feature of the opening day's play in this match, at the Crystal Palace yesterday, was the batting of Mr Wright. He was fortunate in being once missed, but otherwise he played very fine cricket.

Towards the close Mr Hathorn and Mr Poidevin showed good form. When stumps were drawn London County were 160 behind with eight wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 14)

London County beat Derbyshire at the Crystal Palace yesterday by an innings and 31 runs. When London County, who had made 111 for two wickets overnight, resumed their innings, runs came with great freedom, Mr Hathorn and Mr Sinclair in particular being in fine form, and with Braund allowed playing well the innings eventually ended with London County holding a lead of 127 runs.

On going in a second time Derbyshire did very badly against the bowling of Braund and Mr Kotze, and the side collapse badly, Needham being the only one to meet with any degree of success.

19 May: MIDDLESEX v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6425.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6425.html))

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

As far as their batting was concerned Middlesex opened their season at Lord's yesterday in very promising style. Going in first they stayed at the wickets until a quarter past 5.

It was a somewhat uneven innings, a brilliant start being discounted for a time by a sudden breakdown. Shortly before luncheon, with four of the best men out for 131, the outlook was dubious, but subsequently things went very well.

Mr Warner and Mr Moon, who began the Middlesex innings, gave a splendid display, both batting with the utmost freedom and confidence. When Mr Warner had made 21 he gave a chance to Vine at third man off Cox's bowling, but apart from this the cricket was singularly free from fault. Runs came at a great pace and the bowling, indeed, seemed fairly mastered when, at 123, Mr Warner was out leg-before-wicket.

Then came a sudden change in the game, three wickets falling at 131. Mr Moon played capital cricket, being especially strong on the on-side. At the luncheon interval Mr Bosanquet and Mr E A Beldam were together and the total had reached 151.

When play was resumed Mr Beldam played a sternly defensive game and to a large extent left the hitting to his partner. Mr Bosanquet's innings, coming as it did when runs were badly wanted, was most valuable, but he has often been seen to better advantage. He was caught in the long-field at 204. An easy catch in the slips soon got rid of Mr Bevington, and with six wickets down the total was 213.

Mr Hunt then came in and played a fine innings, hitting very hard. His example stimulated Mr Beldam, who also hit out finely, and the fieldsmen had a very busy time. Mr Hunt made his runs out of 99 in less than an hour.

On Sussex going in they made a good start, scoring 97 in an hour and only losing one wicket. Mr Fry was in his best form, and his driving both sides of the wicket was splendidly timed. Towards the finish he quieted down and let Killick do the hitting. Altogether it was a most interesting day's cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 14)

Yesterday's cricket at Lord's proved very interesting, for both sides struggled hard from the first ball bowled to the drawing of stumps. At the close Middlesex were leading by 215 runs with one wicket to go down in their second innings. The advantage does not look very much against a side that includes Mr C B Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji, but the wicket yesterday showed unmistakable signs of wear, and run-getting in the last innings may be far from an easy matter.

Sussex were batting yesterday until after luncheon, adding 215 to their overnight score before their innings came to an end. At one time they seemed almost certain to head the Middlesex total, but after K S Ranjitsinhji left five wickets fell to the bowling of Mr Bosanquet and Trott for 52 runs.

Some extremely fine batting was shown by Mr Fry and Relf, who in less than an hour put on 86 runs for the third wicket. The former was caught at mid-on from a hard drive. Relf has rarely been seen to better advantage, his driving being wonderfully clean and powerful.

Middlesex had three hours' batting, and if the weather had not been so cold their hard fight to get run against some really admirable bowling would have been very pleasant to see. Cox and Relf made the most of the assistance given them by the wicket, and run-getting was a difficult matter. Mr G W Beldam - always at his best when there are difficulties to contend against - played finely, and Mr Foley, although he did not master the bowling to the same extent, also did well, but in spite of the efforts of these two batsmen and a little hitting by Mr Bosanquet eight wickets were down for 144. Then, however, Mr Hunt and Mr MacGregor offered a stout resistance in the last half-hour and put on 44 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in the matches between Middlesex and Sussex, at Lord's . . ., which in consequence were abandoned . . .

19 May: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6426.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6426.html))

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

Oxford made a bad start against Yorkshire, at Oxford, yesterday, but they recovered themselves, and at the end of the day they had still a wicket in hand.

For their good score the University were chiefly indebted to Mr Evans and Mr Raphael. The latter easily secured the most runs, but great credit was due to Mr Evans, who came in at a very critical time. Mr Weatherby did not stay long, but Mr Brownlee treated the spectators to a fine display of hitting, scoring no less than nine fours and one six in his innings of 49.

Mr Raphael, although he started rather shakily, soon settled down to some splendid cricket, and after passing his 100 he hit the bowling all over the field, eventually being eighth out for a magnificent innings. Ringrose was the most successful bowler, but Rhodes was very expensive. The Yorkshire fielding, very close at first, became rather loose towards the end of the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 14)

But for missed opportunities in the field at Oxford yesterday the University might have been in a very flattering position at the close of play. As it turned out, however, Yorkshire remained at the wicket all day, and they eventually passed the University total by 52 runs.

Hirst was the chief contributor to this large score, making his runs by some hard and free hitting. Tunnicliffe and Mr Mitchell, although starting badly, both settled down to some good cricket, while Lord Hawke was also in form. Mr Evans was the chief bowler to suffer by the mistakes in the field, and he should have secured Tunnicliffe, Mr Mitchell and Hirst early in the morning. Mr Martin met with most success, and Mr Ernsthausen, although rather expensive at times, bowled well, while Mr Branston kept a steady length.

Unless the Oxford batting breaks down, and provided the weather hold good, there seems every likelihood of the match ending in a draw.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in the matches between . . . Oxford University and Yorkshire, at Oxford, which in consequence were abandoned . . .

19 May: SURREY v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6427.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6427.html))

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

Worcestershire had much the better of the opening day's cricket in this match, at the Oval, yesterday, for at the close of play they were only 27 runs behind with six wickets still in hand. There was little in the wicket to account for Surrey's comparative failure, and in the circumstances they ought to have done much better. With the single exception of Hayward the Surrey batting was featureless, and the longest stand was when Hayward and Hayes put on 40 runs for the second wicket. It was a case of bad batting against good bowling.

Abel and Hayward scored 25 before they were separated, but wickets then fell fairly rapidly, and at the luncheon interval half the side were out for 126. When the game was resumed Surrey fared even worse and the remaining five wickets went down in less than three-quarters of an hour for another 52 runs.

Worcestershire started their innings at a quarter to 4 and, although runs never came with much freedom, the batsmen were seldom in difficulties with the bowling. The best form was shown by Wheldon, who, although rather slow to watch, played very sound cricket. Speaking generally, it was rather an uninteresting day's play and was singularly lacking in incident.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 21 May, page 14)

A good deal of progress was made in this match at the Oval yesterday, but there was again a quiet day's cricket. The play, however, was fairly interesting, if only for its varying fortunes.

Worcestershire held a strong lead overnight, as they had got within 27 runs of their opponents' total with six wickets still to fall. When they resumed their innings they did not do nearly so well as was expected. There appeared to be little sting in the Surrey bowling, but, with the exception of Mr Burns, none of the side offered much resistance, and at the close of the innings they only held a lead of 70 runs.

Mr Burns, who was making his first appearance for his county, played well without being brilliant, and on his form he should certainly receive a further trial. He made some good strokes to the off, but he was rather weak on the leg side.

When Abel and Hayward went in a second time for Surrey they made an excellent start, hitting off the arrears before being separated. Surrey, however, failed to benefit materially from their good beginning and, with half the side out, they only held a lead of 69 runs. Subsequently Hayes and Lord Dalmeny made a short stand, while Strudwick and Smith put on 31 for the last wicket.

The feature of the Surrey innings was the batting of Hayward and Hayes. The former made some beautiful strokes both sides of the wicket, while Hayes played much steadier cricket than usual. The Worcestershire fielding throughout was good, Arnold at point being often prominent.

Worcestershire, who required 162 to win, had a few minutes' batting, and they lost Bowley, who was out to a fine catch in the slips by Hayward, and at the close of play they still wanted 154 runs with nine wickets in hand, so that Worcestershire finished the day in the more favourable position.

Day 3 (report from Monday 23 May, page 9)

Surrey beat Worcestershire at the Oval on Saturday by 100 runs. At the close of play on Friday Worcestershire were left in the better position, as they then required 154 runs to win with nine wickets in hand.

A good deal of rain, however, fell during the night and morning, so that it was impossible to resume play on Saturday until shortly after half-past 1. Even then the light was bad, and Worcestershire, in the altered conditions of the wicket, could do little against the bowling of Smith and Mr Sheppard. About an hour and a half's cricket proved sufficient to finish the match. The nine outstanding wickets went down for 53 runs, and Mr Burns was the only one on the side to play the bowling with any degree of confidence.

The weather entirely ruined what otherwise would have been a very interesting finish. It was bad luck for Worcestershire that the rain should have come when it did, but in the circumstances they

ought to have done better, and had the batsmen played a forcing game there was no reason why they should not, at least, have made more runs, although the result would have, in all probability, remained the same.

23 May: ESSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6428.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6428.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

Kent had rather the better of the cricket at Leyton yesterday, but there was really not a great deal to choose between the merits of the sides. Each did well while the effects of the roller remained on the pitch; but at the end of about an hour in each instance the ball bumped and broke in such a way that run-getting became very difficult, for precision in timing was an impossibility. And so each county, after beginning well, experienced on the other hand akin to a collapse.

Nothing could have been better than the batting with which Mr Fane and Carpenter began for Essex. Carpenter was very good in driving and in leg-hitting, and he made his 50 out of the first 90. But after 79 had been made for the first wicket, the batsmen went rapidly, and Mr McGahey owed his success very largely to missed catches. Fairservice bowled the best; but, although his figures worked out well, he had rather bad luck and constantly beat the bat and just missed the wicket.

The great thing in the Kent innings was the play of Humphreys. He is a batsman of many strokes; his back play was particularly good yesterday and he was quite strong on the leg-side. Kent had 100 up with only one wicket down, but after Humphreys had gone at 101 there was a great struggle for runs. The Essex fielding was very good and Sewell brought off three clever catches in the slips.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in four matches yesterday . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

This match was drawn at Leyton yesterday, Kent at the close having only one wicket in hand with 38 runs to get. It was an exciting ending to the game, but there was an easy chance of stumping missed immediately after the last man came in, and through this Kent escaped defeat.

The day's cricket on a bowler's wicket was particularly keen and interesting; there were mistakes by both sides in the field and the several times changed the course of the game. The chief blunder was committed by Murrell at a comparatively early stage. He dropped an easy catch in the long-field that gave Mr Perrin a life when he had made 11. Even after this Kent constantly seemed to be in a winning position until the last half-hour of the Essex innings, when a tenth-wicket partnership by Reeves and Young yielded 29 runs.

Kent had then to go in to get 116 to win in 100 minutes. Their case soon became hopeless. The wicket was very difficult, and with half an hour left they had only made 59 runs with seven men out. There were several catches dropped, while Russell missed stumping Fielder, the last man, off Reeves from the second ball sent him. And then Blythe and Fielder played three more overs and saved the game. Reeves bowled particularly well, but the ball was repeatedly doing too much and just missing the wicket after beating the bat.

23 May: HAMPSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6429.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6429.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

Hampshire showed to great advantage at Southampton yesterday, the side remaining at the wickets practically the whole of the day. The start of the innings did not foreshadow the bright and cost batting which followed, as Mr Steele and Webb were both out with 34 scored.

The third-wicket partnership by Mr Sprot and Llewellyn, during which 62 were added, improved the position of the home side. Mr Sprot hit with delightful freedom, while Llewellyn played more steadily than usual. After Mr Sprot was out Mr Hill hit finely all round the wicket, his driving at slightly over-pitched balls being marked by great power. He had, however, considerable luck, as at seven he might have been caught at the wicket, while after scoring 73 he put up a lofty stroke to Mr Ollivierre at mid-off. Subsequently Bowell played one of his best innings for the county.

Derbyshire had 20 minutes for batting, but rain fell just as the players took the field.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in four matches yesterday . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

It was not until a quarter past 3 that play could be continued at Southampton yesterday, so a draw was the only result that could be expected, as Monday was taken up by the Hampshire innings and rain prevented any play on Tuesday. The home side in order to secure a win would have found it necessary to dismiss Derbyshire twice in three hours and a quarter.

Although the sun shone with some power throughout the afternoon the wicket was too much saturated to become really difficult. In the circumstances the Derbyshire batsmen made little attempt to force the game. Mr Wright made several fine drives and showed strong defence, but the remainder of the batting calls for little notice.

The feature of the day's play was the fine work in the field, as not a chance which went to hand was dropped. Mr Jephson, Mr Sprot, Mr Hill and Mr Chignell all made good catches, while Llewellyn's return which ran out Mr Gregory was a fine piece of fielding.

23 May: LANCASHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6430.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6430.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

This match was begun at Manchester yesterday. In spite of the fact that Yorkshire had first innings on a splendid wicket, they at first fared very badly against Mr Brearley, who bowled Rothery in his second over and dismissed Tunnicliffe and Denton in his third when the total was only 16. Mr Mitchell was rather lucky and was altogether late for the ball which bowled him, while a further disaster came for Yorkshire when Hirst ran himself out. Meanwhile Mr Jackson had played confidently, but he was cleverly caught by Cuttell off his own bowling.

At the luncheon interval Yorkshire had lost eight wickets for 136; but once again the strength of the Yorkshire eleven was manifested, for when Haigh joined Rhodes they entirely altered the complexion of the score card. In the first hour after luncheon they scored 103 run, and they were not separated until they had put on 162. Both had some luck, for Rhodes gave a difficult chance at point when he had made 31, and another at short slip at 48. Haigh too should have been caught by Sharp at third man; but in spite of these chances the batsmen gave a splendid exhibition.

Haigh was eventually beaten in trying to drive a half-volley to the off. Rhodes was in great driving form, and he also made many runs on the leg side. The Lancashire bowling was moderate, with the exception of Mr Brearley, who secured all his six wickets before lunch, and the fielding on the whole was rather poor apart from the catches that were missed.

At the close of the day Lancashire went in to bat, but when only a leg-bye had been scored Mr Garnett was caught at second slip. After that Mr Spooner and Tyldesley played steadily, although both made several bad strokes. There was some rain between the innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Owing to heavy rain the start of play on the second day of this match at Old Trafford was delayed for nearly two hours, and even then the wicket was softer than was expected. Naturally Lancashire were handicapped on a drying pitch, but they offered a strong resistance to the bowling. Their innings lasted just over four hours, and in the end they were only 20 runs behind.

For this comparatively satisfactory state of affairs they were indebted mainly to Mr Spooner, who went in first and was fifth out at 257. Overnight he gave a difficult chance to the wicket-keeper, on the leg side, when he had made 16, and a very hard and low return to Hirst at 73, but these were the only mistakes in a really fine display. Tyldesley batted well for an hour, but Sharp was very lucky.

After Mr Spooner was out five wickets fell for 16 runs, Myers, a young cricketer from Keighley, who makes the ball swerve, bowling very well. Batting late in the afternoon, Yorkshire fared badly.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in this match at Manchester yesterday, and the game was in consequence left drawn . . .

23 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6431.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6431.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

At Leicester yesterday Dr Grace, on winning the toss, put Leicestershire in. Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair bowled very well, and with few exceptions the Leicestershire batsmen could do little against them.

When London County went in they made a bad start, but their later batsmen played up well, and by the close London County held a lead of 40 on the first innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

There was not very much play in this match at Leicester yesterday, as, owing to the rain, cricket was not possible until nearly half-past 3. When the game was continued wickets fell fast, Mr Sinclair and Mr Kotze again bowling well, and it was only the batting of Coe which saved the side.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Leicestershire, after having the worst of the game for the first two days against London County, won the match yesterday by 106 runs. For their success they were greatly indebted to the batting of Coe and Gill, who by some fine hitting turned the game.

In the last innings London County had 193 runs to make to win, but the batsmen could do little against the bowling of King and Mr Odell.

23 May: MIDDLESEX v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6432.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6432.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

The first day's play in this match at Lord's yesterday went greatly in favour of Middlesex. In the morning they got out their opponents for a small score and, following up this advantage by a really good batting performance, they held a lead of 164 at the close with six wickets still to fall.

Middlesex won the toss and put their opponents in, and certainly the wicket seemed more difficult before lunch than at any other time. Hearne took full advantage of his opportunities. He bowled from the pavilion end unchanged, and all through the innings he kept a beautiful length and made the ball come back a great deal. None of the batsmen ever seemed comfortable with him, and it was almost entirely due to his fine piece of bowling that Somerset were out so cheaply, for Trott, who did most of the work at the other end, proved expensive and he never looked difficult.

Mr Palairret made some beautiful strokes, but the best batting, on the whole, was shown by Mr Johnson. Mr Johnson has always been a good bat on a fast wicket, with a number of fine scoring strokes in front of the wicket, but a few years ago his defence was not sufficiently strong and he did not watch the ball closely enough to make him a difficult player to get out on a bad wicket. Recently, however, his defence has greatly improved, and he promises to become a really first-class batsman. At the luncheon interval Somerset had lost nine wickets for 126, and the last wicket fell immediately after play was continued, Hearne taking the last three wickets in four balls.

Mr Warner and Mr Moon, as usual, started the batting for Middlesex. Mr Warner was out at 15, but then Mr Moon and Mr G W Beldam carried the score to 54 before Mr Moon, who seemed well set, was bowled by a beautiful ball from Robson. Mr Robertson, who came in next, never seemed comfortable, and Mr Bosanquet was out second ball, so that Middlesex, with only 89 scored for four wickets, did not look to have much the better of matters.

Then Mr E A Beldam joined Mr G W Beldam, who had played sound cricket from the beginning of his innings and was by this time well set, and the pair were not separated at the end of the day. During the greater part of the time they were together the cricket was not very attractive to watch, but they played the right game in the circumstances, and their partnership put Middlesex in an absolutely safe position.

Mr G W Beldam all through played sound, steady cricket. He got nearly all his runs on the leg side and by cutting, but he never seemed able to score in front of the wicket on the off side. Mr E A Beldam did not play with much confidence at first, but when he obtained a mastery of the bowling he made a number of good strokes all round the wicket.

The wicket certainly looked much easier later in the day, but in the earlier part of the innings the Somerset bowlers hardly seemed to take full advantage of their chances, although Braund bowled without the best of luck. One or two chances were missed, but on the whole Somerset fielded well, and Mr Montgomery made two good catches at mid-on. The first was coming hard, straight to him, and, although it would have been a bad one to miss, it was a good one to catch, but the second, which got out Mr Bosanquet, was a really fine piece of fielding. It was a high catch, and Mr Montgomery had to turn round and run some distance after it, and he just held it at arm's length.

There was a large attendance of spectators, so that J E West, the old Middlesex professional, for whose benefit the match is being played, has every prospect of receiving a good sum.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in four matches yesterday . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Middlesex beat Somerset, at Lord's, yesterday, by an innings and 119 runs. Although rain had prevented any play on Tuesday and the wicket was too soft to admit of a start being made yesterday until a quarter past 1, the match was over by 5 o'clock.

Middlesex were left in such a strong position overnight - they held a lead of 164 with six wickets still in hand - that, in the circumstances, there could only be one result, as the wicket became very difficult during Somerset's second innings. It was just the pitch to suit Hearne, and he made full use of his advantage. The quality of his bowling can best be judged when it is stated that he took in the match 15 wickets for 93 runs. The luck was entirely against Somerset, and they were unfortunate to find Hearne at the top of his form.

Whenever Middlesex continued their innings on a very soft wicket the partnership between Mr G W Beldam and Mr E A Beldam, which had produced 201, was broken without any addition to the score, the former being out to a catch at cover-point, while the latter was caught at long-off at 305. Both played sound cricket, but of the two Mr E A Beldam's innings was the more attractive to watch. Subsequently there was some good hitting by Trott, and when the total had been taken to 370 for eight wickets Mr MacGregor declared his innings closed.

Somerset went in after the luncheon interval requiring 244 runs to save the innings defeat. From the start, however, it soon became apparent that the wicket was just to Hearne's liking. He bowled throughout from the pavilion end, and none of the batsmen played him with much confidence except Mr Johnson. Mr Johnson played a fine game for his side. He adapted himself splendidly to the difficulties of the pitch, and while playing a sound defensive game he did not fail to score off the right balls.

After he left Mr Lee and Mr Newton made several good hits, but their batting was very uncertain and the ball was frequently in the air just out of the reach of the fieldsmen. It was unfortunate for West, for whose benefit the match was played, that there was no cricket on the second day.

23 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6433.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6433.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

At Trent-bridge yesterday there was an interesting day's cricket, in which the home county showed to great advantage. Owing to an attack of lumbago, Wass, the Nottinghamshire fast bowler, was unable to play, and when Surrey won the toss and secured first innings on a good wicket it was expected that the home side would have a long spell in the field.

The Surrey batsmen, however, with the exception of Hayes, Holland and Lees, offered a feeble resistance to the attack of John Gunn and Hallam, who bowled unchanged, and they were all out in two hours and three-quarters. The best stand was that between Hayes and Hayward, which realized 46 for the second wicket. J Gunn fielded finely, and he was backed up by really brilliant fielding. Not a single chance was missed, and the catches by which Abel and Moulder were dismissed were very good ones.

The Nottinghamshire batsmen played with great confidence and passed the Surrey total with only two wickets down, while at the drawing of stumps they were 48 runs ahead with five wickets still to fall. Mr Jones played a free innings, scoring 63 out of 75, which was the total when he was dismissed. William and George Gunn both played stylish cricket and added 72 in just over an hour.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

At Trent-bridge yesterday, Nottinghamshire followed up the advantage which they had gained on Monday, and at the close of play Surrey, with three wickets down in their second innings, were still 67 runs behind. Rain delayed the cricket for an hour, but with the exception of one interval of three-quarters of an hour late in the afternoon there was no subsequent interference with the game. In the absence of sun the wicket remained fairly easy.

When play was resumed the last five Nottinghamshire wickets put on 116 runs, so that they held a lead of 164 on the first innings. John Gunn was twice missed off Lees before Smith got him leg-before-wicket.

Surrey made a bad start in their second innings. Abel was brilliantly run out in attempting a third run, John Gunn making a fine return from the boundary. Hayward and Hayes, however, then made a good stand, in which Hayward played with considerable freedom. After Hayes was out, Hayward found another valuable partner in Holland, who assisted him to put on 46 for the third wicket. Hayward, who was in fine form, got most of his runs on the leg side, but he also made some beautifully timed off-drives. The Nottinghamshire fielding was again very good.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Surrey were in a bad position when this game was continued at Trent-bridge yesterday. With three wickets down in their second innings they were still 67 runs behind. Rain fell during the night and the weather was unsettled yesterday morning, but the game went on without interruption, and shortly before luncheon Nottinghamshire won by nine wickets.

The features of the closing day's play were the fine batting of Hayward and the effective bowling of Hallam, who took the last three wickets for four runs.

23 May: SUSSEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6434.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6434.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

The Sussex team batted in very uneven form against Gloucestershire at Brighton yesterday. To begin with Mr Fry and Vine scored 109 in less than an hour and a half before a wicket fell, and after four batsmen had been dismissed for 154, Vine and K S Ranjitsinhji put on 145 before they were separated. Subsequently there was a collapse, the last five wickets falling in half an hour for the addition of ten runs. The efforts of eight members of the team produced an aggregate of only 18 runs.

Mr Fry batted very well for the most part, but he gave a chance to Mr Kitcat at 34 and he made several other dangerous strokes. Vine's cricket varied in a marked degree, being very slow at times, while at others he hit with great freedom, letting off a good many balls from which he would ordinarily have scored. K S Ranjitsinhji showed some want of practice, but after a slow beginning he made many delightful strokes.

On a wicket which had not entirely recovered from last week's rain Higgins bowled very well, keeping a fine length and often making the ball break back. Gloucestershire had 40 minutes' batting before the close.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in four matches yesterday . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Some mistakes in the field during the early part of yesterday's cricket, at Brighton, probably robbed Sussex of a victory over Gloucestershire. Except for these blunders, Gloucestershire must have followed on, and in that case they could not possibly have escaped defeat. Even as it was, Gloucestershire only narrowly missed being beaten; for when stumps were pulled up and the match left drawn, they were still 177 runs behind and had only two wickets to go down.

Rain had prevented any play at all on Tuesday, and yesterday morning on the treacherous pitch, Cox, Tate and Relf bowled admirably. Wrathall and Langdon, who stayed together for an hour, were each twice missed; but Albert Trott the score reached 150 with only three men out, the first innings of Gloucestershire was over for 21 runs more.

Sussex, who were left with a lead of 138, on going in for the second time found Dennett and Huggins so difficult to play than in an hour and 20 minutes they lost seven wickets. Mr Fry did not declare the innings closed until about half-past 4, and so left his bowlers little more than an hour and a half in which to get Gloucestershire out.

Again Cox and Tate bowled in great form, and as they were this time backed up by good fielding, there was some startling cricket. Two wickets fell for five runs, four for 15, and 35 minutes before time the seventh wicket went down at 26. Mr Thomas and Langdon, however, saved their side from defeat by with standing the bowling for half an hour. Altogether 24 wickets went down yesterday for just over ten runs each.

23 May: WARWICKSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6435.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6435.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

At Birmingham yesterday the Warwickshire eleven accomplished a fine performance, keeping their opponents in the field the whole of the cricket hours for the loss of only seven wickets. The honours of the day rested with Kinneir, while Mr Fishwick and Quaife were also in good form, the three scoring between them all but 100 of the total number of runs obtained.

Kinneir was somewhat slow to begin with, but having once taken the measure of the bowling he batted with freedom, timing his cuts and off-drives perfectly, while he also made some good strokes on the leg side. Mr Fishwick, who helped him to put on 113 runs for the first wicket, was batting just over an hour and a half and, if not entirely free from fault, his display was a very good one. When he had made only one he gave a return chance to Arnold, but this was the only mistake of the innings, which was terminated in rather an unlucky way. In attempting a drive Mr Fishwick broke his bat, and the ball, glancing off, went straight into point's hands.

Like Mr Fishwick, Quaife offered only one chance in his good innings, being missed at slip by Bird when he had made 65.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Birmingham was remarkable for a brilliant not-out innings played for Worcestershire by Bowley. Owing largely to his efforts Worcestershire left off in a better position than had at one time appeared probable.

The Warwickshire innings, in which 369 runs had been scored on Monday for the loss of seven wickets, was finished off in half an hour for another 23 runs, and then, on a pitch damaged by rain, Worcestershire fared so badly that five batsmen were very quickly dismissed for 39 runs. Another soon followed, and Worcestershire were in danger of being out for a very small total.

Bowley was then joined by Gaukrodger, and in an hour and a half the two men added 123 runs. Gaukrodger batted in good style, but he was quite overshadowed by the brilliant play of Bowley, whose off-driving was a model of admirable timing combined with great power. The bad weather caused several interruptions, but it will be seen that considerable progress was made with the match. As it now stands Worcestershire, with three wickets to fall, want 48 runs to save the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

Cricket was again seriously interfered with by rain at Birmingham yesterday, a delay of more than two hours being caused after luncheon, and in consequence the match between Warwickshire and Worcestershire had to be left drawn.

When play was continued in the morning Worcestershire, with three wickets to fall, required 48 to save the follow-on, and owing to the batting of Bowley and Wilson this was averted. Bowley, who had gone in first on Tuesday, was ninth out at 236. His cricket was a combination of sound defence and free hitting all round the wicket. The Worcestershire score presented a rather curious appearance, Bowley, Gaukrodger and Wilson having between them obtained 233 out of the 242 runs made from the bat.

Going in a second time Warwickshire had at lunch time lost five wickets for 118, and immediately the ground was pronounced fit for cricket they declared their innings closed, but Worcestershire had no difficulty in saving the game. Bowley again batted exceedingly well and had the splendid record for the match of 183 runs for once out.

23 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

FIRST TWELVE v NEXT SIXTEEN

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards//.html))

Potted score: NEXT SIXTEEN 343 (C B W Magnay 42, N D C Ross 25, Hon R B Watson 69, W P Harrison 44, B Meakin 33, P R May 27; G G Napier 3/54, F J V Hopley 9/89) and 134/10 dec (G S Tomkinson 31, B Meakin 40\*; G G Napier 4/27, F J V Hopley 5/46). FIRST TWELVE 249 (E W Mann 22, C H Eyre 64, S S Harris 20, K R B Fry 31, W W H Nash 39, F J V Hopley 25; P R May 7/86) and 60/5. Match drawn.

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 24 May, page 9)

This trial match was begun at Cambridge yesterday. Mr Magnay and Mr Logan started the batting for the Sixteen. Mr Magnay made some good strokes on the off side, but otherwise the cricket was dull until Mr Ross and Mr Watson came together. The former scored fast and Mr Watson made some good strokes, but he was let off more than once.

When Mr Harrison and Mr Watson became partners the best cricket of the day was seen, Mr Harrison especially playing well. At the end of the innings Mr May hit very hard and Mr Meakin, a left-handed batsman, played pretty cricket. The fielding, with the exception of Mr Nash, was distinctly bad. Mr Hopley bowled very well indeed, making the ball get up and occasionally breaking a lot from the off. Mr Napier was unlucky in not getting more wickets, several chances being missed off him.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 25 May, page 9)

This match was continued yesterday in dull weather. The cricket at first was slow, runs being very difficult to get with 16 men in the field, especially as the ground was slow and the ball was rather dead.

Mr Mann looked like making runs, although he was missed early at extra cover, but, mistiming a ball from Mr Wilding, he was caught between the wickets. Mr Eyre, who also had a life early in his innings at mid-on, played the best cricket of the day, his forcing strokes on the off side being especially severe. Mr Fry hit very hard, being very partial to Mr May, but in the end he was out to a beautiful catch in the country by Mr Magnay, the ball being taken low down while the fieldsman was running in. Mr Nash and Mr Hopley made the bowling look simple and both hit hard.

The light at the finish was bad, and Mr May, who varied his bowling cleverly, was very difficult to see. Although he started rather erratically, he improved towards the end of the day, and bowled really well. Of the rest, Mr Wilding and Mr Meakin bowled fairly well. The fielding, as was the case yesterday, was, generally, speaking, poor. The day was dull and cheerless, and the game was stopped from 1 o'clock until 4 owing to the rain.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 26 May, page 10)

This match, at Cambridge, ended in a draw yesterday. Rain stopped play until half-past 2, and then the wicket was difficult and the ball beat the bat throughout the day. Wickets fell quickly until Mr Tomkinson came in. He began to hit at once, and he made his runs in about 12 minutes. Mr Meakin played very nicely for his runs, his pulling being especially good, but he had the good fortune to be in when Mr Napier and Mr Hopley were resting.

The batting of the twelve called for little comment, as after losing five wickets very quickly Mr Mann and Mr Eyre took no risks and played out time quietly. Mr Napier and Mr Hopley both bowled very well, and the fielding was appreciably better than during the earlier stages of the match.

Wednesday 25 May, page 9: BENEFIT FOR W FLOWERS

The Nottinghamshire County Committee yesterday decided to give part of the proceeds of the match with Middlesex in August as a benefit to Wilfred Flowers, whose benefit in 1895 was a financial failure, owing to Nottinghamshire's collapsing, early on the second day, in their match with Lancashire.

26 May: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6436.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6436.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

Dr Grace took down a fairly strong team to Cambridge yesterday, quite good enough, indeed, considering the poor reputation of the Cambridge eleven. Unfortunately, however, Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair were unable to play, as they are being rested before the South African matches begin.

The wicket played comparatively fast, but London County collapsed badly, four of the side being caught at the wicket and two in the slips. Mr Hopley and Mr Napier both bowled extremely well, keeping a good length and getting up quickly off the pitch.

With Mr Sinclair and Mr Kotze away, the London County bowling was very weak, although Dr Grace, as usual, stuck up all the batsmen at the beginning of their innings. Mr Mann played exceptionally well for his runs and he never gave a chance, while Mr Keigwin, although he was very cautious, showed sound form.

Mr Eyre was unfortunate in getting run out off the last ball bowled, as up to his dismissal he had played taking cricket. A welcome improvement was seen in the University fielding, only one chance being missed.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

When Mr Keigwin and Mr Phillips continued the University innings at Cambridge yesterday there seemed every prospect of rain, but fortunately the weather, with the exception of a couple of showers, was fine.

Mr Keigwin was soon out, but with Mr Fry and Mr Phillips in together some fast scoring was seen. Mr Fry especially hit very hard, and played good, if slightly unorthodox, cricket. Mr Phillips was "yorked" just as he seemed likely to make a big score, but Mr Fry continued to hit well, making most of his runs on the off side.

Mr May, who partnered Mr Fry for the last wicket, got his runs very quickly and made some fine off-drives. Mr Fry was last out and, although he had some luck, his innings was a fine exhibition of hitting. Mr Tapp bowled well throughout for London County, and is to be congratulated on a very plucky performance.

Mr Napier unfortunately had to retire from the field after bowling one over, and with Mr Mann injured the Cambridge attack was weak. Dr Grace played splendidly, and was unlucky to be caught off his glove. Mr Hathorn was caught at square-leg off a full pitch, evidently to the delight of the Cambridge side, many of whom remembered his 239 at Fenner's the last time that he batted there.

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

Cambridge University won this match at Cambridge, on Saturday, by an innings and 36 runs. When play was continued the not outs, Mr Poidevin and Mr Walker, started confidently, although the scoring was necessarily slow owing to the light being very bad. Mr Walker played well on the off side and Mr Poidevin scored all round the wicket. The ball got very greasy and the bowlers were rather erratic. Mr Walker was finally out to a "yorker" which pitched on his left toe, but no other wicket fell before lunch.

On resuming Mr Poidevin reached his hundred, but was soon afterwards caught at point. After he was out wickets fell quickly, and the only man to make an effective resistance to the bowling was Mr Bell, whose cutting was very fine.

26 May: DERBYSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6437.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6437.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

The match between these elevens at Derby yesterday was interrupted for two hours by rain. Play went on up to the luncheon interval in bright weather; but rain then began to fall, and it was not until a few minutes before 5 that the game could be continued.

Yorkshire, who won the toss, did not bat at all well. In the first hour Bestwick had all the batsmen, excepting Denton, in trouble, and four wickets were down for 57 runs. Hirst and Rhodes assisted Denton to improve upon this score, and at lunch the total had reached 128 for six wickets. Denton up to this time had played brilliantly and had made 46 without giving a chance.

When the game was resumed the Derbyshire bowlers were for a time handicapped by the wet state of the ball. Denton continued to play as brilliantly as before, until he lost his wicket by an error of judgment in calling Myers for an impossible run. He was batting over two hours, and his play redeemed the moderate start which the team had made. Myers and High further improved the score. Both batsmen played steady cricket, and Myers was unlucky in being stumped off the wicket-keeper's pads.

Yorkshire are giving a trial to a left-handed colt named Grimshaw, who was caught in the slips without scoring. They are still without J T Brown, who is suffering from bronchitis.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the rain there was no play yesterday in five of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

So much time had been lost through wet weather at Derby on Thursday and Friday that it was found impossible to bring this match to a conclusion. Play on Saturday had to be postponed until half-past 1 o'clock owing to the wet state of the wicket.

Yorkshire only added nine more runs before Hunter was out, and when Derbyshire went in three hours and 20 minutes were still left for play. The only possible way to force the match to a conclusion was for Yorkshire to make the home side follow their innings, and only 88 runs were needed by Derbyshire to avoid this.

Three wickets were down for 23 runs, but Storer and Mr Curgenvin then stayed together for nearly an hour, and the follow-on was finally saved with five wickets in hand. Mr Curgenvin was missed at short slip when he had made a single, but he played bright cricket afterwards.

Yorkshire held a lead of 111 runs on the first innings. They went in a second time for 40 minutes' batting, and the game was then drawn.

26 May: LANCASHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6438.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6438.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

Owing to rain at Old Trafford yesterday there was only two and three-quarter hours' cricket. Lancashire batted first on rather a treacherous wicket. Mr Garnett was beaten in Blythe's first over before a run was scored, while Mr Spooner was out at 37.

With three wickets down for 54 Hallows joined Tyldesley, and the pair obtained such a mastery over the bowling that they put on 190 in rather less than two hours before Hallows was dismissed. Tyldesley, who scored at an uneven rate, gave a chance to Hearne at mid-off when he had made 12, but otherwise he played fine cricket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the rain there was no play yesterday in five of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

There was an interesting finish to this match at Old Trafford on Saturday, Lancashire winning at 6 o'clock by an innings and 18 runs. When play was continued, Lancashire forced the game to their utmost, and in 35 minutes added 48 for their remaining six wickets.

Two hours and a half proved sufficient for Lancashire to dismiss Kent, who failed lamentably after making 102 for four wickets. Cuttell, who came on a second time at 88, took four of the last six wickets for ten runs. Kent were quite unable to cope with the bowling on a drying pitch, which was being baked by the sun late in the afternoon, and between ten minutes to 5 and 6 o'clock they were got out for the second time.

Hallows took the first five wickets and Cuttell was responsible for four of the remaining five batsmen. The Lancashire bowling was very fine and was supported by excellent fielding, several members of the team making clever catches.

26 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6439.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6439.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

Although the weather in the morning was fine at Leicester yesterday a drizzling rain set in towards noon, and it was not until half-past 3 that a start could be made in this match. Leicester on the toss and went in to bat on a wicket that was too wet and dead to be difficult.

In spite of the conditions being in favour of the batsmen Leicester made a very indifferent start. With only nine scored Mr Wood was well caught at the wicket, while at 19 an exceptionally good piece of fielding by Strudwick led to the dismissal of Mr De Trafford. Knight was also caught at the wicket at 20.

Mr V F S Crawford and Whitehead, then, made a useful stand. Mr Crawford, who played a quieter game than usual, made several excellent late cuts, while Whitehead made some well-timed drives. The two added 57 in 45 minutes, when Whitehead was out to another good catch at the wicket. Rain then came on heavily and play was abandoned for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the rain there was no play yesterday in five of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

Owing to the wet state of the wicket no play was possible in this match, at Leicester, on Saturday, and the game was in consequence abandoned . . .

26 May: MIDDLESEX v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6440.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6440.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

On a soft but not too difficult wicket this match was begun at Lord's yesterday. Gloucestershire, having won the toss, took first innings and started none too well, for they had one wicket down for six.

Mr Jessop and Wrathall then put on 80 runs. Mr Jessop had the luck to be let off with his score at four and again at 32. His innings, although it was invaluable to his side, was not one of his best

hard-hitting displays. He showed more caution than he usually does, and this more especially just before he was out.

Mr F E Thomas played very well for his runs, his off-driving being especially well timed and placed. Wrathall played very good cricket during his stay at the wicket. None of the Middlesex bowling looked very difficult, although Trott had hard luck in having chances missed off him and in constantly beating the batsmen without hitting the wickets. The fielding of the home side was rather poor.

Middlesex on going in to bat lost Mr Moon's wicket before a run had been scored. Mr P F Warner and Mr G W Beldam then played out time. With nine wickets to go down Middlesex are now 219 runs behind. Owing to bad light play was interrupted at 25 minutes to 6. Shortly after this rain came down, and stumps were drawn for the day without play having been continued.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the weather no play was possible at Lord's yesterday in this match until 4 o'clock. Then, on a dead and sodden wicket, Mr P F Warner and Mr G W Beldam continued their innings.

At ten minutes to 5 play was interrupted for a quarter of an hour through bad light, and the game was finally stopped shortly after half-past 5 from the same cause. Altogether only 80 minutes' play was possible, and during that time the batsmen increased the score by 45 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

Owing to the heavy rain on Friday night no play was possible at Lord's on Saturday until 2 o'clock, and as there was no chance of the match being finished stumps were pulled up just before 6 and the match was left drawn.

When play was continued on a wicket which was sodden with the recent rains, Mr Warner was soon bowled, and five wickets were quickly disposed of, but a stand by Mr G W Beldam and Mr C P Foley, and another by Mr J H Hunt and Mr T A D Bevington, resulted in Middlesex getting to within 53 runs on Gloucestershire on the first innings. Mr G W Beldam's innings was a good exhibition of defensive cricket.

26 May: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6441.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6441.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

Less than 70 minutes' play was possible at Trent-bridge yesterday, Essex during that time losing two wickets. Carpenter was well caught at slip at nine and Mr Fane was bowled at 53, but no sooner had Mr McGahey arrived than rain stopped play.

When the game was resumed after lunch the total was increased by only eight runs, in a quarter of an hour, when rain came on again and made further play impossible.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the rain there was no play yesterday in five of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

A full day's cricket was possible in this match at Trent Bridge on Saturday, but so little progress had been made in the match that there was never any probably of a definite result.

Essex, in 70 minutes' batting on Thursday, had scored 61 for the loss of two wickets; and they increased their total to 200 for eight wickets, when the innings was declared closed. The only

features of the innings were the fine batting of Mr Perrin and the bowling of Wass. Mr Perrin played very steadily throughout, and although he was twice missed the catches were both very difficult.

Mr Perrin has now made three centuries in succession at Trent Bridge, and in his last five innings against Nottinghamshire he has scored 170, 102 not out, four, 110 and 100 not out. Wass was handicapped early in the day by a greasy ball, but from the time that he took his one wicket, he dismissed five batsmen for only 28 runs.

With no possibility of any result other than a draw Mr Jones sent in his less experienced batsmen to open the innings and they fared very badly; but Mr Jones and Anthony made a good stand after the fall of the fourth wicket.

26 May: SUSSEX v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6442.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6442.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 27 May, page 9)

A splendid innings by Mr Fry stood out as the feature of yesterday's play at Brighton; and, coming as it did after the general inability of the Somerset batsmen to overcome the difficulties of the wicket, it must rank as a great performance.

Mr Fry from the start hit out with considerable power, his runs being scored out of a total of 191 in an hour and 50 minutes. Although he took some risks, his driving was accurately timed and placed. At 46 he gave a difficult chance at short leg, but this was the only mistake in his display. K S Ranjitsinhji and Killick also played useful innings, but the style of both seemed laboured in comparison with the brilliancy of Mr Fry.

Going on a second time Cranfield bowled very well indeed, and although rather expensive at the beginning of the innings, he came out with capital figures. At the close Sussex held a great advantage, Somerset with nine wickets to fall in their second innings being 197 behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 28 May, page 14)

Owing to the rain there was no play yesterday in five of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 30 May, page 11)

Somerset, on Saturday at Brighton, were in a hopeless position as on a pitch ruined by the rain, with one wicket down in their second innings they required 197 runs to save the single-innings defeat.

The overnight not outs, Mr Montgomery and Robson, however, played up well, 80 runs being added while they were together, but Sussex felt the loss of Tate, who was incapacitated by an injury to his hand. Quickly Braund stayed in for over two hours, but the end was always in sight and Sussex eventually won by ten wickets.

30 May: LEICESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6443.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6443.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 11)

The weather at Leicester was cold and foggy yesterday morning, while slight rain fell until after midday, and play was delayed until half-past 12. The wicket had not recovered from the effects of the recent rain, and it was evident that the bowlers would derive much assistance from its condition.

Leicestershire won the toss, and made a very bad start against the bowling of Cox and Relf. Mr De Trafford was very well caught in the long field off the first ball of the match. Mr Wood, with only ten scored, was easily taken in the slips, while at 11 Knight hit his wicket in playing back.

Wickets continued to fall fast, as Cox made the ball turn quickly and Relf bowled with great steadiness. Mr Crawford, who played with unusual care, was batting for over an hour for his runs, but he was missed by Vine at 16.

When Sussex went in Mr Fry and Vine made a splendid start on a wicket that had become more difficult under the influence of the sun. Mr Fry began very indifferently; he was frequently beaten by the ball and, after a narrow escape in the slips off King in the first over of the innings, he was badly missed in the long field by Mr Wood off Mr Odell's bowling when he had made 17. Both batsmen subsequently forced the game, and the score was advanced to 91 in an hour before Vine was out.

Mr Fry in the meantime had completed his 50 out of 80 in 55 minutes, and from this point onwards he played a fine innings. During his partnership with K S Ranjitsinhji he made 79 while the latter was making 27. The second hundred took only 65 minutes to get, Mr Fry's share being 75. He was missed again at 141 in the slips by Mr R T Crawford off Whitehead, while he was more than once beaten by the ball. Otherwise his innings was a great one. His driving on both sides of the wicket showed great power and accuracy in timing.

Chiefly owing to his fine batting Sussex at the close of play were 207 on with three wickets to fall.

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

Owing to the rain, yesterday, there was no play in any of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 June, page 12)

Owing to the weather there was no play yesterday in three matches, which in consequence were abandoned . . .

30 May: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6444.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6444.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 11)

The South Africans began their tour yesterday against a strong eleven of the M.C.C. and Ground, at Lord's, and at the close of play, after an interesting day's cricket, the game was left in an even position, the M.C.C. and Ground being two runs ahead with two wickets still to fall.

The South Africans certainly gave the impression that they are a fine all-round side. Even on a wicket which was not difficult, it was no bad performance to score nearly 200 runs against a side which included Mead, Tarrant, Thompson, Trott and Mr Bosanquet as its bowlers; but perhaps the best work of the South African team was done in the field. Two catches were missed in the slips, but, with this exception, the fielding of the whole side was very smart.

Only four bowlers were tried, and of these three - Mr Sinclair, Mr Kotze and Llewellyn - appeared to be much above the average. Llewellyn is, of course, well known in English cricket, and he will only be able to play for the South Africans on certain occasions, and thus Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair must be regarded as the two first bowlers of the team.

Mr Kotze bowls as fast as any one playing first-class cricket at the present day, and on a wicket that is at all fiery, one could imagine that he would be most formidable. Even yesterday anything short of a good length got up uncomfortably high, and the pace of his bowling could be best realized by the speed with which the ball reached the boundary through the slips on ground which was not really hard.

Mr Sinclair was not successful, but he bowled very well at the beginning of the innings. He varies his pace most judiciously, and it seems to be hard to detect when the slow ball is coming. Mr Sinclair made some beautiful hits in his innings earlier in the day, and it is to be hoped that this fine all-round cricketer, who was not at his best when he came over in 1901, will this year show his true form.

The wicket-keeping of Mr Halliwell is, of course, a feature of the South Africans' cricket, and yesterday during the greater part of the time he stood up to Mr Kotze and took the bowling with apparent ease. Whether or not he gains anything by this may be questioned, for the few chances of stumping which he gets may be more than counterbalanced by the greater number of catches he would have if he stood back; but in any case, to take bowling of such a pace and to be able to put down the wicket as he does, from the leg-side, is in itself a remarkable performance.

The South Africans had first innings on a wicket which was not fast but which was comparatively easy; and their dismissal was almost entirely due to the fine bowling of Mr Bosanquet, who had one of his best days. He went on at 32, when no wicket was down, and at lunch time when the score was 126 he had taken all the six wickets which had fallen. Nine wickets were down for 158, but Llewellyn and Mr Kotze put on 36 for the last wicket.

Mr Shalders and Mr Sinclair both played well for their runs, but for their score the South Africans were chiefly indebted to the fine innings of Llewellyn. From the first he played confidently, and he made a number of beautiful strokes all round the wicket. None of the other batsmen seemed able to play Mr Bosanquet at all; he clean bowled Mr Mitchell and four players were stumped in trying to hit him and not getting to the pitch of the ball.

The M.C.C. and Ground started with Dr Grace and Mr MacLaren. The former played Mr Kotze with great confidence, but he was eventually caught at the wicket at 42. Mr MacLaren was out at 49, and six wickets were down for 94. Then Captain Wynyard and Thompson carried the score to 156 before Captain Wynyard was very unluckily out off a ball which got up quickly and hit the shoulder of the bat. After being missed early, he played most attractive cricket, and he always seems at his best on a wicket of about the pace of yesterday's.

Tarrant and Thompson put on 40 runs before Thompson was run out just before half-past 6.

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

Owing to the rain, yesterday, there was no play in any of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 June, page 12)

Owing to the weather there was no play yesterday in three matches, which in consequence were abandoned . . .

30 May: SURREY v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6445.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6445.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 11)

After an indifferent start in this match at the Oval yesterday, Gloucestershire recovered their position and then, by getting three Surrey wickets down very cheaply, they finished the day with a slight advantage.

There was nothing in the wicket to account for the failure of the earlier batsmen on the Gloucestershire side, as it played fairly easily, although it was rather slow. So badly did they fare, however, that half the side were out for 66, while at lunch the score had been raised to 75 without further loss.

Just when there appeared every prospect of Gloucestershire's being out for a small score, the game turned in their favour when Langdon, who had been batting very steadily, was joined by Spry. They were not separated until 69 runs had been added for the next wicket, when the former was bowled in attempting to hit a low ball. After Langdon was out, Spry found a very useful partner in Board, and another long stand was made, the pair putting on 82 for the seventh wicket.

The rest of the side gave little trouble, although Mr Jessop, owing to an injury, was handicapped in having to bat with one hand. As will be seen from the score, Gloucestershire were chiefly indebted to Langdon, Spry and Board, who made 173 out of their total of 230 [from the bat].

The Surrey bowling was variable - though Lees started well; but there was a general lack of sting in it, and when runs were coming it looked very simple. The Surrey fielding was very good to begin with, but the high standard was not maintained, although there were no expensive blunders made.

Surrey had 40 minutes' batting before the close, but they fared no better than Gloucestershire had done in the morning. Hayward was caught at second slip by Mr Kitcat, the ball going off Dennett, while Hayes was bowled by the next ball, and after another 12 runs Abel played on. At the close of a very quiet day's cricket Surrey were 203 runs behind with seven wickets in hand.

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

Owing to the rain, yesterday, there was no play in any of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 June, page 12)

Owing to the weather there was no play yesterday in three matches, which in consequence were abandoned . . .

30 May: YORKSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 31 May, page 11)

Owing to the weather it was impossible to make a start in this match at Sheffield yesterday until a quarter past 3. Worcestershire lost Mr H K Foster's wicket for only one run recorded [?], but Bowley and Arnold, playing steady, defensive cricket, kept together for a little over two hours without giving a chance. They increased the score by 125 runs. Both left at the same total, Arnold being caught at second slip off a bad stroke from a ball of equally bad length, while Bowley was out in the next over from a catch also at second slip.

After they were separated the visitors quickly lost two more wickets. While 130 had appeared on the board with only one wicket down, five men were out for 141. The fifth wicket fell at ten minutes to 6, when, the light having again become very defective, play was stopped for the day.

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

Owing to the rain, yesterday, there was no play in any of the matches . . .

Day 3 (report from Thursday 2 June, page 12)

The Worcestershire team had the better of a drawn game with Yorkshire at Sheffield yesterday. The wicket was very soft to begin with, but Wheldon and Nicholls, playing steady, defensive cricket, put on 35 in a little less than an hour.

For some time afterwards, play was very slow. Wheldon was out to a very fine catch by Grimshaw at square leg, and Nicholls left at the same total. The Worcestershire innings was brought to a close after a little less than two hours' play.

Rhodes bowled well for Yorkshire, but his performance was not nearly so good as that of Arnold, who, bowling on a rapidly drying wicket, took six of the Yorkshire wickets for just under seven runs each, while Bird also did well. Yorkshire fared badly against these two, Mr H Wilkinson and Hirst being the only batsmen on the side to play them with any degree of confidence. Half the side were dismissed for 69, and in an hour and three-quarters the whole eleven were out. Worcestershire then held a lead of 104 on the first innings.

On going in a second time Worcestershire did very badly, and when five wickets were down at half-past 5 there was no further play, in accordance with an arrangement made by the two captains earlier in the day.

2 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6447.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6447.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

This match was begun at Cambridge yesterday in gloomy weather. The wicket at the start was slow and easy after the rain, but it became more difficult in the afternoon. Mr Cambridge Mr Keigwin and Mr Phillips were unable to play owing to the examinations, and Mr May also stood down, their places being taken by Mr Roberts, Mr McDonnell and Mr Magnay.

Mr Wilson was fortunate enough to win the toss and he took first innings. Mr Eyre and Mr Fry made a good start, both playing a fine forcing game. At 37 the latter wicket run out through a misunderstanding, and 14 later Mr Mann was caught and bowled off a full pitch, which he tried to hit to leg.

Mr Eyre and Mr Harris then made the stand of the innings, and took the score to 145 before Mr Eyre was caught in the slips. He had played excellent cricket, aided by some luck, for over two hours. Mr Harris played a sound, careful game, although he had several lives towards the close of his innings. Mr Wilson made some fine hits, but he was not at his best. The fielding of the visitors was poor.

The light all day was poor, but at a quarter to 6 it became so bad that Mr Fishwick appealed to the umpires, and play was abandoned for the day. With nine wickets to fall Warwickshire are now 246 runs behind.

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

Play in this match was continued yesterday at Cambridge in fine weather. The wicket had dried considerably, and at first gave the bowlers some assistance, but as the day wore on it became easier and at the finish was true and fast.

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

Play in this match was continued at 11 at Cambridge on Saturday, as it had been arranged to draw stumps early in order to enable the visitors to get away to Birmingham the same night. The Warwickshire attack was weakened by the disablement of Field, who had hurt his arm; and, profiting by the perfect condition of the wicket, Mr Hopley and Mr McDonnell, the overnight not-outs, took the score to 175 before the former was finely caught on the boundary. He had played a good, free game and made several fine off-drives.

Mr McDonnell was almost immediately afterwards bowled by a short one which he tried to hit to leg. He had played a useful innings and looked like making a good score until a very bad stroke caused his downfall. Mr Wilson played well and looked like making runs, but he could get no one to stay with him, and Warwickshire in the end had 167 to get to win. These runs were made for the loss of five wickets.

The fielding was better on the last day than it had been before, but there were several bad blunders on both sides. The Cambridge bowling certainly seemed better than that of the visitors on the day' play.

2 June: ESSEX v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6448.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6448.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

Shortly after midday, in dull weather, at Leyton yesterday Essex began their innings on a wicket which was sodden with the recent rain, although at no time during the day did it appear difficult. Runs came very slowly, and at lunch time the total was only 61 for three wickets, Mr Perrin being the only batsman up to this time who had attempted to hit the bowling.

He and Mr Tosetti, and the latter and Reeves, made useful stands; but their methods were slow, although Reeves towards the finish of his innings made some fine hits. However, there was nothing in the state of the wicket to account for the extreme caution with which the other batsmen met the Leicestershire bowling.

Soon after 5 o'clock Leicestershire went in to bat, and Mr C E de Trafford and Mr C J B Wood gave a fine exhibition of free batting. As showing the difference in the method of the two teams, Mr F L Fane was batting for an hour and Mr J W H T Douglas for 35 minutes, whereas Mr de Trafford hit up his 50 in 45 minutes and Mr Wood the same number in an hour and a quarter.

Mr de Trafford left at 91, and Mr Wood's wicket fell in the last over of the day, and as the game stands at present Leicestershire are 53 runs behind with seven wickets in hand. Of the Leicestershire bowlers Mr Odell did very well on going on after lunch, and Allsopp appeared to trouble the batsmen a good deal.

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

In beautiful weather this match was continued at Leyton yesterday. Mr Odell, although he was missed three times, played a useful innings, making some good hits, and with four wickets down Leicestershire equalled the Essex score. The Essex bowling did not appear to be difficult, but at the same time the Leicestershire total would have been considerably less had all the chances been accepted.

Being 154 behind Essex started their second innings with Mr F L Fane and Carpenter, who took the score to 45 before they were parted. With the exception of the not-out batsmen and Mr McGahey none of the other Essex men made any stand against the Leicestershire bowling, which was always of a better length and more difficult to play than that of Essex. With two wickets in hand, as the game stands now, the home side are only 23 runs on.

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

A little over an hour's play at Leyton on Saturday was enough to finish this match, Leicestershire winning by six wickets.

2 June: HAMPSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6449.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6449.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

By winning the toss yesterday, at Southampton, Kent gained an advantage, which was maintained all through the day, the visitors, with all their wickets to fall in their second innings, holding a lead of 98 runs.

They started badly, Hearne being caught at the wicket with only three runs scored, but afterwards, until the luncheon interval, the batsmen made good use of their opportunities. Both Seymour and Humphreys, however, were fortunate, the former being missed by Mr Hesketh-Prichard at mid-on, when he had scored 24, and by Mr Jephson in the deep field. Humphreys, at 15, should have been caught in the slips by Webb.

At lunch three wickets were down for 15 runs, but afterwards, until Kent entered upon their second innings, a remarkable change came over the game, 17 wickets falling for 124 runs. Blythe bowled finely and repeatedly beat the bat, while Langford obtained at times a considerable amount of swerve.

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

Hampshire gave a wretched display against Kent at Southampton yesterday, and in the end they were defeated by 283 runs. Overnight, in their second innings, Kent had scored 53 without loss and, although the game for a time yesterday morning went unfavourably for them, four wickets being down for 101, the later batsmen of the team rose splendidly to the occasion and made victory assured.

The wicket improved as the day advanced, and when Hampshire went in a second time it was better than at any other stage of the match, so there is little excuse for the poor total of the beaten side. Kent fielded magnificently, not a chance being missed.

2 June: LANCASHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6450.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6450.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

After much rain during the night the wicket at Old Trafford yesterday was slow, but it was fairly easy. The condition, however, were trying, as the light was indifferent. Owing to rheumatism, Mr MacLaren did not play, and the team was completed by Mr Poidevin.

Batting first, Lancashire occupied four hours in completed their innings. Mr Spooner and Tyldesley scored 60 for the second wicket before Tyldesley was caught at long-on, while Mr Spooner was third out at 136. Mr Poidevin, who was making his first appearance for Lancashire, was rather lucky in getting his runs. Lancashire lost their last three wickets at the same total.

The bowling of Surrey lacked sting, and when their turn came to bat they made a most disastrous start against Cuttell and Hallows.

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

Rather over two hours at Old Trafford, yesterday, was enough to conclude this match, which Lancashire won by an innings and 113 runs. The sun was so brilliant that it made the wicket very treacherous, and Surrey lost their remaining 15 wickets for 114.

They had to follow on 169 behind, and they again did very badly, losing six wickets for 24 runs.

2 June: MIDDLESEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6451.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6451.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

There was only a short day's cricket at Lord's yesterday, when the match between Middlesex and Yorkshire was begun. Owing to the wet state of the ground, play was not started until well after two o'clock, and later in the afternoon the light became so bad that cricket had to be stopped for a short time.

The wicket could not be classed as very difficult, but it was a hard task for the batsmen to get runs, and the ball always wanted careful watching. In the circumstance the performance of Middlesex in only losing seven wickets during the day was a very good one. They started badly but, after four wickets had fallen, Mr Warner and Mr E A Beldam saved an absolute collapse; but it was left to Mr MacGregor and Mr Foley, who came together at the fall of the seventh wicket and put on 107 runs, to give Middlesex their satisfactory position at the close.

Hirst was responsible for the first four wickets that fell, and he and Rhodes were both bowling well when Mr E A Beldam joined Mr Warner. It was a critical point in the innings, and Mr Warner and Mr Beldam rose to the occasion. The former played fine cricket, while Mr Beldam was content to keep up his wicket, and the value of his performance to his side cannot at all be judged from the number of runs which he made.

Mr Warner adapted himself to the conditions with great skill, and he played the bowling with more confidence than any one else during the day. Mr Warner and Mr E A Beldam were both out at 62, the latter being beautifully caught at short slip by Tunnicliffe, and when Trott was dismissed 14 runs later the chances of Middlesex getting much over 100 did not look hopeful.

Mr MacGregor and Mr Foley, however, played themselves in steadily and stayed together until the close. Neither played quite as well as Mr Warner had done, for they never seemed to have a real mastery over the bowling, but it was a plucky exhibition of batting on difficult conditions.

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

The second day's play of the Middlesex and Yorkshire match at Lord's yesterday left the champion county with a slight advantage, for at the close Yorkshire, with six wickets to fall, required 129 runs to win.

The condition yesterday were more against the batsmen than they had been on Thursday, for the sun came out early in the day and the wicket was for the most part really difficult. Thus Middlesex must be regarded as rather lucky in getting first innings on Thursday; but they deserve every credit for their fine batting performance in their first innings, for it was just those extra runs which Yorkshire were fighting to make up all day, and which may give Middlesex a victory. If the weather keeps fine and the wicket shows a decided improvement to-day, Yorkshire have a great chance, for they are generally at their best under difficulties; but in the last innings of such a match 238 is a large score, and in these cases runs are more easy to save than to make.

It was a bowler's day yesterday, and three or four fine performances were done. J T Hearne perhaps looked, on the whole, more difficult than any one else, but Trott, Haigh and Mr Jackson all took full advantage of their opportunities.

In the morning the three remaining Middlesex wickets put on 31, and thus Yorkshire went in to bat against what was, on the circumstances, a formidable score. From the beginning of their innings they fared badly. Mr Jackson was out at 11, and at 23 Tunnicliffe, who had tried to force the game and had made one or two fine hits, was caught on the off-side. No one could do much with the bowling of Hearne from the Pavilion end, and when Trott went on instead of Rawlin at the other end the innings was quickly finished off. He bowled Rhodes and Haigh with successive balls, and got his four wickets for under two runs each.

Middlesex went in to bat a second time just after luncheon with a lead of 142. They started well against Hirst and Rhodes, and Mr Warner, for the second time in the match, played a most valuable innings for his side. Seventy were scored for the first three wickets, but afterwards Haigh and Mr Jackson bowled so well that the last seven wickets only added 25.

Yorkshire were thus left 238 to get to win, and they started the fourth innings of the match just after half-past 4. They set about their formidable task with a will, for after Tunnicliffe was dismissed early Mr Jackson and Denton took the score to 58. Denton was third out at 70, but then Mr Wilkinson and Hirst got together and looked like staying in until stumps were drawn, but soon after 6 o'clock Hirst, who was playing good cricket, was caught and bowled off a hard return.

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

After an interesting match, Middlesex gained a victory over Yorkshire, at Lord's on Saturday, by 77 runs. They gained a great advantage by their sound batting on the first day of the match, when the wicket was slow but fairly easy, and afterwards Yorkshire were always fighting an uphill game.

On Friday, with four men out for 109, Yorkshire still looked to have just a chance, but on Saturday the remaining batsmen were got rid of for 51 runs. J T Hearne bowled very well throughout the match, getting ten wickets for 85 runs.

2 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6452.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6452.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

In their return match with Sussex, which opened at Trent Bridge yesterday, Nottinghamshire were seen to considerable advantage. Going in to bat on a good wicket they started very well, for Mr Jones and Iremonger, by fine cricket, scored 172 before lunch without being separated.

Immediately after play was continued, however, Iremonger was caught at second slip, and when three short of his century Mr Jones was smartly caught at long-on. Iremonger was badly missed at short leg off Cox's bowling when he had made 13, and again in the over before he was dismissed. Mr Jones's was a sounder innings than Iremonger's, but both played very attractive cricket.

Sussex had three-quarters of an hour's batting, and at the close of play they were 266 runs behind with eight wickets in hand.

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

At Trent-bridge yesterday, Nottinghamshire, by fine all-round cricket, followed up the advantage they had gained over Sussex on Thursday, and when stumps were drawn they were 360 runs ahead with four wickets still to fall in their second innings.

Sussex had overnight scored 47 for three wickets, and when the game was continued disaster soon overtook them, and they were always struggling hard to avoid a follow-on. When the eighth wicket fell 12 runs were still wanted, but these were got by Mr Newham and Seymour. Mr Newham played a fine innings, extending over two hours. John Gunn bowled very well for Nottinghamshire, and he was supported by good work in the field.

Mr Jones and Iremonger again made a capital start for Nottinghamshire, scoring 74 in three-quarters of an hour before the former pulled a ball wide of the off stump on to his wicket. But both made faulty strokes through the slips early in their innings, and in addition Mr Jones was badly missed by Seymour at mid-off at 17. J Gunn and Anthony also scored freely and, aided by some indifferent fielding, they put on 88 for the third wicket.

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

When this match at Trent Bridge entered upon its final stage on Saturday Nottinghamshire held a substantial lead of 360 runs with four wickets still to fall, and in 40 minutes Mr Morris and [Hardstaff] increased the advantage to 403, when the innings was declared closed.

Sussex had five hours' play before them when they went in for the last time and, with nothing better than a draw to hope for, they played slow cricket. Before luncheon they lost Vine, Mr Fry and Relf for 91 run, and in spite of the good defence of Killick and Mr Newham the side were all out by a quarter to 5, which left Nottinghamshire the winners by 226 runs. John Gunn again bowled with great success.

2 June: SOMERSET v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6453.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6453.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

The annual festival at Bath did not open in very favourable conditions yesterday. Rain had fallen heavily during the night, and this was followed by a sharp storm in the morning, which prevented the game being started until a quarter-past 2. As stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock the actual time for play was limited to three and a quarter hours. In this time 12 wickets fell for 188 runs.

Somerset had the advantage of batting first on a wicket which, for a time at least, was easy, and they did rather badly. Lewis hit freely, and he played quite the right game in the circumstances. He was the only man on the side who succeeded in forcing the scoring. With Braund he added 59, and during the 45 minutes that Major Hedley was his partner another 49 were put on. Owing chiefly to these two useful stands the hundred appeared on the board with only two men out; but later Dennett and Huggins proved very deadly and the last seven wickets only yielded 32.

Gloucestershire, who were deprived of the services of Mr Jessop, whose hand is not well enough for him to play, batted during the last 45 minutes of the day. Wrathall was dismissed by a brilliant one-handed catch in the long field.

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

Gloucestershire fared very badly at Bath yesterday, for as the game now stands, they still require 245 runs to win and they have only seven wickets in hand.

This state of affairs was brought about by a thoroughly interesting day's cricket. To begin with, the visitors, who had two men out, were exactly 100 runs behind. They never looked like clearing off the balance, for during the morning the wicket was dried rapidly by the bright sunshine. The first half an hour's play saw five more wickets fall for 19 runs, and it was only a plucky effort by Spry and Sellick that eventually raised the total to over 100.

This left Somerset with a valuable lead of 37, which was increased by 50 runs before the first wicket fell. Later Mr Martyn, Robson and Mr Newton found the bowling very much to their liking and, by sound batting, they altered the whole appearance of the game, and Gloucestershire were left to get 262 to win.

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

Somerset won this match at Bath on Saturday by 105 runs. What small chance Gloucestershire had of saving the game disappeared during the first fifty minutes of the morning. In that time three more wickets fell, while only 29 runs were scored.

Then Mr Barnett, who had been batting very steadily, received valuable assistance from Mr Thomas. They were together a little over an hour, and in that period 92 runs were added. Mr Thomas was out at 138, and five runs later Mr Barnett's patient innings came to an end.

2 June: WORCESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6454.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6454.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 3 June, page 12)

An admirable innings by Mr H K Foster was the leading feature of the cricket at Worcester yesterday. Going in first for the county, he scored 50 out of 79, and his 100 out of 161. He was at the wickets for two hours and 40 minutes, and he only made one real mistake, giving a chance to Mr Middleton when he had made 69.

Mr Foster received practically no assistance until he was joined by Mr Simpson-Hayward. During their partnership the score was taken from 81 to 183, the 102 runs being added in 85 minutes. Mr Simpson-Hayward batted very well, and Burrows hit up 22 of the last 24.

As the Worcestershire score of 227 was practically the work of two men, the South Africans had no reason to be dissatisfied with their work in the field. Mr Kotze, bowling at a great pace, was effective at the outset, and Mr Middleton and Mr Sinclair bowled steadily. Mr Halliwell kept wicket splendidly, his stumping of Mr Burns being a fine piece of work.

The South Africans had an hour and 50 minutes' batting. Mr Shalders played very well, and he and Mr Hathorn put on 46 together. The game was left in an even position, as with seven wickets in hand the South Africans are within 147 of the county's total.

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

On a soft wicket drying under the influence of a hot sun, the South Africans came to grief at Worcester yesterday. With the exception of Mr Mitchell they found the difficulties of the situation too much for them and were quite unable to cope with Arnold's skilful bowling.

At their second attempt Worcestershire, who led by 66, only did moderately well at starting, three wickets being down for 54, but in the end they succeeded in putting together a good total. With all ten wickets in hand the South Africans now require 321 runs to get to win.

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

Up to a certain point, the South Africans made a good fight against Worcestershire, at Worcester, on Saturday, and although they required 326 to win, with only two wickets down at luncheon for 139 it seemed possible that they might accomplish the task. But after the interval there was an almost unaccountable collapse, the last eight men being dismissed in an hour and a quarter for an additional 49 runs. Worcestershire thus won by 137.

Mr Tancred, who, with Mr Shalders, put on 57 runs, and with Mr Hathorn 40 more, was in with Mr Mitchell at lunch time, but immediately afterwards he was caught at point. Later, Burrows and Arnold carried all before them.

Friday 3 June, page 12: I ZINGARI v GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND

The following are the sides for this match at Lord's on Monday next and following days: -

I Zingari. - Lord Hawke, Mr C Heseltine, Mr A J L Hill, Mr J C Hartley, Captain E G Wynyard, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Mr F H E Cunliffe, Mr A E Newton, Mr E C Mordaunt, Mr E E Steel and Mr A P Lucas.

The Gentlemen of England. - Mr D L A Jephson, Mr G W Beldam, Mr H Hesketh-Prichard, Mr L J Moon, Mr C Headlam, Mr K J Key, Mr C J Kortright, Mr J E Raphael, Mr J Daniell, Mr H F Montgomery and Mr H H Marriott.

Monday 6 June, page 11: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr R H Spooner	7	430	126	1	71.66
Mr C B Fry	11	652	191*	1	65.20
Hirst	10	478	153	0	47.80
Mr A O Jones	9	362	97	1	45.25
Iremonger	8	360	137	0	45.00
Bowley	8	300	153	1	42.85
Mr L O S Poidevin	11	409	103	1	40.90
Mr P Perrin	8	276	100*	1	39.40
Mr P F Warner	8	261	64	1	37.23
Quaife	9	294	94	1	36.15
Mr L C H Palaret	8	271	166	0	33.87
Rhodes	10	271	94*	2	33.87
Hayward	15	430	116	2	33.78
Mr C H Eyre	7	233	80	0	33.28
Mr T S Fishwick	8	259	70	0	32.37
Anthony	11	248	67	3	31.00
Mr C McGahey	10	278	53*	1	30.83
Mr H K Foster	8	239	107	0	29.87
Wrathall	10	298	85	0	29.80
J Gunn	9	267	66	0	29.66
Lord Hawke	9	207	100*	2	29.57
Mr E W Mann	7	202	95	0	28.85
Langdon	8	196	83*	1	27.85
Lilley	9	250	53	0	27.77
Knight	14	332	111*	2	27.66
Mr V F S Crawford	12	246	56	3	27.33
Denton	11	300	76	0	27.27
Captain E G Wynyard	11	294	75	0	26.72
Tunnicliffe	10	257	86	0	25.70
H Whitehead	11	257	62*	1	25.70

Mr G L Jessop	9	216	67	0	24.00
Mr F L Fane	9	215	44	0	23.88
Killick	11	262	53	0	23.81
Sewell	12	282	181	0	23.50
Abel	15	349	81	0	23.28
Haigh	10	204	84	1	22.66
Vine	16	288	124	3	22.15
Mr C P Foley	10	193	61	1	21.44
G Gunn	8	150	42	1	21.42
Arnold	9	171	55	1	21.37
Relf	11	229	68	0	20.81
Dr W G Grace	11	220	63	0	20.00

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cuttell	181	69	329	35	9.40
J T Hearne	221.1	73	702	55	12.76
Cranfield	104.5	25	289	22	13.13
Hallows	103.1	29	268	20	13.40
W C Smith	223.5	63	563	39	14.43
Blythe	192.4	55	512	35	14.62
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	188.1	49	562	38	14.78
Reeves	140.2	25	425	27	15.74
Mr J J Kotze	133.4	28	412	28	15.84
Tate	135.3	39	416	26	16.00
Mr W Brearley	148.5	28	465	20	16.03
Fielder	136.1	32	371	23	16.13
Wass	227.5	49	608	37	16.43
Huggins	194.2	57	455	29	16.72
Mr G G Napier	130	35	371	22	16.86
Haigh	145.1	30	406	24	16.91
Mr W W Odell	306.5	93	763	44	17.34
Cox	337.3	100	807	45	17.93
Arnold	202.3	57	478	26	18.38
Lockwood	175.5	24	559	29	19.27
J Gunn	248.1	83	541	28	19.32

#### 6 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6455.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6455.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

This match was begun at Cambridge yesterday in fine weather. Mr Mitchell had the good fortune to win the toss, and he sent in Mr Sinclair and Mr Shalders to bat on a perfect wicket.

From the start runs came rapidly, Mr Sinclair in particular making some splendid hits. When Mr Keigwin, who arrived late owing to examinations, was tried instead of Mr McDonnell he soon got Mr Shalders caught at the wicket. Mr Sinclair continued to play free cricket for some time, until with the total at 90 he was caught at extra cover. Then the bowlers began to assume the upper hand. Neither Mr Hathorn nor Mr Mitchell seemed comfortable, and at lunch time four wickets were down for 134.

After lunch Mr Shepstone and Mr Halliwell made a useful stand of 50 for the eighth wicket, the former making some fine drives, but the rest of the side did little. Mr May and Mr Keigwin both bowled well for the University, and were backed up by good fielding.

The highest score started disastrously against the bowling of Mr Sinclair and Mr Kotze, the latter of whom bowled at a tremendous pace. They lost four good wickets for 18. Then Mr Phillips and Mr Wilson came to the rescue and put up 50 for the fifth wicket. The latter played a fine innings and made many beautiful strokes.

Mr Hopley and Mr McDonell also made a valuable stand and put on 85 runs before the former was finely caught in the deep field. Mr McDonell, although he was not out at the close, never seemed quite comfortable with the bowling.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

This match was continued at Cambridge yesterday. Overnight the University, with three wickets still to fall, were within 45 of their opponents' total. This they failed to reach by 19 runs, Mr McDonell being last out, caught in the deep field, for a most useful innings.

The visitors started their second innings badly, Mr Shalders being caught off a miss-hit with only a single on the board. Mr Sinclair, however, played another fine innings and hit with great power until, with the total at 57, he was well caught at extra cover off a ball which he miss-timed.

After this Mr McDonell, who kept a good length and swerved considerably from the off, met with some success, but Mr Mitchell, who went in second wicket down with the total at 57, played a magnificent innings, and for the last hour almost monopolized the scoring. The skill with which he almost invariably secured the bowling at the end of every over was really remarkable. The Cambridge fielding was good on the whole, but the bowling was rather disappointing.

The University second innings was almost an exact repetition of the first. They lost four wickets for 25, but then Mr Phillips and Mr Wilson made a stand of 42, after which the former and Mr McDonell played out time.

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

This match at Cambridge was brought to a conclusion yesterday soon after 1 o'clock, the visitors winning by 70 runs.

Mr Phillips and Mr McDonell resumed batting to the bowling of Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair, but only 18 had been added when Mr McDonell was bowled off his pad by the fast bowler. Mr Hopley played on almost immediately, and Mr Phillips soon after was caught at mid-off from his first bad stroke. He had played a good innings at a very critical time and he made some beautiful strokes all round the wicket.

The last two wickets gave considerable trouble; Mr Payne was well caught at cover-point when he looked like making runs, and Mr May made several good hits. Mr Roberts, after a somewhat indifferent start, played excellently and made some fine strokes, particularly on the off side. Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair both bowled well, the latter swerving in a most puzzling manner.

6 June: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v I ZINGARI

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6456.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6456.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

The first day's play of the match between I Zingari and a Gentlemen of England Eleven, at Lord's, yesterday, went decidedly in favour of the latter, who at the close of play had got out seven of their opponent and still held a lead of 121.

The feature of the batting of [the Gentlemen of England] was a really fine innings by Mr L J Moon, who went in first and was eighth out at 245. Without Mr Moon's innings the side would have done very badly, for none of the other batsmen except Mr Key played the bowling with much confidence. At luncheon six wickets were down for 131, but when Mr Key joined Mr Moon 86 were added for the eighth wicket. Altogether Mr Moon and Mr Key made 200 runs out of 255 scored from the bat.

I Zingari started badly, losing three wickets for 18, and after Lord Hawke and Captain Wynyard had taken the score to 93 before being separated three more wickets fell before the close of play.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

The Gentlemen of England had much the better of yesterday's cricket at Lord's, adding materially to the advantage which they had gained on Monday and leaving off in a very strong position.

As several members of both elevens wished to be present at Mr Warner's wedding, there was no play between half-past 1 and ten minutes to 4. In spite of this loss of time, which was partly compensated for by an early start, 365 runs were scored during the day.

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

After having all the worst of the cricket for two days, I Zingari at Lord's yesterday accomplished a remarkable performance, winning the match by six wickets. They had been set 412 to get to win in the last innings, and in a quarter of an hour on Tuesday evening 17 runs were obtained without loss.

Yesterday the batsmen held the upper hand throughout and runs always came at a good pace. After the first wicket had fallen at 27 Captain Wynyard and Mr Steel became partners, and it was not until after luncheon that they were separated. Altogether they put on 201 runs.

Afterwards Captain Wynyard received valuable assistance from Mr Hill and Mr Bosanquet, and before he was fourth out at 385 another 157 runs were scored. After Captain Wynyard left the remaining runs were quickly hit off.

6 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6457.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6457.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

John Gunn did a remarkable performance at Gloucestershire yesterday, and one which enabled Nottinghamshire to finish an interesting day's cricket with a valuable lead of 45 runs. On a fast wicket he dismissed seven Gloucestershire men cheaply, and later in the day he followed this up by a fine innings.

He began by hitting very hard. Afterwards he scored slowly for a time, and then suddenly began to get runs very quickly. Apart from a chance, which he gave at 26, he made no serious mistake. His most useful partner was Day, with whom he added 78 for the sixth wicket.

The only features of the Gloucestershire innings were the patient batting of Mr Barnett and Spry and the partnership of Board and Mr Jessop for the eighth wicket, which yielded 44.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

Nottinghamshire accomplished a fine performance at Gloucester yesterday, when they beat the home side by eight wickets. They laid the foundation of their success on Monday, when they secured a lead of 45 on the first innings, and they brought victory much nearer by dismissing four of their opponents for 47 as soon as the game was continued.

Just as they were having matters entirely their own way Hale and Mr Godsell made an effective stand. They kept together for 85 minutes and raised the total from 47 to 122. Nottinghamshire required 134 to win and got the runs in 90 minutes, chiefly owing to the brilliant hitting of Mr Jones.

6 June: KENT v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6458.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6458.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

Strengthened by the inclusion of Mr S H Day, the Kent eleven did very well at Maidstone yesterday, staying in against Worcestershire until half-past 4 and then getting down five of their opponents'

wickets very cheaply. Generally speaking, the weather was fine, but a little rain fell just before 2 o'clock, and this very possibly had some effect on the wicket, for towards the end of the Kent innings both Arnold and Burrows made the ball get up, while Fielder was afterwards very difficult to play.

The feature of the afternoon's cricket was a fine partnership between Mr Day and Seymour, and it was due in a large degree to their efforts that Kent were so successful. They came together when two wickets had fallen for 31, and they added 140 runs in an hour and three-quarters before Mr Day was caught at point. His batting was most attractive to watch, and apart from a difficult chance to the wicket-keeper he made no mistake. Seymour at the beginning of his innings was very patient, taking an hour and three-quarters to make 50, but later he drove with great power and reached his 100 in another 45 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

At Maidstone yesterday Seymour followed up his 108 with another innings of over a hundred and thus earned the distinction of being the first Kent batsman to make two separate hundreds in a first-class match. As the game now stands, Worcestershire, with an innings to play, require 375 runs to win.

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

As was expected, Worcestershire found the task of getting 375 in the last innings altogether too much for them at Maidstone yesterday. The innings was all over in two hours and a quarter, Kent winning easily by 204 runs.

6 June: LONDON COUNTY v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6459.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6459.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

Leicestershire had much the better of the opening day's cricket in this match at the Crystal Palace, yesterday, for at the close of play they were only 103 runs behind with nine wickets in hand.

The feature of the London County innings was the batting of Dr Grace and Mr Murdoch, who put on 154 for the first wicket. After they were separated, however, the bowlers held the upper hand, and London County were out for a much smaller score than seemed probable after their excellent start.

When Leicestershire went in Mr De Trafford was soon out, but a long stand by Mr Wood and Knight then turned the game in Leicestershire's favour.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

Leicestershire followed up the advantage which they had gained on Monday by a fine batting performance at the Crystal Palace yesterday, and at the close of play London County with all their wickets in hand in their second innings were still 187 behind.

Mr Wood and Knight, who had on the first day laid the foundation of Leicestershire's large score, carried the total to 179 before they were separated. Afterwards Knight found a useful partner in Whitehead, and later in the innings Coe scored freely off the bowling.

When London County went in a second time 242 runs behind Dr Grace and Mr Burton made a good start.

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

In a high-scoring match at the Crystal Palace Leicestershire beat London County yesterday by nine wickets.

London County made a good fight in their second innings. Dr Grace and Mr Burton put on 118 for the

first wicket, and the innings defeat was saved with five wickets down. Eventually, however, Leicestershire were left with only 60 runs to get to win.

6 June: SOMERSET v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6460.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6460.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

Somerset batting on a splendid wicket at Bath yesterday fared badly at first against the bowling of Mr Brearley and Hallow, for they lost their first six wickets for 76, and of these Lewis, with some luck, had made the larger proportion.

At this stage, Mr Lee and Mr Martyn came together, and they added 85 before Mr Martyn was caught at short slip. Fifteen runs later Mr Lee was caught at the wicket, but after this Mr Poyntz hit with great power. Considering that they started so badly Somerset made a good score, but in seems like being inadequate, as Lancashire are now only 70 behind and they have seven wickets to fall.

When Lancashire went in Mr MacLaren and Mr Spooner scored quickly, but both batsmen were out at 77 to very fine one-handed catches close in by Mr Woods and Mr Lee. Mr Woods, who was fielding at mid-off, held a hard drive with his left hand over his head. In the last 50 minutes of the day, Tyldesley got runs very quickly.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

There was a little rain during the night at Bath, but the wicket remained perfect yesterday, and Lancashire took full advantage of their opportunities.

Tyldesley continued to play a brilliant game; he hit with great power and precision, his timing being admirable. He never gave a chance and made only a very few bad strokes. Hallows helped him to add 106 for the fifth wicket, and when Cuttell was in 86 were put on for the eighth. Somerset were 250 behind on the first innings.

On going in again Mr Palaret and Braund made a very good start, scoring 161 for the first wicket. At the close Somerset were 72 behind with nine wickets to fall.

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

The Somerset team at Bath, yesterday, failed to maintain the promise of a good struggle against Lancashire. They lost their nine outstanding wickets for 99 runs, and were eventually beaten by ten wickets.

6 June: SUSSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6461.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6461.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

By scoring his runs out of a total of 376 which were made during his stay of four hours and a half, Mr Fry was practically responsible for the total made by Sussex at Brighton yesterday. Except for a very hard chance to Bestwick at mid-off at 66 Mr Fry did not make a bad stroke until he was caught at the wicket in trying to cut a rising ball.

His drives were perfectly timed, while he scored several boundaries with beautifully placed strokes on the leg side. He was out seventh, only a few minutes before stumps were drawn. Vine also played very well, and he and Mr Fry for the first wicket put on 175 runs, while Relf helped Mr Fry to add 63 in a little over half an hour.

Rain fell during the morning, and prevented a start from being made until 40 minutes after the appointed time, but the wicket was in no way affected, the ball always coming plainly off the pitch. The bowlers, in spite of their opponents' free scoring, never lost their length, but otherwise they appeared to present little difficulty.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

At the close of play at Brighton yesterday Derbyshire were in a hopeless position, as with two wickets to fall they still required 152 runs to save the single innings defeat. Overnight Sussex had scored 392 for eight wickets, so that the visitors continued to play with but little hope of ever getting on terms.

In the first innings of Derbyshire Mr Wright was the only batsman to make any great resistance to the Sussex bowling, and in the second, the batting of Mr Ollivierre and Dr Ashcroft stood out against the poor form shown by the rest of the eleven.

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

At Brighton, yesterday, Sussex beat Derbyshire by an innings and 65 runs.

6 June: WARWICKSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6462.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6462.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

Going in first yesterday, at Birmingham, on a splendid wicket, Essex did very well, but the early batting gave promise of an even larger total. Sewell and Carpenter were the first pair of batsmen, and the former, by some very fine hitting, made 107 out of 142 in an hour and 20 minutes.

Sewell made a number of very pretty late cuts, but the chief characteristic of his innings was the great power of his driving. He hit 19 fours, and his only mistake was a chance in the slips at 67. Carpenter, batting well in a much less vigorous style, took three hours to get his runs. The latter part of his innings was marred by an easy chance at extra cover-point, and he might have been caught at mid-off at 43.

After the splendid start the Essex batting as a whole became quite moderate in character, but Russell showed good form. The ground fielding of Warwickshire was smart, and Lilley kept wicket in quite his best style, catching four batsmen and stumping another.

The match is being played for the joint benefit of Walter Richards and James Whitehead - two cricketers who years ago did excellent work in the Warwickshire eleven.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

Some very heavy run-getting was seen in the match at Birmingham yesterday, Warwickshire staying in all the afternoon and putting on 499 to their overnight score. They finished up with all the best of the match, being 196 runs ahead, with three wickets still to fall.

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

A rather remarkable match ended, yesterday, at Birmingham, in a victory for Warwickshire, by an innings and 110 runs. To win so decisively after going in against a score of 336 was certainly a wonderful performance.

The home county began the last stage of the match 196 runs ahead with three wickets in hand. Quaife and Whittle forced the game so effectively that when Mr Byrne closed the innings, sending Essex in 278 runs behind, over five hours remained for cricket.

With the wicket still in excellent condition there existed a good prospect of averting defeat, and Essex managed to stay in four hours and a quarter, playing very slow cricket all the time.

6 June: YORKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6463.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6463.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 7 June, page 12)

Batting first, on a good wicket, at Bradford yesterday, the Yorkshire eleven gave an indifferent display. Mr Jackson went in with Tunncliffe, but he was caught off a rising ball in Lee's first over. Tunncliffe scored 18 in one over from Lockwood - four fours and a two, all on the leg-side.

After he left, however, wickets fell rapidly, and half the side were out in a little over an hour for 87, while at lunch time seven wickets had fallen for 102. Although Hirst hit hard and Rhodes and Haigh played steadily, none of the batsmen could do much with the bowling of Lees, and the innings closed after two and a half hours' play.

When Surrey went in Hayward and Mr H B Chinnery played steady cricket, and when bad light stopped play Surrey were 37 runs behind with four wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 8 June, page 14)

The feature of the play in the match between Yorkshire and Surrey at Bradford yesterday was the magnificent innings by Mr Jackson. When play was continued in the morning the remaining four Surrey wickets were secured by Hirst and Ringrose for an addition of 25 runs.

Yorkshire led by 12 on the first innings, and Mr Jackson, going in first, scored freely all round the wicket. He and Denton added 85 runs together, while Hirst helped him to put on 80 for the fifth wicket. When Rhodes was in the Surrey bowling was severely punished. As the game now stands Yorkshire are 410 runs ahead with three wickets to fall.

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

The Yorkshire eleven scored a decisive victory at Bradford, yesterday, beating Surrey by 297 runs. After the Yorkshire innings had been declared closed Surrey went in with 411 to get to win.

In an hour they lost half their wickets for 46 runs, and Hayward, Hayes, Lees and Gooder were the only batsmen who played with anything approaching confidence.

9 June: CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6464.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6464.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

The cricket in this match, which was begun at Cambridge yesterday, was singularly uneven. There were two good bowling performances on the part of Mr McDonnell and Lees, and some good individual batting, but for the most part the batting was of the tamest description. The wicket was not so fast as at the beginning of the week, but it was a nice easy pace all day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

This match was continued yesterday at Cambridge in fine weather. Heavy rain in the night had made the wicket considerably slower, but it was never really difficult all day. The Cambridge innings was quickly finished off for the addition of three runs, Mr Marsh carrying his bat for an excellent innings, made at a most critical point, without a chance.

Surrey started their second innings with a lead of 75, but only 19 runs had been scored when Hayward was clean bowled by Mr McDonnell. Hayes started quietly, but Holland played a free game, making several good strokes to leg off Mr Roberts. At 35, however, he was caught at extra cover. At lunch time five wickets were down for 108, a score which would have been smaller had Hayes not been badly missed in the deep field when he had made 19.

Later in the innings, chiefly owing to several more mistakes in the field, the last three wickets added 70 runs. Mr McDonnell again bowled successfully, and would have done better but for one or two expensive mistakes in the field.

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

This match was concluded at Cambridge, on Saturday, Surrey winning by 40 runs. On Friday the University had lost Mr Marsh and Mr Phillips for 35 runs.

When play was continued Mr Mann and Mr Eyre took the score to 53, both playing good cricket, but then Mr Mann was finely caught on the boundary from a really good hit. Mr Eyre played very well for his runs, but he was bowled just when he looked well set. Mr Keigwin was in over two hours for 25, but eight of the side were out for 161.

Then Mr Payne joined Mr Wilson, and the pair put on 63 in about 35 minutes before the latter was out. He had played quite the most brilliant innings seen at Fenner's this season, and while he was in there seemed a chance of Cambridge winning the match. Mr Payne, who was last out, had played a fine innings, making some beautiful strokes on the off side and several splendid hits. Lees again bowled well and deserved better fortune.

9 June: ESSEX v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6465.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6465.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

In this match, at Leyton yesterday, Essex had the good fortune to get first innings on a perfect wicket. Mr F L Fane and Carpenter made a good start by putting on 72 runs before Mr Fane was out.

The brightest cricket during the day was seen when Mr P Perrin and Sewell were together. Sewell's batting was a mixture of restraint and hard hitting. So far Mr Perrin has been at the wickets for over four hours, and during this time he has only made one mistake. He played all the bowling with confidence, and although at times he scored slowly, at other time his hitting on either side of the wicket was very fine.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

Essex beat Sussex, at Leyton, yesterday, by an innings and 204 runs. Owing to rain, which had fallen overnight, the wicket was difficult, and Buckenham, in Sussex's first innings, was able to make the ball get up very awkwardly.

Essex resumed their innings with the total standing at 400 for seven wickets, but they only added 25 runs to this score. Sussex on going in to bat made a very poor show against the good bowling. Mr Fry and Mr Brann were the only two batsmen who played with any confidence. Mr Brann, especially, played two fine innings, showing good defence and hitting with determination when there was an opportunity.

Mr Fry's display in his second innings was by far his best, his driving and placing on the leg side being particularly good. The Essex fielding in both innings was smart and keen.

9 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6466.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6466.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

The strong position which Lancashire hold in their match with Gloucestershire, which was begun at Gloucester yesterday, was due as much to the poor play of the home side as to their own ability on a wicket which was not difficult.

The only real stand in the Gloucestershire innings was made by Mr Jessop and Mr Thomas. Cuttell claimed five wickets at a cost of nine runs apiece, but Mr Brearley was rather more expensive than usual.

Lancashire would never be able to have finished the day with a lead of 71 runs and six wickets in hand if the Gloucestershire fielding had been moderately good. Gloucestershire could, however, do nothing right, and so far they have dropped eight catches. Mr Spooner was decidedly lucky, for he gave three chances in making his first 29 runs. Afterwards his batting improved, and he got his last 50 runs in fine style.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

Hallows, the Lancashire slow left hand bowler, accomplished a remarkable performance at Gloucester yesterday when, by taking nine wickets for just over four runs each, he enabled his side to win by an innings and 43.

The conditions were all in favour of a bowler of his class. There was a heavy fall of rain during the night, and that made the wicket soft and sticky. What a complete change the ground had undergone was proved in the morning when the six outstanding Lancashire wickets fell in an hour for the addition of 51 runs. Lancashire held a lead of 122.

When Gloucestershire went in a second time they performed so badly against the bowling of Hallow that they were all out in an hour and 40 minutes.

9 June: HAMPSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6467.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6467.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

After a bad start, Hampshire at Southampton yesterday gave a splendid batting display, and at the close they held a good position.

Mr Sprot and Webb came together after Llewellyn and Bowell were dismissed for six runs, and the two, playing delightful cricket, turned the game in favour of their side. Mr Sprot gave a chance to Mr Foster in the slips when he had made 34, but this was the only bad stroke during his innings.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

Worcestershire, after losing six batsmen for 167 runs at Southampton yesterday, gradually recovered their position, until, at the close of play, with all their wickets to fall, they were left with 204 runs to get to win.

The turning point for the visitors came when Mr Bromley-Davenport and Mr Isaac together, by determined cricket, added 106. They were out off successive balls, and although the rest of the batsmen did little, Worcestershire at the end of the innings were only 53 behind.

Hampshire in their second innings batted in a most disappointing style. Mr Johnson, who went in first, was soon out, and two wickets were down for ten. Webb kept up his wicket while Mr Sprot and Llewellyn hit, but the rest of the side never looked like making runs.

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

Worcestershire beat Hampshire, at Southampton, on Saturday, by six wickets. Mr Bromley-Martin was out to a fine one-handed catch in the lips at the beginning of the day, while Bird, the other overnight not out, was dismissed at 42; but Mr Foster and Bowley added 105 for the third wicket in an hour and a half.

Bowley's innings was marked by clean cutting and well-timed off-driving. Mr Foster, after playing beautiful cricket, was out when only four runs were wanted to win.

9 June: KENT v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6468.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6468.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

This match was begun at Catford yesterday, when there was an interesting day's cricket. Middlesex, who went in first, scored slowly and were batting over four hours for their runs.

At Catford on some former occasions on the Private Banks ground, the wicket appeared to give considerable assistance to the bowlers and runs always wanted a great deal of making. Even Mr Beldam and Mr Bosanquet, who added 81 runs for the fourth wicket, and the former and Mr Foley, who made 63 more in an hour for the fifth, were never comfortable, while after Mr Beldam was out at 187, the last five batsmen were dismissed in 20 minutes for another 12 runs. Fielder bowled very fast and he made the ball get up considerably.

Kent had 70 minutes' batting, and after a disastrous start in which Humphreys and A Hearne were out before a run was scored, Seymour and Mr Dillon helped to pull the game round, and at the close of the day the match was left in an apparently even position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

At Catford, yesterday, Kent, after having slightly the worst of Thursday's cricket, completely outplayed the Middlesex eleven, and by 6 o'clock had gained a brilliant victory by eight wickets. Some rain overnight left the ground soft and slow, and sunshine after lunch made the wicket treacherous.

Two hours' play before the interval brought the home county's innings, in which overnight three wickets had fallen for 61, to an end. Mr Dillon batted splendidly against some fine bowling. He was dismissed at 46, but as a whole he played very good cricket.

After lunch the Middlesex batting broke down completely against Fielder and Blythe, and in less than an hour and a half the side were all out. No one played with any confidence against Fielder, who beat the batsmen continually by his great pace.

Thus Kent had only 82 to get to win. The chief credit of the victory is undoubtedly due to Fielder, who dismissed ten batsmen for 87 runs, and to Mr Dillon.

9 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6469.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6469.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

The close of the first day's play in this match at Lord's yesterday left the game in an even position, Derbyshire being 184 runs behind their opponents' total with eight wickets to fall. On a fast wicket the batsmen, as a whole, held the upper hand and the bowling never looked very difficult.

The M.C.C. and Ground, who went in first, lost Thompson's wicket for five runs, but then Tarrant and King put on 91. Later King and Mr Bohlen made a most valuable stand, and Coleman and East, for the last wicket, added 81. King perhaps played the best innings on the side. He never scored fast, but he showed sound defence and made a number of fine strokes.

Coleman started badly, but later in his innings he made several beautifully timed drives very hard on the off-side. The Derbyshire ground fielding was good, especially in the earlier part of the innings; but one or two bad mistakes were made in the slips.

Derbyshire lost Mr L G Wright with only three runs scored, but then Storer and Mr Ollivierre carried the score to 74 before the latter was clean bowled. He never seemed quite comfortable with the bowling, but his driving and cutting, which showed a wonderful amount of wrist power, were most attractive to watch.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

Derbyshire gained a good victory over the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's yesterday by eight wickets. The game had been left in an even position overnight, but yesterday Derbyshire played the better cricket all round.

After the rain the wicket became quite difficult and the ball bumped considerably. In the M.C.C. and Ground's second innings Warren and Bestwick took full advantage of their opportunities, and Derbyshire's victory was chiefly due to their fine bowling, backed up by some really good fielding.

On the first day Derbyshire had made 138 for two wickets, and they added 139 to this total. Storer and Needham put on 80 for the fourth wicket before the former, who had played a fine innings, was well caught at slip by Mr Buckston, but after this the bowlers held the upper hand.

When the M.C.C. and Ground went in again 41 ahead, none of the batsmen looked like making runs, and Derbyshire were left to get 97 to win. Mr Ollivierre was out early, but Storer and Mr L G Wright carried the score to 73. After the latter was out Storer and Mr H F Wright hit off the runs. Throughout the match Humphries kept wicket for Derbyshire in his best form, and he was responsible altogether for the dismissal of seven men.

9 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6470.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6470.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

In the first day's play of this match at Nottingham yesterday the home side were seen to great advantage, for they kept Yorkshire in the field nearly the whole time that cricket was in progress.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

In the second day's play in this match at Trent-bridge yesterday Yorkshire did a fine batting performance, and at the close, with their overnight two wickets to fall, they were 70 runs ahead. They were chiefly indebted to Tunnicliffe, Denton, Hirst, Rhodes and Myers.

After Hunter was out at 24, Tunnicliffe and Myers added 76 for the second wicket, and then the former and Denton by free cricket carried the total to 274. Hirst and Rhodes also treated the bowling with little respect, and were together when the Nottinghamshire score was passed with six wickets down. Tunnicliffe, after a rather bad start, played bright cricket, his driving being clean and well-timed. The Nottinghamshire fielding was not up to its highest standard, Mr Jones and Iremonger being responsible for two bad misses.

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

The Nottinghamshire batting broke down badly in this match, at Trent-bridge, on Saturday, and by a quarter past 4 Yorkshire had won by ten wickets.

In the morning Yorkshire, owing to some free hitting by Lord Hawke, increased their lead to 100 before the last man was out. Although the wicket was slightly worn at one end, there was no excuse for the exceedingly feeble display given by the Nottinghamshire batsmen. Mr Jones and William Gunn

were out to very bad strokes, and, although Iremonger, John Gunn and Mr Dixon showed sound defence, half the side were out at luncheon for 69 runs.

The Yorkshire bowling and fielding were both good, Rhodes, for the first time this season, showing his best form with the ball.

9 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6471.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6471.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 10 June, page 11)

The South Africans had all the better of the first day's play in this match at Oxford yesterday. Going in first, Oxford, with the exception of Mr Raphael, Mr Brownlee and Mr Burn, gave a very poor display. Mr Raphael played particularly well, while both Mr Brownlee and Mr Burn hit hard. Mr Sinclair bowled admirably and was ably backed up by some very smart fielding.

The South Africans gave a very different display of batting to that of the University, and at the close of play they held a great advantage. Mr Sinclair hit very hard, while both Mr Mitchell and Mr Hathorn played excellent cricket. The University fielding was rather loose.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 11 June, page 14)

This match came to an end at Oxford yesterday, the South Africans winning by an innings and 97 runs. The South Africans added 130 to their score, Mr White playing a very good innings.

On batting a second time, the University showed very little improvement. Mr Awdry, who played bright and attractive cricket, was the only one on the side to meet with much success, the rest quite failed to do themselves justice. The bowling of the South Africans was again very good.

Monday 13 June, page 13: AMERICAN CRICKETERS FOR ENGLAND

New York, June 11.

A cricket team representing Haverford West College left to-day by the Cunarder Umbria for a tour in England, where they will play the principal public schools. - Reuter.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: restricted to averages of 25 or more]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	8	618	210	1	88.78
Mr C B Fry	14	936	226	1	72.00
Mr R H Spooner	9	557	126	1	69.62
Quaife	10	484	200*	2	61.75
Mr J E Raphael	8	428	201	0	53.50
Mr F Mitchell	10	411	102*	2	51.37
Hirst	13	625	153	0	48.07
Mr P Perrin	11	479	190	1	47.20
Mr A O Jones	13	551	113	1	45.91
Mr L O H Poidevin	13	486	103	1	40.50
Mr L C H Palairet	10	401	166	0	40.10
Mr L G Wright	10	395	139	0	39.50
Rhodes	13	434	107	2	39.45
Captain E G Wynyard	13	486	147	0	37.38

Mr P F Warner	8	261	64	1	37.28
Coe	10	290	103	2	37.25
Knight	18	481	140	3	37.00
Mr G W Beldam	10	351	140	0	36.10
Jas Seymour	14	469	136*	1	36.07
Bowley	12	396	153	1	36.00
Lord Hawke	12	286	100*	4	35.62
J Gunn	13	426	95	1	35.50
Carpenter	10	345	98	0	34.50
Iremonger	12	411	137	0	34.25
Lilley	10	331	81	0	33.10
Mr L J Moon	10	339	163	0	32.80
Tunnicliffe	13	400	119	0	31.38
Denton	14	437	66	0	31.21
Mr H K Foster	12	370	107	0	30.83
Mr J H Sinclair	9	277	66	0	30.17
Mr C McGahey	13	360	63*	1	30.00
Sewell	15	449	181	0	29.93
Hayward	19	520	116	1	29.44
Whitehead	12	317	68*	1	28.81
Kinneir	9	278	105	1	28.50
Mr M Hathorn	11	309	117	0	28.09
Storer	10	251	110	1	27.88
Mr V F S Crawford	13	275	56	3	27.50
Mr R P Keigwin	9	213	64	1	26.62
Mr C H Eyre	11	282	80	0	25.63
Mr C J B Wood	16	358	110	2	25.57
Dr W G Grace	13	327	73	0	25.15

[Note: others over 20 - Mr F L Fane 24.70, King 24.07, Mr G L Jessop 24, Wheldon 23.55, Anthony 23.45, Vine 23.31, Wrathall 22.57, Mr E W Mann 22.54, Mr C A Ollivierre 22.50, Arnold 22.09, Hayes 22.04, Tarrant 22.00, Braund 21.94, Mr F E Thomas 21.90, G Gunn 21.42, Haigh 21.36, Mr A J L Hill 21.34, Humphreys 21.23, Abel 20.70, Mr H C McDonell 20.50, Langdon 20.18, Mr C P Foley 20.00.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cuttell	275	98	537	47	11.42
J T Hearne	331	91	760	61	12.45
Hallows	131	53	456	34	13.41
Fielder	223.3	56	549	40	13.72
Blythe	295.5	89	712	50	14.24
Mr B J T Bosanquet	139.4	24	450	30	15.00
Haigh	193.1	44	524	32	16.37
Bird	157.2	33	394	24	16.41
Mr H Hesketh-Pritchard	247.1	56	739	45	16.42
W C Smith	257.5	72	716	43	16.65
Cranfield	136.5	28	443	26	17.03
Wass	327.4	83	841	49	17.16
Mr H C McDonell	189.2	36	510	29	17.58
Reeves	206	38	634	38	17.61
Tate	208	47	568	32	17.75
Mr J J Kotze	219.3	50	677	38	17.31
Mr W Brearley	232	37	772	42	18.34
Lees	432.4	121	1029	55	18.70
Huggins	259.4	73	697	37	18.83
J Gunn	354.5	115	803	42	19.11
Arnold	316	71	842	44	19.13
Mr G G Napier	177	45	618	27	19.18
Mr W W Odell	340.5	108	619	44	19.24
Cox	408.3	115	992	50	19.84
Hirst	254.2	57	703	35	20.08
Relf	316.2	93	737	35	21.05
Mr J H Sinclair	151.1	26	509	28	21.39
Dennett	275.2	62	754	35	21.54

## THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	7	6	0	1	6	100.00
Nottinghamshire	7	4	2	1	2	33.00
Middlesex	5	2	1	2	1	33.33
Leicestershire	6	2	1	3	1	33.33
Yorkshire	7	2	1	4	1	33.33
Kent	6	3	2	1	1	20.00
Sussex	8	3	2	3	1	20.00
Derbyshire	4	1	1	2	0	0.00
Surrey	9	3	4	2	-1	-14.23
Worcestershire	5	1	2	2	-1	-33.33
Warwickshire	4	1	2	1	-1	-33.33
Gloucestershire	7	1	3	3	-2	-50.00
Essex	6	1	3	2	-2	-50.00
Somerset	6	1	4	0	-3	-60.00
Hampshire	4	0	3	1	-3	-100.00

13 June: DERBYSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6472.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6472.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

The Derbyshire eleven batted very well at Derby yesterday, all the men who made runs playing good cricket. The best innings of the day was played by Mr Curgenvin, whose driving was particularly clean and powerful. Cadman rendered him useful assistance, the two men putting on 87 runs for the seventh wicket.

Before this, Mr Ollivierre had given a bright display. Scoring at a great pace, he was batting only 80 minutes, and, although some of his strokes were dangerous, he did not give a real chance.

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

Rain stopped play in this match at Derby yesterday at 20 minutes to 5, but before this the Leicestershire eleven had batted very well, and they finished up only 24 runs behind their opponents' score with two wickets in hand.

Overnight Leicestershire had lost one wicket for 44, and yesterday the cricket varied a good deal, for after a capital start by Mr Wood and Knight, who added 156 runs in an hour and 40 minutes for the second wicket, the side were still 80 runs to the bad when the eighth wicket fell. Then, however, Mr Odell and Allsopp offered an unexpected resistance, and they scored 56 runs without being separated.

In addition to making several fine drives, Mr Wood hooked the fast bowling very cleverly to leg, and he hardly made a mistake. Knight's cricket was quite brilliant at times; most of his runs came from cuts, some of which - especially those past point - were most beautifully timed.

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

Playing fine cricket at Derby, yesterday, the Leicestershire eleven gained a victory over Derbyshire by six wickets.

The position overnight had not suggested any such result as this, for whenever rain caused stumps to be drawn early Leicestershire with two wickets to fall were still 24 runs behind. Before their innings finished yesterday, however, they headed their opponents' total by one run.

Going in again Derbyshire failed badly and were dismissed in two hours and a half. There was nothing very much wrong with the wicket, for Mr Ollivierre, who went in first and was third out at 80, scored his runs easily enough. Subsequently, however, the batting broke down, seven men being out for 104; and, although Mr Curgenven and Warren made some improvement, Leicestershire had only to get 159 to win.

Owing chiefly to Mr Wood and Knight, who added 106 runs for the second wicket, these were obtained in an hour and a half.

13 June: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6473.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6473.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

The South Africans accomplished a good performance at Bristol yesterday against a weak Gloucestershire team. The South Africans' innings only lasted three hours and three-quarters, and they were mainly indebted to Mr Tancred and Mr Schwarz for getting so many and getting them so quickly, although Mr Shalders and Mr Hathorn also did good work.

Mr Tancred, after being missed with a single to his credit, played fine cricket. With Mr Shalders he put on 75, and with Mr Hathorn 93 were added in about 50 minutes. His beautifully timed cutting was a feature of his batting. After he left, with the total at 186, the game took a sudden change and eight men were out for 258.

Then Mr Schwarz found a useful partner in Mr Wallach, and, while the latter acted strictly upon the defensive, Mr Schwarz hit with great freedom. Except that he was occasionally beaten by Huggins, Mr Schwarz gave a fine display, getting his runs by a variety of strokes. The Gloucestershire fielding was slack, although only two catches were dropped.

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

Play at Bristol yesterday was limited to two and a half hours, for rain came on in the luncheon interval and prevented a ball from being bowled in the afternoon.

On continuing their innings Gloucestershire fared badly. The wicket, instead of being fast and true, as was the case on the opening day, gave the bowlers some assistance, and the batsmen found Mr Sinclair so difficult to play that runs were only made slowly.

Wrathall played by far the best cricket of the day. After four wickets had fallen for 32, Mr Thomas helped Wrathall to double the score, and then the latter and Mr Healing added 44. When play was abandoned for the day 44 runs were still wanted to save the follow-on. Mr Sinclair was the one bowler who met with success, and although he bowled all the morning he never lost his length.

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

Gloucestershire had nothing to play for at Bristol yesterday except a draw, and they saved themselves from defeat after an interesting struggle. When play was continued they still needed 44 to save the follow-on, and they only had two wickets in hand. They failed in their attempt by eight runs; and, as the wicket was not very easy after a night's rain, they were in danger of losing the game.

Their batting improved, however, in their second innings and they secured a lead of 68 runs. Although only 30 minutes were left for play the visitors made a great effort to win. In forcing the pace wickets fell quickly. Mr Tancred alone showed any capacity to play the game which was needed in such conditions, and he hit grandly.

Wrathall did much to save the game for his side. In Gloucestershire's second innings he gave a brilliant display, for he made 54 out of 69 in an hour. His performance was ably supported by a patient innings by Mr Barnett and some hitting by Mr Thomas.

13 June: LONDON COUNTY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6474.html](http://www.cricketarhive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6474.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

The Cambridge eleven came out fairly well on the first day's cricket in their match with London County at the Crystal Palace yesterday, but their good score was very largely a one-man performance and, considering the easy wicket, much of the batting was disappointing.

Mr Marsh had more than an average share of luck, and he was missed four or five times; but any man who can score a hundred against good bowling must be a strong cricketer, and Mr Marsh certainly had plenty of skilful bowling to play from Mead and Braund. He got most of his runs by driving. He went in first and was sixth out at 252.

Mr Harris helped him to make 68 for the first wicket, and Mr Fry, the latter part of whose innings was particularly good, stayed while 85 were added for the fourth. Bale, who is attached to the Surrey ground staff, kept wicket in a manner that made his cricket a feature of the day.

Mr McDonell got Dr Grace leg before in his second over and then, after fast scoring by Mr Murdoch and Mr Burton, who carried the total from seven to 72, there was a wonderful one-hand catch high up in the slips by Mr Mann, which dismissed Mr Murdoch.

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

When Cambridge seemed to be going to pieces in their second innings on the Crystal Palace ground, yesterday afternoon, Mr F B Wilson in a large degree restored their strong position by playing the best cricket of the match.

He went in fourth wicket down at 40, and was out ninth at 178 for a brilliant innings. His driving on both sides of the wicket was very good, and he was particularly severe on Braund's leg-breaks. Mr Hopley, who helped his captain to add 45 for the eighth wicket, also hit hard and made one big drive from Braund for which he got six. And so in the end Cambridge set London County 282 to make in the fourth innings of the match.

In the early hours of the day Mr Napier was too good for most of the London County batsmen. Mr Hopley bowled well, but he had no luck, and there were some catches missed off him.

Braund and Mead bowled unchanged through the Cambridge innings. Bale again kept wicket excellently, and there was a wonderful right-hand catch in the slips by Braund, which dismissed Mr Harris. Only one over had been bowled in the London County second innings when rain set in, and just before 6 o'clock stumps were drawn.

THE CAMBRIDGE ELEVEN

Mr F B Wilson yesterday gave Mr G G Napier his blue.

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

Cambridge easily won their match, at the Crystal Palace yesterday, by 139 runs. The rain had affected the wicket in such a degree the Mr Napier and Mr Mann had quite an easy task in getting out London County in the last innings, and, had all the catches been held, the victory would have been more decisive.

Mr Napier kept a good length and got a great deal of break on the ball; and his form in this match will be highly encouraging to Cambridge. His bowling on Tuesday had been done on a batsman's wicket, while, with the pitch helping him yesterday, he was more effective and brought his record for the match to 11 wickets for 113 runs. As a whole the Cambridge fielding was good, and nothing could have been better than the catches made in the long field by Mr Eyre and Mr McDonell.

For London County Mr Hirsch had some luck, but he hit very hard and his batting was by far the brightest shown for the side in the match.

13 June: MIDDLESEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6475.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6475.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

This match was begun at 1d yesterday in fine weather and on a wicket which gave the bowlers practically no assistance, although once or twice towards the end of the afternoon the ball got up rather high.

Nottinghamshire, who went in first, were batting the whole of the day, and although, as has been proved once or twice lately, a score of well over 300 in the first innings of a county match is by no means sufficient in itself to secure an eleven from defeat, they certainly hold a strong position. It was a fine performance, for the runs were made against some good bowling; but apart from this the cricket was not particularly interesting.

Nottinghamshire were chiefly indebted for their score to the batting of Iremonger, who went in first and carried out his bat. Iremonger, who a few years ago was a player without many strokes, has developed into quite one of the foremost professional batsmen of the time. His defence is always particularly sound, and the scoring strokes are there when he makes up his mind to use them. Yesterday he made very few bad strokes and a great many good ones, but although the bowling was steady and although he hardly got his fair share of it towards the end of the day, it seemed that he was rather unnecessarily slow, and that he hardly took advantage of his opportunities for scoring.

The Middlesex bowling was never collared all day, and Hearne's performance of getting half the wickets for just over 16 runs each was, in the circumstances, a striking one. He did by far the greater part of the work, and he always kept a good length, kept down the runs and never seemed easy to play. Two or three bad mistakes were made in the field, but in the early part of the day; the fielding, as a whole, was very good.

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

Nottinghamshire yesterday at Lord's followed up their fine batting of Monday with such excellent bowling and fielding that, when rain set in at 20 minutes to 6 and stopped play for the day, they had every prospect of gaining a decisive victory, Middlesex, with four men out, wanting 86 runs to escape a single innings defeat.

The conditions, it is true, were not so favourable for run-getting as they had been on Monday, the pitch showing several bare places at the Nursery end. John Gunn took advantage of this. He made the ball come in a great deal from the off and he got up awkwardly at times. The performance of Gunn and Wass in finishing off the first innings of Middlesex in three hours was one of great merit.

The success of these two bowlers did not even end there, for when Middlesex followed on, 212 runs behind, they began by dismissing four batsmen for 60 runs. They were unchanged during the first innings and shared the bowling in the second until the score reached 98.

Middlesex gave a display quite unworthy of the eleven. At the start of the day Mr Moon made some good strokes, but there were three men out for 41, and for the remainder of the day no one, except Mr Bosanquet and Mr Litteljohn, batted with any approach to freedom. Mr Bosanquet, driving especially well, hit up 32 out of 35 in the first innings, and in the second 28 out of 36. Mr Litteljohn, who was very strong on the leg side, played excellent cricket late in the day, joining Mr Beldam when the fourth wicket had fallen at 60 and assisting him to put on 66 runs before rain brought play to a close.

By far the best batting for Middlesex, however, was that of Mr Beldam, who in the first innings went in first wicket down at 21 and was sixth out at 134. Altogether he scored 72 runs for once out - a big achievement on a day of such poor run-getting. His defence was admirable throughout, but he lost his wicket just after lunch by reaching out at a ball well witnessed of the off stump.

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

Nottinghamshire beat Middlesex, at Lord's yesterday, by an innings and 20 runs. In the match Nottinghamshire showed all the best points of their cricket, and at the present time they are certainly a formidable side. They followed up a fine batting performance on the first day of the game by some really good bowling and fielding on Tuesday; and when play was continued yesterday Middlesex were in a practically hopeless position, as with four wickets down in their second innings they still wanted 86 runs to save the innings defeat.

The wicket after the rain was slow, and although it did not give the bowlers much help, runs were difficult to get. When Trott was in with Mr Litteljohn it looked just possible that the innings defeat would be saved, for the latter was batting steadily, while Trott got runs quickly, but after Trott was out, at 184, the end soon came.

13 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6476.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6476.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

Worcestershire brought down a good team to Oxford yesterday, but the University were poorly represented, with the result that they are in a very bad position. The University batting quite broke down before Wilson, who bowled remarkably well. Mr Raphael, Mr McIver, Mr Norris and Mr Lyle played fairly well, but the rest altogether failed.

Runs came quickly when Worcestershire went in. Bowley and Pearson made a good start, which was well maintained by Mr Burns and Mr Foster. Mr Burns made his runs by fine all-round cricket, his hitting on the leg side being especially good.

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

Yesterday Worcestershire ran up a large score against the University at Oxford. The feature of the innings was the batting of Mr Foster. Although he was lucky at first, he soon settled down and made his runs by good all-round cricket.

Both Mr Bromley-Martin and Wheldon also played well, the latter especially making some big hits, while Cuffe played a very free innings. Mr Ernsthausen bowled very well before lunch and Mr Norris was steady. Mr Branston had the misfortune to have several catches missed off him. The University had only a short time to bat before rain ended play for the day.

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

Worcestershire gained an easy victory in this match yesterday, at Oxford, by an innings and 93 runs. The feature of the University batting was the return to form of Mr Carlisle, who played excellent cricket and made his runs at a time when his side badly needed them. Mr Lyle, although he was rather lucky, played the right game in hitting. Wilson could do very little on a somewhat dead wicket, but Cuffe bowled with considerable judgment.

Oxford have displayed very disappointing form throughout this match, but it must be remembered that they were by no means at full strength.

13 June: SURREY v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6477.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6477.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

In the first day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday Essex were seen to great advantage, for they kept Surrey in the field during the whole of the cricket hours, and they only lost three wickets.

It was a perfect wicket, and the side winning the toss were likely to make a large score. Essex took full advantage of their opportunities, although several mistakes in the field added materially to their position. Carpenter was missed at long-on by Holland when he had only made six, the fieldsman making the catch difficult by failing to judge the flight of the ball, whereas it should have been fairly easy. As events proved, this was a serious mistake for Surrey.

The Essex innings started very quietly. Mr Fane and Carpenter put on 46 before the former was out to a good catch at slip, while Mr Perrin left at 67. Up to this time things had gone fairly favourably for Surrey; but, on Mr McGahey's joining Carpenter, a wonderful stand was made, the pair keeping together from 20 minutes past 1 until a few minutes before the close, while 328 runs were added for the third wicket.

It was a great performance; but Carpenter had his share of luck, for, in addition to the chance already referred to, he was badly missed by Goatly at long-on at 116, while shortly after reaching his hundred he made several bad strokes just out of the reach of the fieldsmen. As a whole, however, he played sound cricket, being especially strong on the off side, and he made many fine drives and cuts.

Mr McGahey, on the other hand, who is never a pretty batsman to watch, made no mistake, and his play was in marked contrast to that of Carpenter, for he got the majority of his runs on the on side, his best stroke being his pull. Up to the present he has been batting just over four hours for his runs.

The Surrey ground fielding never got slack in a trying day in the field, Moulder especially, at third man and in the deep field, saving many runs.

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

The Essex eleven were again seen to great advantage at the Oval yesterday, and at the close of play they were left in practically a winning position, for Surrey in their second innings require 428 to save an innings defeat. The advantage gained by Essex was thoroughly deserved in every respect, as it was the result of better cricket, and Surrey were outplayed at all points.

The Surrey batting was very disappointing, and it seemed strange to see the batsmen for the most part struggling for runs on the same wicket on which Essex in the morning had done almost as they liked. It is true that the Surrey bowling was erratic, but Essex are undoubtedly a weak bowling side, and Mr McGahey, Mr Douglas and Mr Tosetti, who were largely responsible for the Surrey collapse, at best can only be classed as moderate bowlers. In the circumstances the only conclusion that can be drawn is that the Surrey batting was exceptionally feeble.

Overnight Essex had scored 396 for three wickets, and when they continued their innings runs came at a good pace. The score was taken to 467 before Mr McGahey was caught at cover-point. Altogether he had been batting five hours without giving a chance. On Mr Tosetti's joining Sewell another good stand was made, the pair putting on 105 in less than an hour for the fifth wicket. Afterwards Reeves stayed with Sewell until the luncheon interval, when the innings was declared closed. Sewell, although making several lucky strokes, played a fine forcing game and his driving throughout was marked by much power.

Surrey made a disastrous start, three wickets going down for 22 runs, and from this they never recovered. Hayes and Hayward put on 55 for the fourth wicket, but half the side were out for 78. Subsequently Lees and Mr Key made some good strokes, especially the latter, but the rest of the innings needs little description. Hayes played good cricket for his runs, but he was much quieter in his methods than usual.

At the close of the Surrey innings, at 20 minutes to 6, rain, which had been threatening all day, began to fall, and in consequence there was no further cricket.

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

Essex beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by an innings and 196 runs. A good deal of rain had fallen during the night, but there was a drying breeze and, in the absence of sun, the wicket was never really difficult. It is true that the ball wanted careful watching at the start, but the pitch improved as time went on.

Surrey, who were 428 behind on the first innings, were again very uncertain in their batting, for six of the side only got 13 runs between them, while Holland and Hayes, the chief run-getters, were largely indebted to the fieldsmen for their scores. There is no doubt that the altered pace of the wicket had something to do with the indifferent form shown by Surrey, for the ball was frequently in the air out of reach of the fieldsmen; but had Essex made ordinary use of these opportunities their opponents' total would have been considerably reduced.

Surrey made a bad start by losing Hayward and Moulder for 35. Hayes and Lees then put on 49 in 20 minutes for the third wicket, before the latter was out to a good catch at long-on. With Holland in, runs continued to come at a fast rate, and 62 were added in 35 minutes for the next wicket, when Hayes was well caught at long-off.

Just when there seemed to be a chance of Surrey's making a good total, the game turned in favour of Essex, and Goatly, Mr Key, Gooder and Strudwick were all out for the addition of only 15 runs. Mr May then kept in with Holland until the luncheon interval, when the score was 208 for eight wickets. When the game was resumed, however, 25 minutes' play proved sufficient to finish the match.

13 June: WARWICKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6478.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6478.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

Warwickshire gave a fine display of batting at Birmingham yesterday against Lancashire, who were kept in the field for five hours, and then a heavy shower stopped play.

Mr Fishwick was caught at short slip at 16, and Mr Glover was taken by the wicket-keeper running to square leg at 21. Quaife then joined Kinneir, and by cautious cricket they added 62 for the third wicket before the former was out. Mr Byrne was soon dismissed, but Lilley stayed with Kinneir while 157 runs were made for the fifth wicket.

The feature of the day was the batting of Kinneir. He gave a chance which the wicket-keeper and Mr MacLaren both tried for and missed, when he had only made a single, while he offered another catch to Mr Garnett at short slip at 43, but as a whole he played beautiful cricket, his placing to leg and his driving being particularly good.

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

Rain considerably interfered with play in this match at Birmingham yesterday. After Kinneir was out Whittle hit well, and the eighth wicket added 90 runs.

Lancashire had some batting before rain stopped play, and they started badly, losing Mr MacLaren at 28 and Mr Spooner at 77.

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

In spite of heavy rain during the night the wicket at Birmingham was fit for play at the usual time yesterday; but it was soft on the surface and hard underneath, with the result that Lancashire lost their eight outstanding wickets for 62 runs. During the morning Moorhouse bowled very well.

Cuttell, who was the most successful batsman, went in first when Lancashire followed on and, with Mr Spooner, he gave a brilliant display. The pitch had recovered and the first wicket did not fall until the total had reached 157. At the close Lancashire were 16 runs behind with eight wickets in hand.

13 June: YORKSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6479.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6479.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 14 June, page 12)

Although the cricket at times was slow in this match at Sheffield yesterday it was nevertheless interesting. Mr Jackson played the best innings on the Yorkshire side. He and Denton put on 39 for the second wicket, and afterwards Mr Wilkinson and Denton made another very useful stand. The home county had scored 95 for three wickets at the luncheon interval. Subsequently Hirst, Rhodes and Myers all played useful innings. Cox and Relf both bowled well, but Tate, who did not go on until 146 runs had been scored, was the most successful.

The wicket was always fairly easy, and Sussex, having an hour left for batting, started well with Mr Fry and Vine.

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

Following on the excellent start which had been made on Monday, the Sussex batsmen had matters very much their own way in this match at Sheffield yesterday. The scoring was never fast at any time of the day, but Mr C B Fry and K S Ranjitsinhji, playing sound cricket, put Sussex in a position which, at the least, should save their side from defeat.

Mr Fry took no risks and did not give a chance, although he had on one occasion a narrow escape of being run out. K S Ranjitsinhji was at the wickets close upon four hours for his runs, but he should have been caught by Mr Jackson at mid-on when he had made 33.

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

The match between these counties, at Sheffield, ended in a drawn game yesterday. Sussex did not declare their innings closed until their opponents' score had been doubled, and they were unable to dismiss Yorkshire in their second innings. Hirst bowled well early in the day, taking the last four Sussex wickets that fell at the cost of nine runs each.

The Yorkshire batsmen did much better at their second attempt. They lost Tunnicliffe's wicket with only 33 runs scored, but Mr Jackson and Denton added 169 runs for the second wicket. Mr Jackson was missed in the deep field at 71, but otherwise he played excellent cricket.

16 June: ESSEX v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6480.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6480.html))

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

The Rev F H Gillingham's fine innings yesterday, at Leyton, placed Essex in a strong position, as they finished the day 119 runs ahead with two wickets in hand.

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

After the luncheon interval, at Leyton, yesterday, Derbyshire changed a losing game into something like a winning one, for last night Essex had gone in to get 223 in the last innings of the match, and had lost three of their best batsmen very cheaply.

In the early hours, Essex seemed to be pursuing quite an easy course to victory, for they followed up their lead of 122 by dismissing five of the Derbyshire batsmen for 143. Then Cadman, getting much help from Humphries, who was in while 134 were made for the eighth wicket, played the innings of the match.

He began very carefully; but, when things were looking desperate for his side, he forced the game at a fast pace. His innings was played between the fall of the fourth wicket at 87 and the ninth at 343. Cadman has nothing much of a stroke in front of the wicket, but he has a fine cut, and yesterday, playing very late at the ball, he got the majority of his runs through the slips.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 11)

Derbyshire beat Essex at Leyton on Saturday by 39 runs. With four of their best men out for 51, the chances of an Essex victory seemed very small, for they then wanted another 177 runs, but an hour's brilliant batting by Mr Gillingham and Sewell again turned the game in favour of Essex.

There were sundry blunders in the field, and Derbyshire seemed to have thrown away their chances, but Warren, the fast bowler, kept a fine length, also making the ball turn a good deal, and he won the match for his side. It was a fine match for Derbyshire to win, for on Friday with five wickets down in their second innings they were only 21 runs ahead.

16 June: LANCASHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6481.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6481.html))

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

Lancashire batted the whole of the day at Old Trafford yesterday. Mr MacLaren was caught in the slips before a run had been scored, and Tyldesley was out at 16, but afterwards the batsmen held the upper hand.

Mr Spooner started slowly, but he soon settled down and played fine cricket, his driving being quite the feature of his innings. Later on harp hit hard for his runs. The Sussex fielding, as a whole, was not up to a high standard.

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

At Old Trafford yesterday, the home county completed their innings for the addition of a run. Sussex were battling for four hours and a quarter, and they managed to save the follow-on, Leach and Tate making a good stand for the last wicket.

Mr Fry was bowled off his pads at 41, while Killick was the victim of a bumping ball, which went off the shoulder of his bat to third slip. Vine and Mr Newham went at 66, the former being brilliantly caught at mid-on. K S Ranjitsinhji batted an hour and a quarter, and Relf made a great effort for

his side, but it was the last pair of batsmen that saved Sussex. Until he went lame Mr Brearley bowled most effectively.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 11)

This match at Manchester on Saturday ended in a draw. During the game 1,098 runs were scored for 24 wickets, and 457 of these were made on Saturday for the loss of four batsmen.

16 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6482.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6482.html))

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

In the opening day's play in this match at Lord's yesterday Leicestershire kept the M.C.C. and Ground in the field during the whole of the cricket hours and, at the close, they still had five wickets to fall. For their strong position Leicestershire were almost entirely indebted to Knight and King.

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

Leicestershire beat the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's yesterday by an innings and 153 runs. After the Leicestershire innings was finished off, the M.C.C. and Ground did very badly. The wicket was not quite as good as on the first day and at times the ball got up quickly, but although Allsopp bowled very well in the M.C.C. and Ground first innings and Gill and Odell in the condition, there was no real excuse for the batsmen being out twice so cheaply.

It was a good performance by Leicestershire and they seem to be finding their real form. Their bowling is certainly much strengthened by Allsopp, who bowls left hand with an easy action, rather over medium pace. Yesterday, he never looked easy to play, and he got two or three wickets with really good balls.

16 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6483.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6483.html))

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

Nottinghamshire, on a perfect wicket, at Trent-bridge, yesterday, accomplished a hood batting performance, Iremonger again playing a fine innings, and it was chiefly due to him that the side got their large score. The Kent fielding was poor, several chances being missed.

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

At the close of play in this match, at Trent-bridge, yesterday, Kent were left in a bad position. When Nottinghamshire continued their innings, it was obviously their policy to force the game, and Iremonger, Day and Mr Hemingway did this so well that 184 runs were put on in two hours before the last wicket fell. Iremonger was fifth out at 523. He was batting six hours and 40 minutes, and although he was missed four times, he played attractive cricket, his cutting and driving being particularly well-timed.

Owing to an injured knee, John Gunn was unable to assist his side, and against a weakened attack, Hearne, Humphreys and Seymour made a good start for Kent, but they received little support. Humphreys played beautiful cricket for nearly three hours without giving a chance. The Nottinghamshire fielding was very smart and afforded a striking contrast to that of Kent.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 11)

A fine performance was accomplished by the Kent eleven at Trent-bridge on Saturday, for after being in a very bad position on Friday night they easily saved the game.

When their first innings, in which eight wickets had fallen overnight for 240, was continued 116 runs were added. They thus followed on with 246 to get to avoid an innings defeat, and they were at the close 17 runs ahead with six wickets in hand. During the match 1,221 runs were scored for the loss of 24 wickets.

16 June: SURREY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6484.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6484.html))

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

Surrey kept Cambridge in the field all day in this match at the Oval yesterday. The wicket was perfect, and against any bowling the batting side would have been likely to make a large score. As it was, Surrey had an easy task, for the Cambridge bowling, although it is probably not weaker than that of the majority of University elevens of recent years, never looked difficult.

Yesterday Mr McDonell perhaps seemed the most steady bowler on the side and Mr Napier the bowler of the greatest possibilities. As a whole, however, the bowling strength hardly looks sufficient to be likely to get out even a moderate batting side cheaply on a good wicket.

Mr Payne, the Cambridge wicket-keeper, was not playing, and this handicapped the side considerably; but taken all round the fielding was very good. Two or three chances were missed, but Mr Mann caught a fine one-handed catch on the boundary, and Mr Phillips's pick-up and return both in the deep field and at third man make him a fieldsman much above the average.

Hayward played a fine innings for Surrey, but after he was out there was not very much of interest in the batting.

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

Cambridge University batted so indifferently in their first innings at the Oval against the bowling of Gooder and Mr Hadfield that there seemed every probability at one time of the match being finished yesterday. When they went in a second time, however, 293 runs behind, they recovered some of their lost ground and, at the close of play, they required only 87 to save the innings defeat with six wickets in hand.

When the game was continued, the three outstanding Surrey wickets quickly fell, and on Cambridge going in to bat, the bowlers had things much their own way. There was nothing in the pitch to account for their collapse; but from the first wickets fell fast, and Mr Marsh was the only one on the side to offer any serious resistance to the bowling, although Mr Keigwin was batting 85 minutes for his 18. Mr Marsh soon settled down to steady cricket and always looked like making runs. He is a batsman possessed of a good variety of strokes.

On going in a second time, Cambridge again started badly by losing three wickets for 73, but, when things appeared to be going against them, Mr Keigwin was joined by Mr Eyre, and the pair put on 133 for the next wicket. Mr Keigwin again began very slowly, but when once he had passed his 50, he played with much more freedom, and he made some very good strokes on the leg-side. Mr Eyre did not shape well at the beginning of his innings, but later he showed considerable freedom.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 11)

Although Cambridge University did much better in this match at the Oval, on Saturday, they were unable to make up the ground which they had lost in the earlier stages, and they were eventually beaten by five wickets.

When the game was continued nearly all the remaining Cambridge batsmen made runs by free and attractive cricket, and the side were not all out until 237 had been added. Surrey thus required 151 to win, and at one time there appeared just a possible chance that the runs might not be obtained, as

five wickets were down for 84. At this point, however, Mr Burton, who had been playing very steadily, was joined by Hayward, and the necessary runs were scored without further loss.

16 June: WARWICKSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6485.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6485.html))

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

The South Africans gained a slight advantage in this match at Birmingham yesterday, as at the close of play they were only 37 runs behind their opponents' score with four wickets still in hand. They owed a good deal to Mr Tancred, who for two hours played fine cricket.

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

The South Africans gained a victory at Birmingham yesterday, beating Warwickshire by ten wickets. A far closer game had seemed probable from the position of the game overnight, but so good was the batting of the South Africans yesterday morning, that the four outstanding wickets put on 143 runs, a lead of 106 on the first innings being thus obtained. Mr White and Mr Snooke hit brilliantly, putting on 93 in just over an hour.

When Warwickshire went in Kinneir and Mr Glover scored 63 for the second wicket, but most of the batsmen found Mr Kotze's bowling much too fast for them. Mr Glover, who could get very little assistance after Kinneir left, played with great steadiness. The South Africa soon hit off the 42 runs which they required, the match ending at 25 minutes to 6.

16 June: WORCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6486.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6486.html))

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

The Yorkshire eleven gave a brilliant exhibition of batting in this match at Worcester yesterday. A great performance was accomplished by Rhodes; he went in when three wickets had fallen for 77 runs, and he was seventh out with the total at 414. His hitting after he had reached three figures was remarkably fine, and he made his last 46 runs in 20 minutes.

Denton, who also played brilliantly, helped Rhodes to put on 129 runs for the fourth wicket, and when Rhodes and Haigh were together 132 were added. Worcestershire were handicapped by the inability of Arnold to bowl in the afternoon owing to slight illness.

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

The Worcestershire eleven were in difficulties for the greater part of yesterday in their match with Yorkshire, at Worcester. Towards the end of the day, however, their position was considerably improved by the batting of Bowley and Pearson.

Yorkshire had lost nine wickets on Thursday for 447, and with the third ball sent down yesterday the innings came to an end. Worcestershire had to bat without Arnold, who, owing to illness, has had to retire from the match. They made a very bad start, five wickets going down in three-quarters of an hour for 44 runs. Mr H K Foster, who had useful assistance from Mr Isaac and Bird, effected a great improvement in the score. Playing chiefly a defensive game while making his first 50, Mr Foster afterwards hit brilliantly.

Being 236 runs behind, Worcestershire had to follow on. Bowley and Pearson, this time, gave a sound exhibition of batting, and kept together until stumps were drawn. After their hard work in the field the Yorkshire bowlers were not so effective, but the bowling never got loose. Worcestershire are now only 82 runs behind, and in Arnold's absence they have nine wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 20 June, page 11)

By a good display of defensive batting, Worcestershire succeeded in making a draw with Yorkshire at Worcester on Saturday.

Monday 20 June, page 11: AN ENGLAND ELEVEN v THE SOUTH AFRICANS

The following have accepted invitations to play for the England Eleven at Lord's on July 14: - Mr G MacGregor (captain), K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr C B Fry, Mr G L Jessop, Mr P F Warner, Mr W H B Evans, Knight and John Gunn.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: restricted to averages of 25 or more]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	17	1248	226	2	83.20
Mr R H Spooner	13	835	125	2	75.90
Tyldesley	12	701	210	2	70.10
Iremonger	14	872	272	1	67.07
K S Ranjitsinhji	10	458	148	2	58.75
The Hon F S Jackson	9	439	158	1	54.87
Knight	19	825	203	3	51.56
Rhodes	15	655	196	2	50.38
Mr J E Raphael	10	488	201	0	48.80
Mr L J Tancred	9	381	106	1	47.62
Quaife	13	520	200*	2	47.27
Carpenter	13	589	199	0	45.30
Hirst	15	655	153	0	43.66
Mr A O Jones	15	601	113	1	42.92
Kinneir	12	467	152	1	42.45
Mr H K Foster	15	611	118	0	40.73
Mr F Mitchell	13	441	102*	2	40.09
Bowley	15	561	153	1	40.07
Coe	13	400	103	3	40.00
Mr L G Wright	14	529	139	0	37.78
Mr P Perrin	14	491	190	1	37.76
Mr L O S Poidevin	15	526	103	1	37.67
Denton	17	634	87	0	37.29
J Gunn	15	519	95	1	37.07
Sewell	18	630	181	1	37.05
Mr G W Beldam	12	440	140	0	36.66
Mr C McGahey	16	547	173	1	35.46
Cuttell	10	291	118	2	35.37
James Seymour	16	533	136*	1	35.53
Hayward	23	744	123	2	35.42
Mr F B Wilson	11	353	75	1	35.30
Humphreys	16	504	131	1	33.60
Captain E G Wynyard	15	504	147	0	33.60
Lilley	13	434	88	0	33.38
Mr E S Phillips	9	299	107	0	33.22
Whittle	10	294	104	1	32.66
Mr K R B Fry	11	356	129	0	32.36
Mr P F Warner	10	283	54	1	31.44
Dr E M Ashcroft	12	375	111	0	31.25
Pearson	10	280	69	1	31.11
King	18	485	128	2	30.31
Mr L J Moon	12	262	162	0	30.16

Tarrant	13	331	84*	2	30.08
Mr C J B Wood	19	509	110	2	29.94
Mr R P Keigwin	13	328	85	2	29.81
Lord Hawke	14	297	100*	4	29.70
Wheldon	15	348	68	3	29.99
Mr C A Ollivierre	14	393	91	0	28.07
Mr T S Fishwick	12	234	70	0	27.83
Tunnickliffe	16	434	119	0	27.12
Wrathall	18	485	88	0	26.94
Hayes	25	662	80	0	26.48
Mr C H Eyre	15	397	80	0	26.46
Whitehead	15	344	62*	2	26.46
Storer	14	340	110	1	26.15
Mr M Hathorn	14	362	117	0	25.85
Mr J H Sinclair	12	302	65	0	25.66
Dr W G Grace	16	373	71	0	24.86

[Note: others averaging over 20 - Haigh 24.83, Mr A C MacLaren 24.72, Anthony 24.08, Mr G L Jessop 24.00, Mr G Curgenvin 23.92, Arnold 23.00, Mr F E Thomas 22.92, Braund 22.55, Mr V F S Crawford 22.38, Mr F L Fane 22.23, Reeves 22.20, Killick 21.94, Mr W A Shalders 21.75, Mr B J T Bosanquet 21.15.]

BOWLING [Note: restricted to averages of 25 or less.]

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J T Hearne	412.5	108	953	71	13.56
Cuttell	379	128	786	51	15.01
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	247.1	58	739	45	16.42
Blythe	338.5	93	885	53	16.69
Hallows	293.1	91	707	42	16.83
Fielder	263.3	62	714	42	17.00
Mr J J Kotze	289.5	69	825	48	17.18
Mr B J T Bosanquet	187	26	546	31	17.61
Mr G G Napier	270.5	70	758	43	17.62
Allsopp	205.1	54	578	32	18.06
Mr W W Odell	409.3	124	1034	56	18.46
Wass	480	117	1210	65	18.61
W C Smith	303.5	74	835	44	18.97
Haigh	249.1	62	675	35	19.28
Tate	251	67	715	37	19.32
Reeves	270	51	817	42	19.45
Huggins	299.4	77	837	43	19.46
Mr W Brearley	313	44	997	51	19.54
Mr H C McDonell	264.2	56	682	35	19.77
Hirst	320.2	78	974	48	20.29
Arnold	351	62	918	45	20.40
John Gunn	469.4	153	1068	52	20.53
Bird	206.4	41	559	27	20.70
Mr J H Sinclair	241.2	51	854	41	20.82
Lees	512.4	138	1257	60	20.95
Dennett	310.3	68	914	41	22.29
Moorhouse	228.5	59	672	30	22.40
Cox	631.3	140	1310	57	22.93
Bestwick	317.5	70	988	43	23.20
Relf	418.2	121	959	41	23.35
King	475.1	124	1232	51	24.15
Warren	270	35	958	39	24.56

[Note: others averaging under 30 - Braund 26.48, Rhodes 26.96, Trott 28.58, Hargreave 29.00.]

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	9	6	0	3	6	100.00
Leicestershire	7	3	1	3	2	50.00
Nottinghamshire	9	5	2	2	3	42.85
Yorkshire	9	2	1	6	1	33.33
Kent	7	3	2	2	1	20.00
Sussex	10	3	2	5	1	20.00
Middlesex	8	2	2	2	2	0.00
Derbyshire	6	2	2	2	2	0.00
Surrey	10	3	5	2	-2	-25.00
Worcestershire	6	1	2	3	-1	-33.33
Warwickshire	5	1	2	2	-1	-33.33
Essex	8	2	4	2	-2	-33.33
Gloucestershire	7	1	3	3	-2	-50.00
Somerset	5	1	4	0	-3	-60.00
Hampshire	4	0	3	1	-3	-100.00

20 June: DERBYSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6487.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6487.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Warwickshire did fairly well in this match at Glossop yesterday, but their score would have been smaller had the fieldsmen accepted all their chances.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

This match was continued yesterday at Glossop.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

Following up in good style the advantage which they had gained on Tuesday, Derbyshire beat Warwickshire, at Glossop yesterday, by an innings and 24 runs. Wanting 192 to avoid a single innings defeat Warwickshire, up to a certain point, did fairly well, both Quaife and Kinneir staying in for an hour and three-quarters.

20 June: ESSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6488.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6488.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Yorkshire had the better of yesterday's cricket, at Leyton, for they finished within 54 of the Essex score for the loss of only two wickets.

Essex did not make the most of the advantage of first innings on an excellent pitch and, after a fairly good start, their batting broke down. By far the best work was done by Mr Fane, but when he had gone the batting deteriorated. Yorkshire dropped no catches, but their ground work was not always so good as one usually expects from the side.

In bowling Rhodes at last came off again; he kept a beautiful length and there was something of the old sting in the way he came from the pitch. His good performance yesterday will be generally welcomed by those who were beginning to think that his bowling had been supplanted by his batting skill.

When Yorkshire went in there was a success for Wainwright. He and Denton played remarkably well after the latter had been missed at the beginning of his innings. They became partners at 80 and played out time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

The Yorkshire eleven played a strong winning game throughout yesterday, at Leyton, and at the close of play Essex with half their side out in the second innings were still ten runs behind.

When Yorkshire continued their innings Wainwright batted steadily, while Hirst played in his own characteristic style and rarely missed dealing thoroughly with anything in the bowling that was the least short.

When Essex went in 162 behind Mr Fane again batted excellently, and with 100 up and only two men out they seemed likely to make a hard fight. But the last half-hour saw Yorkshire increase their advantage.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

Yorkshire beat Essex at Leyton yesterday by nine wickets. The position of the game overnight left little hope for the home side, who, with five men out, were then ten runs short of the Yorkshire score. Reeves drove extremely well, but no one else did anything much, and Yorkshire had only 56 to get in the last innings.

Mr Wilkinson and Tunnicliffe made 54 of these, although the former was very lucky in some of his strokes through the slips, and then Denton came in and made the winning hit.

20 June: KENT v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6489.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6489.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Pleasant weather was associated with the opening of the Tonbridge week yesterday, when Lancashire, who were the visiting team, started badly; and with four wickets down for 90 the prospect of their making a good score was not bright.

Mr Garnett, however, then played a good innings, and with Sharp put on 97 for the fifth wicket in an hour. After Mr Garnett was out Sharp continued as a whole to play excellent cricket. He had the luck to be missed twice in one over, first by Huish at 73 and again by Harrison, at third man, at 79, but these were the only mistakes which he made. Both Hallows and Cuttell scored freely and in the end a good total was obtained.

The Kent fielding was rather lifeless and the bowlers tired in the afternoon. Kent had an hour's batting before the close.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

When this match was continued at Tonbridge yesterday, Kent did badly for a time, but some fine batting by Mr Dillon and Mr Marsham went far to retrieve their position. In the end the Kent total only fell five short of that of their opponents.

On going in a second time, Tyldesley played very well for Lancashire.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

Lancashire beat Kent at Tonbridge yesterday by 107 runs. The wicket was not quite so good as on the first two days, but the condition of the pitch was not an adequate excuse for the rapid fall of Kent's wickets when they went in to get 233 to win in the last innings.

20 June: MIDDLESEX v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6490.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6490.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Middlesex in this match at Lord's yesterday for a time fared very badly against Mr Kotze, who was bowling his fastest. The home side had two wickets down for no runs, and they ought to have lost Tarrant's wicket when he had scored one, for he was badly missed. Subsequently, however, he, first with Mr Warner and then with Mr Bosanquet, improved matters, but at lunch time Middlesex had seven wickets down for 123 runs.

Up to this the cricket had not been particularly interesting, but after the interval Mr Bosanquet, who had started badly, gave one of the finest hitting displays seen at Lord's this year. He made his hundred in a little over an hour and a quarter, his last 50 taking only 25 minutes. Altogether, Middlesex put on 149 runs after lunch in under an hour. Mr Kotze, up to lunch time, had got five wickets and had bowled very finely, but after that he met with no further success.

The South Africans began their innings with Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders, who put on 66. They both made their runs by a variety of good strokes in both sides of the wicket. Mr Hathorn's batting was principally noticeable for his good cutting. As the game stands at present the South Africans, with six wickets in hand, are 102 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

When the South Africans continued their innings at Lord's yesterday Mr Mitchell and Mr Llewellyn increased the score by 61 runs by fine free cricket before they were parted. Llewellyn's innings was a particularly bright one, his off-driving and cutting being very fine. In the end the South Africans gained a lead of 15 runs on the first innings.

On going in a second time Mr Warner, Mr Bosanquet, Mr Nicholls and Trott all hit hard and played attractive cricket for their runs. Mr Schwarz bowled exceedingly well for the South Africans.

Requiring 211 runs to win, the South Africans began their second innings with Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders. The visitors, however, quickly lost two wickets, and as the game now stands they require 159 runs to win with eight wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

After a very exciting finish this match ended at Lord's yesterday in a tie. With seven wickets down for 197 and only 14 runs more wanted to win, the South Africans seemed assured of success, but Trott, bowling in his very best form, quickly accounted for the three remaining batsmen, and the match ended as stated above.

The game was resumed yesterday by Mr Tancred and Mr Halliwell, who added 36 runs to the total. Mr Tancred's innings was a fine one, in which were included a number of good hits on both sides of the wicket, and his batting was especially noticeable for some brilliant cutting between point and cover-point. Llewellyn also played some fine cricket, his placing and hitting on the leg side being very good.

Middlesex backed up Trott's fine bowling by some particularly keen fielding, and Mr Warner showed judgment in the way in which he kept changing his bowling at the critical moments of the game.

20 June: SURREY v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6491.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6491.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Oxford University batted well in the first day's play of this match at the Oval yesterday, and at the close they held a strong position. The University eleven certainly had every chance of making runs,

for the game was begun on a typical Oval wicket, on which the ball did nothing except come along easily, while the Surrey bowling was weak and the fielding, with certain exceptions, very poor.

It was a good batting performance, however, for the score was not in any way the result of the work of one or two men. Eight of the team got over 20, and the side as a whole gave the impression that, on a fast wicket at any rate, they should be capable of making a great many runs against considerably better bowling than they had to play yesterday.

Mr Evans's innings, or at any rate that part of it which was played before luncheon, was perhaps the best of the day; but several of the others batted well, and Mr Norris showed that he is a player possessed of a fairly sound defence, who can make runs all round the wicket, although he has no particularly brilliant strokes. Of the bowlers Gooder, who had to do the greater part of the work, seemed the most difficult, and many of the batsmen were not quite sound with his off ball.

Surrey had a short time for batting, but neither Mr Martin nor Mr Burn, who went on first and bowled quite well, nor Mr Evans and Mr Ernsthause, who had an over or two just before the close, could get a wicket.

#### THE OXFORD ELEVEN

Mr W S Bird has been given his blue.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

In the second day's play in this match at the Oval, yesterday, Surrey, by some consistent batting, passed the Oxford total for the loss of seven wickets, and in the end they were able to claim a lead of 21 on the first innings.

Although nine of the side got double figures, Surrey were chiefly indebted to Hayward and Mr Harper for their large score. The Oxford fielding as a whole was good, while of the bowlers Mr Ernsthause, although meeting with no success, was by far the steadiest, and Mr Martin seemed to be the most dangerous. During the innings Mr Norris in stopping a hard drive injured his hand and had to retire.

Oxford had a quarter of an hour's batting at the end of the day, and when stumps were drawn they were seven runs behind with nine wickets in hand.

#### THE OXFORD ELEVEN

Only one place in the Oxford Eleven to play against Cambridge, at Lord's next week, remained to be filled, and yesterday Mr O T Norris was given his blue.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

With the wicket remaining true to the end there was never really much chance at the Oval yesterday of bringing this match to a definite result, and stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

When Oxford continued their innings they gave a very fine display, and they increased their score by 322 in three hours and a quarter by some magnificent hitting. Oxford not only proved themselves to be a good side on a hard wicket, but they showed that they could play a forcing game, when required, to great advantage, for, considering the rate at which the runs were made there were singularly few bad strokes.

Mr Evans and Mr Awdry laid the foundation of their good total by putting on 113 for the third wicket in 70 minutes, while at such a fast rate did the runs come at one time that they increased the score from 50 to 100 in a quarter of an hour. There was also another good partnership between Mr Raphael and Mr McIver for the fifth wicket, which produced 110 in 65 minutes. Mr Raphael, who went in third wicket down, was ninth out at 336 to a catch at extra-cover-point after only batting two hours for his runs.

Surrey went in a second time 315 runs behind just before 4 o'clock, but the cricket for some time was very dull, and it was only in the last hour that runs came with any freedom. The Oxford fielding was again good, although, at times, the return was rather erratic.

20 June: SUSSEX v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6492.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6492.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

A capital first-wicket partnership by Mr Fry and Vine was the foundation of the big score made by Sussex against Cambridge at Brighton yesterday. The pair put on 220 in two hours and ten minutes, and in spite of this high rate of scoring the runs were made without any mistakes.

Mr Fry was at last caught at mid-on after batting two hours and a half. When he was out the bowling, which had appeared so easy to him and Vine, offered considerable difficulties to Mr Smith and Relf. Killick, however, while not giving one of his best displays, scored with some facility and made 60 out of 69. Subsequently Mr Read, who was tried on several occasions without success last year by Hampshire, Mr Newham and Leach all batted well.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

The rapid scoring which has marked the progress of the Sussex innings at Brighton on Monday was continued yesterday, 106 being added for the last two wickets in an hour.

With the exception of Mr Mann and Mr Wilson the University gave a very moderate display. Following on 336 behind, Cambridge started badly, four wickets being down for 55. Mr Mann again showed good form, and with Mr K R B Fry 66 were added for the fifth wicket. At the close, however, Cambridge still required 208 runs to avoid the single innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 23 June, page 11)

An hour and 25 minutes' play was sufficient to bring this match at Brighton to an end yesterday, Sussex winning by an innings and 93 runs.

Overnight Cambridge had scored 128 for five wickets and, continuing, the not outs, Mr K R B Fry and Mr Phillips, added 55 in 40 minutes. Eight wickets, however, were down for 191, and although Mr Hopley and Mr May offered some little receive, an innings victory for the home side was never in doubt. Mr Wilson was indisposed and went in last.

20 June: WORCESTERSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6493.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6493.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 21 June, page 12)

Mr Palairet gave a wonderful batting display at Worcester yesterday. So far he has been in for a little under three hours, and in spite of his fast scoring he has not given a chance. His timing has been perfect and throughout his innings his placing has been very fine. As usual, his driving, both to off and to the on, has been marked by great power, and his cutting has been far more varied than usual.

With Braund he put on 119 for the first wicket, with Lewis 104 for the second, and with Robson 72 for the fifth. No one else gave him much assistance, but still Somerset have gained a lead of 140, with three wickets in hand.

Worcestershire could make little of the bowling of Braund, and they were out in the course of two hours and a half.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 22 June, page 14)

Worcestershire were so completely outplayed by Somerset at Worcester yesterday that by 1 o'clock they had lost the match by an innings and 114 runs. This remarkable result was due to the brilliant innings of Mr Palairet being followed by some effective bowling by Braund and Cranfield.

When Worcestershire went in a second time Cranfield bowled Bowley, Mr Foster and Wheldon for 16. At this stage Braund began to get wickets, and the pair had the batsmen so completely at their mercy that the innings was all over in an hour.

Thursday 23 June, page 11: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

Hirst, Rhodes, Tyldesley and Denton have been invited to assist the Players against the Gentlemen at Lord's on Monday, July 4.

23 June: KENT v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6494.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6494.html))

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

Kent did remarkably well at Tonbridge yesterday in the second match of the week, and they were batting until nearly 6 o'clock. Alec Hearne played a most correct innings, going in first and carrying his bat. Humphreys also batted very well, while Mr Blaker's driving was brilliant; there were 11 fours in his 53.

In the last half hour of the day Gloucestershire made a bad start.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

Kent beat Gloucestershire at Tonbridge, yesterday, by nine wickets. The pitch was a trifle fiery, and Gloucestershire never looked like recovering from the bad start of Thursday night.

23 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6495.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6495.html))

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

Runs were obtained very freely at Leicester yesterday, but considering that Knight and Mr Wood added 146 in an hour and three-quarters for the second wicket, Leicestershire did not put together a very large score.

Mr V F S Crawford hit so hard that his partnership with Knight realized 69 in half an hour. At the close of play, Hampshire were 273 behind, with nine wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

Up to a certain point at Leicester yesterday Hampshire made a good fight, but the later batsmen failed, and when the day's play came to an end Leicestershire held a strong advantage, being 331 runs ahead with three wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 June, page 14)

Leicestershire beat Hampshire, at Leicester, on Saturday, by 219 runs. The showery weather spoiled the wicket and with it any chance Hampshire might have had of saving themselves from defeat.

23 June: LONDON COUNTY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6496.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6496.html))

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

The feature of the cricket at the Crystal Palace yesterday was the batting of Mr Sinclair and Mr Hathorn. At the close of play London County were 212 behind with four wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

The South Africans beat London County at the Crystal Palace yesterday by ten wickets.

23 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6497.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6497.html))

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

This match was begun yesterday at Lord's in fine weather. Cambridge went in to bat on practically a perfect wicket, but they made an indifferent start, losing three good wickets for 27; and although Mr Keigwin and Mr Phillips improved matters somewhat, half the side were out for 63.

Mr Wilson then came in, but after he had made 21 in beautiful style the heat was too much for him and he was compelled to retire. Later in the innings Mr Payne hit out brilliantly all round the wicket and, as he received useful support from Mr Napier, the score eventually reached good proportions.

At the close of play the M.C.C. and Ground were 145 runs behind with four wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

This match was brought to a conclusion at Lord's yesterday, the home side gaining a brilliant victory by nine wickets. Overnight the M.C.C. and Ground had lost six wickets for 128, and when play was continued, the innings was quickly finished off for the addition of 21 runs.

On going in a second time the University were handicapped by the indisposition of Mr Wilson, but they made but a poor show against the bowling of Tarrant and Hearne. Mr Eyre played well for his runs, while Mr McDonell and Mr Payne put on 53 for the seventh wicket.

The M.C.C. and Ground had to make 277 to win, but K S Ranjitsinhji and Captain Wynyard made such a brilliant start that 237 were scored before they were separated. K S Ranjitsinhji gave a magnificent display, and he made his runs by fine hitting all round the wicket, practically without a mistake.

23 June: SURREY v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6498.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6498.html))

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

The opening day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday resulted in Lancashire's gaining a lead of 34 on the first innings. After having dismissed Lancashire for a comparatively small score in the circumstances, there seemed every prospect of Surrey's holding the better position at the close of play; but they gave a very poor display. It is true that the Lancashire bowling was invariably a

good length, but there appeared to be little in the wicket to account for the way in which they struggled for their runs.

When Lancashire went in wickets fell fast, and half the side were out for 82, while at lunch eight wickets were down for 130. After the interval Mr Hornby and Phillips by bright cricket added 43 in 15 minutes before they were separated. Although seven of the side made double figures there was little in the batting worthy of comment. Tyldesley played sound cricket, while Mr Garnett played a few good strokes, but the most attractive innings to watch was that of Mr Hornby.

Surrey made a disastrous start, from which they were unable to recover. Nearly all the batsmen adopted defensive tactics, and in consequence the cricket was very slow; in fact, Davis was the only one on the side to play with any freedom. Baker, who was fortunate to be missed at 14, was in two hours and 50 minutes for his runs.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

There was a keen day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, and at one time Surrey appeared to be in a bad way; but some good batting by Hayward and Baker in the last two hours of the day went far to retrieve their position, and at the close of play they had very little the worst of the game.

Lancashire began their second innings with a lead of 34, and so freely did the runs come that there seemed every probability of their making a large score, as at lunch time they had got 192 for three wickets. When the game was continued, however, Mr MacLaren, Sharp and Mr Hornby were soon out; but chiefly through the batting of Mr Poidevin and Hallows the total eventually reached good proportions. It was not at all a bad performance on Surrey's part to have got rid of such a strong batting side as Lancashire for the runs, as they were severely handicapped by the inability of Lees to bowl, except early in the innings, owing to an injured hand.

Mr Garnett and Hallows played splendid cricket, and their batting was chiefly marked by good cutting and placing on the leg-side, while Mr Poidevin and Tyldesley, who was lucky to be missed at slip when he had scored 15, made their runs by a good variety of strokes.

Surrey went in at half-past 4, requiring 337 to win, and so well did Hayward and Baker bat that they were not separated until just before the close of play. Neither of them made any attempt to force the game, but they always appeared to hold the upper hand. When stumps were drawn Surrey required 234 to win with nine wickets in hand, so that provided there is no rain there is every prospect of an interesting finish to-day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 June, page 14)

After a keen fight, Lancashire beat Surrey at the Oval, on Saturday, by 70 runs. The game had been left on Friday in such an interesting position that there was every prospect of a very close finish, but unfortunately for Surrey rain turned a possible victory into almost a certain defeat. Nevertheless the closing stage was not without its anxieties for Lancashire, for at one time Surrey appeared to have the game well in hand; but more rain fell during the luncheon interval and afterwards, and the wicket became treacherous.

At the beginning of the day Hayward and Hayes adapted themselves splendidly to the altered conditions of the wicket, which, although much slower than before, was not very difficult, as the ball could not do its work quickly. Both played very steadily, and the score was taken to 194 before Hayes was out.

At lunch time the total was 206 for two wickets, so that Surrey had every right to feel satisfied with their position. When play was continued, however, it was quickly seen that Surrey would have to fight very hard for runs. Huddleston and Hallows made full use of the opportunities, and were backed up by some magnificent fielding, and the Surrey innings was finished off at a quarter-past 4 for another 60 runs, Huddleston taking five wickets for 21 and Hallows three for 30.

Hayward, who was sixth out at 236, played a wonderful innings for his side, and the value of his batting could not be over-estimated. His runs were made in about four hours, and as time was of no object, he played sound defensive cricket without practically making a bad stroke, while he did not fail to punish the right ball. His placing on the leg-side and his driving to the off were wonderfully accurate.

In the circumstances, Surrey did very well, and they are to be congratulated on making such a splendid fight against a side undoubtedly stronger than themselves.

23 June: SUSSEX v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6499.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6499.html))

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

With the conditions in favour of run-getting, cricket at Brighton yesterday was surprisingly slow, 289 being scored during the five hours and a quarter that play was in progress.

Oxford started disastrously by losing Mr Raphael and Mr McIver with five scored, and half the side were out for 58. Mr Carlisle and Mr Bird, however, then made a stand, and they added 68 in an hour and a quarter before they were separated.

On the excellent wicket Oxford's performance appeared extremely moderate, but the Sussex batsmen seemed to encounter a similar difficulty in scoring. At the close of play Sussex, with half their wickets to fall, were 29 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

At a time when the game was going adversely for Oxford, five wickets being down in their second innings and a single of the 110 arrears still to be cleared off, a partnership between Mr Evans and Mr Branston so changed the position that at the close of play Oxford without further loss held a lead of 131.

Mr Evans, who came in at the fall of the second wicket, during the early part of his innings found run-getting far from easy. Afterwards, however, he drove in brilliant style. While he and Mr Branston were together 132 were added in an hour and 40 minutes. Mr Raphael batted well, but he never appeared to obtain a real mastery over the bowling.

On the Sussex side Vine played the best cricket; he hit well all round the wicket, but he was particularly clean and safe in his strokes to leg.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 June, page 14)

Sussex beat Oxford University at Brighton on Saturday by six wickets. Rain fell early in the morning, but when play was continued the wicket, under the influence of a strong drying wind, appeared to be little affected.

The five outstanding Oxford wickets, however, added only 22 runs to the overnight total. The fine partnership of Mr Evans and Mr Branston was terminated after 137 runs had been made for the sixth wicket.

Sussex were set 154 to win, and after Mr Fry, Killick and Relf were dismissed for 69 Vine and Mr Brann placed the issue beyond doubt by putting on 81 for the fourth wicket.

13 June: YORKSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6500.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6500.html))

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

This match was begun at Hull yesterday. The feature of the cricket was a fine innings by Mr L C H Palaret. Mr Johnson also batted in capital style. For some time afterwards runs came slowly, but Mr F M Lee and Robson added 50 in an hour.

When Yorkshire went in, Mr H Wilkinson and Denton were out for 59 runs, but Mr Jackson and Tunnickliffe then played out time. At the close, with eight wickets to fall, Yorkshire were 222 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 25 June, page 15)

The Yorkshire eleven accomplished a good performance at Hull yesterday. Mr Jackson and Tunnickliffe put on 118 runs for the third wicket. Mr Jackson played splendid cricket throughout, his cutting and driving being the feature of his innings. Tunnickliffe was also in good form, while Hirst, who was very lame, scored freely.

Somerset, who were 26 behind on the first innings, started well on going in a second time, Mr Palairet and Braund making 41 runs in half an hour. When rain stopped play Somerset were 81 runs on with six wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 27 June, page 14)

In this match, at Hull, on Saturday, Yorkshire beat Somerset by seven wickets. Play was considerably interfered with by rain during the closing stages of the game, but the wicket was not much affected, and the match was finished with upwards of an hour to spare.

Having already lost four of their best batsmen for 107 runs, Somerset quickly did badly, and they could do very little with the bowling of Haigh, who was helped by grand work in the field.

Yorkshire had to make 151 to win. Mr Jackson and Mr H Wilkinson scored 26 for the first wicket, and a determined innings by Tunnickliffe further paved the way for the home county's success.

Saturday 25 June, page 15: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

Rhodes and Denton have accepted the invitations to play for the Players against the Gentlemen at 1d on Monday week, but Hirst, owing to lameness, has felt compelled to decline.

Monday 27 June, page 14: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

#### BATTING

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	20	1438	226	2	79.88
K S Ranjitsinhji	12	891	166*	3	76.77
Iremonger	14	372	232	1	67.07
Tyldesley	16	828	210	2	65.28
Mr R H Spooner	17	890	126	2	59.33
The Hon F S Jackson	11	543	168	1	54.30
Knight	21	977	203	3	54.27
Mr L C H Palairet	13	699	203	0	53.16
Mr J E Raphael	14	733	201	0	52.35
Hirst	18	835	153	2	52.18
Quaife	15	605	200*	2	45.53
Carpenter	13	589	199	0	45.30
Rhodes	17	676	158	2	45.06
Mr L J Tancred	12	489	106	1	44.45
Hayward	27	1045	128	3	43.54
Mr A O Jones	15	601	113	1	42.92
Sharp	13	417	104*	3	41.70
Cuttell	12	374	128	3	41.55
Kinneir	14	530	152	1	40.75
Denton	21	764	87	2	40.21

Mr F Mitchell	15	517	102*	2	39.76
Mr F B Wilson	14	435	75	3	39.54
Mr L G Wright	15	591	139	0	39.40
J Gunn	15	519	95	1	37.07
Mr H K Foster	17	629	118	0	37.00
Mr G W Beldam	12	440	140	0	36.65
Bowley	17	582	153	1	35.87
Bowell	20	630	181	1	35.78
Coe	15	425	103	3	35.41
Mr L O S Poidevin	19	631	103	1	35.05
Mr P Perrin	16	525	190	1	35.00
James Seymour	20	609	135*	2	33.83
Lilley	15	500	88	0	33.33
Mr C McGahey	18	502	173	1	33.05
Llewellyn	13	363	63*	2	33.00
Mr C J B Wood	21	618	110	2	32.52
Humphreys	20	615	131	1	32.36
Mr P F Warner	12	356	54	1	32.27
Dr E M Ashcroft	13	405	111	0	31.23
Mr M Hathorn	17	526	130	0	30.94
Mr J F Marsh	12	339	118	1	30.81
Lord Hawke	15	335	100*	4	30.45
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Captain E G Wynyard	17	613	147	0	30.16
Tunnicliffe	20	601	119	0	30.06
Storer	15	418	110	1	29.85
H Whitehead	17	416	62*	3	29.71
Vine	25	653	124	3	29.68
Mr K R B Fry	15	443	129	0	29.53
Mr L J Moon	12	352	152	0	29.33
Mr C A Ollivierre	15	435	91	0	29.00
King	20	518	128	2	28.77
Hayes	29	601	80	1	28.50
Mr E S Phillips	13	370	107	0	28.46
Mr J H Sinclair	15	412	103	0	27.46
Mr F L Fane	15	411	82	0	27.40
Mr B J T Bosanquet	17	437	110	1	27.31
Mr H G Garnett	13	322	70	1	26.83
Hallows	13	218	85	1	26.50
Wrathall	20	529	88	0	26.45
Mr G Curgenven	14	370	95	0	26.42
Mr R P Keigwin	17	357	85	2	25.80
Haigh	16	260	84	2	25.71
Wheldon	17	360	63	3	25.71
Mr T S Fishwick	14	354	70	0	25.28
Mr G L Jessop	15	379	87	0	25.26
Mr M W Payne	17	350	102*	3	25.00

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cuttell	423	143	552	57	14.94
J T Hearne	520.5	140	1246	81	15.38
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	307.1	73	821	53	17.37
Mr J J Kotze	354.1	78	1101	63	17.47
Hallows	410	127	938	50	17.69
Mr W W Odell	438.3	135	1091	60	18.18
Blythe	424.5	110	1178	62	18.19
Wass	480	117	1210	65	18.61
W C Smith	303.5	74	835	44	18.97
Allsopp	244.1	62	707	37	19.10
Haigh	334.1	81	907	47	19.29
Tate	251	57	715	37	19.32
Mr G G Napier	208.5	75	871	45	19.36
Fielder	354.2	74	1029	54	19.61

Cranfield	276.3	44	733	37	19.81
Lees	542	144	1351	67	20.16
Mr H C McDonell	295.2	62	793	39	20.33
Reeves	300.4	58	918	45	20.33
Mr J W H T Douglas	179.4	36	550	27	20.37
Fairservice	205.2	47	614	52	20.46
J Gunn	469.4	153	1068	52	20.53
Mr W Brearley	412.3	83	1291	62	20.82
Mr B J T Bosanquet	218	30	776	37	20.97
Hirst	420.2	83	1114	53	21.01
Dennett	360	81	1021	48	21.27
Relf	465.2	135	1052	48	21.91
Arnold	363	83	987	45	21.93
Mr J H Sinclair	273	58	968	44	21.95
Cox	598.4	170	1480	68	22.57
Warren	334.5	56	1087	48	22.64
Huggins	351.4	97	979	43	22.76
Braund	437.3	68	1528	66	23.15
Buckenham	264.2	56	746	33	23.31
Moorhouse	253.1	63	751	32	23.46
Bestwick	384.5	89	1173	46	23.83
King	497.4	127	1302	54	24.11
Rhodes	469.2	135	1069	43	24.86
Trott	344.2	63	1212	47	25.78
Gooder	210.3	40	694	25	27.76
Hargreave	438.5	117	1137	37	30.72

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	11	8	0	3	8	100.00
Leicestershire	8	4	1	3	3	60.00
Yorkshire	11	4	1	6	3	60.00
Nottinghamshire	9	5	2	2	3	42.85
Derbyshire	7	3	2	2	1	20.00
Sussex	10	3	2	5	1	20.00
Kent	9	4	3	2	1	14.28
Middlesex	6	2	2	2	0	0.00
Surrey	11	3	6	2	-3	-33.33
Somerset	7	2	5	0	-3	-42.85
Essex	9	2	5	2	-3	-42.85
Worcestershire	7	1	3	3	-2	-60.00
Warwickshire	6	1	3	2	-2	-60.00
Gloucestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Hampshire	5	0	4	1	-4	-100.00

27 June: DERBYSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6501.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6501.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

Nottinghamshire had the better of the first day's play in this match at Chesterfield yesterday, and at the close Derbyshire with five wickets to fall were still 200 runs behind.

For their score Nottinghamshire were chiefly indebted to Iremonger, who made nearly half the runs. He received valuable help from Day, and while these two were together runs came at a good pace.

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

Some sensational bowling was seen in this match at Chesterfield yesterday. In the Nottinghamshire second innings, Warren got the last four wickets for two runs, and when Derbyshire went in for the second time before the close, John Gunn in his first over got out Mr Wright, Mr Ollivierre and Storer with successive balls.

Out of the seven wickets which fell Wass took three for 10 runs and J Gunn four for five. There was nothing except failing light to account for Derbyshire's extraordinary collapse.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 June, page 12)

Nottinghamshire beat Derbyshire, at Chesterfield yesterday, by 330 runs. The home county's inexplicable collapse on Tuesday afternoon left them in such a hopeless position that very little interest attached to the closing stages of the match. It was left to the last wicket, which added 15, to make the largest stand of the innings.

27 June: LANCASHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6502.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6502.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

A powerful sun yesterday, following a heavy rainstorm on Sunday, made the wicket at Old Trafford decidedly difficult, and for some time Somerset, who batted first, had a hard struggle. Braund should have been caught by Mr Poidevin before a run had been scored, while Mr Palairet was quite uncomfortable.

The total had, however, been taken to 35 when Mr Hornby, by a wonderful one-handed catch at extra-cover, got out Mr Palairet. Smart fielding dismissed Lewis, Robson and Braund, four wickets being down for 45. Mr Woods and Mr Martin, favoured by a little luck, put on 91 for the fifth wicket, but the remaining five wickets fell for 50 runs.

Mr MacLaren and Mr Spooner started so freely for Lancashire that they made 52 in 25 minutes before the latter was caught in the deep field. Although Tyldesley began somewhat erratically, he and Mr MacLaren settled down to a fine and faultless game. The Somerset total was passed after the innings had lasted for an hour and 50 minutes, and ten minutes later Mr MacLaren completed his 100.

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

Lancashire did a wonderful batting performance against Somerset, at Manchester yesterday, and at the close of play the visitors were left in a practically hopeless position.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 June, page 12)

As was expected, Lancashire gained an easy victory over Somerset at Old Trafford yesterday by an innings and 136 runs. The remaining five wickets put on 110, but Mr MacLaren spared his regular bowlers as much as possible.

27 June: LEICESTERSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6503.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6503.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

Worcestershire, at Leicester, yesterday, established a big advantage over Leicestershire. On a fiery pitch they fared so badly at first that eight wickets were down for 110 runs. At that point Burrows joined Gaukrodger, and hit so well that the ninth wicket put on 85 runs in less than an hour.

This stand proved the turning point of the day's cricket, for afterwards Arnold and Burrows dismissed Leicestershire in an hour and 40 minutes, and the visitors were left with a substantial lead of 93 runs. Worcestershire had half an hour's batting in their second innings, and they left off 118 runs ahead with nine wickets to go down.

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

The Leicestershire eleven played up in great form at Leicester, and left off yesterday evening with a very fair chance of victory.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 June, page 12)

Leicestershire beat Worcestershire, at Leicester yesterday, by five wickets. They had to make 350 in the fourth innings on a rather fiery pitch, and they won the match in really brilliant style.

Overnight they had made 235 with four men out. Thus at the start of play 115 runs were still required. King, who was not out 55, made a great effort for his side, and was fortunate in receiving good support. In three-quarters of an hour he and Mr R T Crawford put on 50 runs for the fifth wicket.

When Mr Crawford was out Mr Wood, who had been hurt on Tuesday, resumed his innings, and without further loss the match was won. King gave a hard chance when he had made 55, and had a second escape at 113, but apart from these mistakes he played fine cricket.

27 June: M.C.C. AND GROUND v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6504.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6504.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

Oxford began their last game before the University match against a strong team of the M.C.C. and Ground at Lord's yesterday. The University got first innings on a beautiful wicket, and were batting for most of the day; but as a whole the cricket was not particularly interesting.

The feature of the innings was the batting of Mr Carlisle, who went in first wicket down and carried out his bat. He never scored fast, and he had the good fortune to be missed at slip early in his innings; but he made a number of good strokes, and it is satisfactory that he at last seem to have found his real form. Of the others, Mr Branston and Mr Awdry both played good cricket, and Mr Brownlee's innings, although it did not last long, was the most attractive on the side.

The M.C.C. and Ground had some batting before the close. Mr Key was out at 26, but then Mr Fane and K S Ranjitsinhji stayed together until the close.

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

This two-day match at Lord's was left drawn yesterday, Oxford at the close, with two wickets in hand, still wanting 43 runs to save the innings defeat.

27 June: SURREY v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6505.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6505.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

A good deal of rain had fallen in the south of London on Sunday, and Mr MacGregor, on winning the toss at the Oval yesterday, sent Surrey in to bat. That his policy was the correct one was proved by

the cricket, for at the close of play Middlesex, with all their wickets in hand, were only 57 runs behind.

The pitch gave the bowlers much assistance when Surrey went in, but it gradually improved as the day advanced, and when Middlesex started their innings runs came with such freedom that there appeared to be little wrong with the wicket. In the circumstances, the Surrey total was not a bad one, but the Middlesex bowlers, with the exception of J T Hearne, who bad with bad luck, did not make the most of their opportunities.

It was soon seen when Surrey began their innings that runs would be difficult to make, and four wickets fell for 35. Then Mr Butcher, on being joined by Mr Harper, improved Surrey's prospects. The former, after a very indifferent start, made several good strokes, while Mr Harper for the most part was contented to keep up his end, and at lunch time the score was taken to 73 without further loss.

When the game was continued, however, Mr Harper was out in the first over, while Lewis was caught by Mr E A Beldam running from mid-off at 100. At this point Mr Butcher and Mr Jephson became partners, and by steady cricket they added 83 before they were separated for the seventh wicket. Mr Jephson, who was lucky in being missed by Mr K I Nicholl at 21, played a valuable innings for his side, and he was particularly strong in his pulling.

Mr Butcher, when once he had settled down, showed sound defence, while he made his runs by a good variety of strokes. He was ninth out at 192, after being at the wickets for nearly two hours and three-quarters. J T Hearne bowled very well indeed; he invariably kept a good length and he was unfortunate in just missing the wickets after he had beaten the batsmen.

Middlesex started their innings at five minutes to 5, and so freely did Mr Warner and Mr Beldam bat that they got within 57 of the Surrey total in an hour and 35 minutes. Mr Warner made one or two lucky hits, but Mr Beldam, who was particularly strong on the on-side, practically did not make a bad stroke.

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

At the close of a very interesting day's cricket at the Oval yesterday, Surrey were left in a bad position, for they were still 74 runs behind in their second innings with seven wickets in hand.

The features of the cricket were the batting of Mr Warner, Mr E A Beldam and Mr Bosanquet for Middlesex, and of Hayward for Surrey, while on a wicket which gave the bowlers no assistance Mr Jephson, with his lobs, did the hat trick by dismissing Mr Bosanquet, Mr K I Nicholl and Mr MacGregor with successive balls. He also had a possible chance of getting out Mr Nicholls with his next ball, but it was very difficult as it came wide to his left hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 30 June, page 12)

Middlesex beat Surrey, at the Oval yesterday, by seven wickets. Although some such result was expected from the position of the game overnight, the match has proved much more interesting than the score would indicate, and has been full of incident from start to finish. Surrey, who had the worst of the luck, were always fighting an uphill battle, and although Hayward made a fine effort to save his side yesterday, the end was always in sight.

When play was continued Surrey were still 74 runs behind in their second innings with seven wickets in hand. Strudwick helped Hayward to add 40 before the next wicket fell, and then the latter and Hayes hit off the deficit. Hayward's fine innings was brought to a close at 267; he had played splendid cricket for his runs and he scarcely made a bad stroke, his driving and placing on the leg-side being excellent. Yesterday he did not score so fast as he had done overnight, but little fault could be found with his methods, as time was of no object. In fact, the longer he stayed the better the chance was of saving the game.

Hayes also batted well, but he rather heedlessly threw his wicket away in trying to hit. Eight of the side were out for 282, but Mr Harper, Gooder and Smith gave some trouble, and the innings was not completed until the first over after lunch. Mr Bosanquet was the most successful of the Middlesex bowlers, but he sent down a great many loose balls.

Middlesex went in just after 3 o'clock, required 115 to win. They made a most disastrous start by losing three good wickets for 26. Then Mr Warner, who had been batting very steadily, was joined by Mr Bosanquet, and, both playing free and attractive cricket, the runs were quickly hit off.

27 June: YORKSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6506.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6506.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

This match was begun at Leeds yesterday. A great deal of rain had fallen in the district, and batting first on a difficult wicket the home county did fairly well.

The best and brightest cricket of the day was played by Mr Jackson. He went in first and made 73 out of a total of 97 scored for the first wicket. Mr H Wilkinson and Denton both batted steadily, but afterwards wickets fell fast.

When Hampshire went in they could do little against the bowling of Rhodes and Haigh. Only three batsmen on the side got double figures, and in an hour and a half the whole eleven were dismissed. As the game now stands, Yorkshire are 162 runs ahead with all their wickets in hand in their second innings.

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

The match between these counties, at Leeds, ended yesterday in a decisive victory for Yorkshire, who won the game by 370 runs. The wicket was difficult to begin with, but when Yorkshire had lost three men for 40 runs Tunnicliffe and Denton both hit out finely.

In the end Hampshire had 407 to get to win, and in 50 minutes the whole side were dismissed by Rhodes and Haigh. In the match the former got ten wickets for 39 and the latter ten for 49.

27 June: DUBLIN UNIVERSITY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105755.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105755.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 28 June, page 12)

At Dublin, yesterday, the South Africans gave a remarkable display of batting against the University Eleven, making their runs in four hours and ten minutes.

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

Following up their brilliant batting of Monday with some equally effective bowling, the South Africans beat Dublin University, at Dublin yesterday, by an innings and 290 runs. In the match Mr Schwarz got 12 wickets for 52.

Tuesday 28 June, page 12: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

The following up to the present have accepted invitations to play in this match at Lord's on July 4:

Gentlemen. - The Hon F S Jackson, Mr C B Fry, K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr G L Jessop, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Mr R H Spooner, Mr H Martyn, Mr A O Jones, Mr H K Foster and Mr H Hesketh-Prichard.

Players. - Lilley, Tyldesley, Rhodes, Denton, Iremonger, Braund, Knight, Arnold, John Gunn and J T Hearne.

Mr W Brearley, who had accepted for the Gentlemen, is standing down owing to his accident last week, and Mr H Hesketh-Prichard [is taking his] place.

Wednesday 29 June, page 12: OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

On the occasion of the Oxford and Cambridge match, which begins at Lord's to-morrow, play will begin on the first day at half-past 11, and on Friday and Saturday at 11 o'clock. Luncheon will be taken at half-past 1.

The drawing of stumps is fixed for half-past 6 to-morrow and on Friday, but on Saturday, should the game not conclude by that hour and there is a chance of a finish, play will be continued until 7 o'clock, provided the light remains sufficiently good to admit of cricket.

It is possible that Mr G T Branston will take the place of Mr O T Norris in the Oxford team against Cambridge at Lord's to-morrow.

#### MEETING OF THE M.C.C. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee - recently formed for the purpose of bringing the counties in closer touch with the M.C.C. on all points connected with cricket - was held yesterday afternoon in the pavilion at Lord's. Each first-class county has one representative on the committee, and the minor counties have, collectively, three representatives.

Lord Granby (president of the M.C.C.) took the chair, and there were also present Lord Hawke (Yorkshire), Lord Alverstone (Surrey), Mr J Horner (Lancashire), Mr T S Pearson-Gregory (Nottinghamshire), Mr J R Mason (Kent), K S Ranjitsinhji (Sussex), Mr H Murray-Anderdon (Somerset), Mr A J Webbe (Middlesex), Mr P H Foley (Worcestershire), Mr C Marriott (Leicestershire), Mr Arthur Wilson (Derbyshire), Dr E M Grace (Gloucestershire), Mr H W Bainbridge (Warwickshire), Captain Wynyard (Hampshire), Mr C E Green (Essex), Mr P J de Paravicini, Mr R H Mallett and Dr Earl Norman (the Minor Counties' Association) and Mr F E Lacey (secretary of the M.C.C.).

It was decided that a recommendation should go to the M.C.C. to invite a team from Australia to visit this country in 1905; also that if the team come five test matches should be played, the first four limited to three days each, and, in the event of the result being then a tie, that the fifth match should be played out.

The minor counties' scheme of promotion and Mr Bainbridge's amendment thereto were brought forward, and it was proposed and carried that the two schemes should be referred to a sub-committee with a request that they should report to a subsequent meeting of the Advisory Committee. The sub-committee is to consist of Mr Bainbridge, Mr R H Mallett and one representative each from Middlesex, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Lancashire.

The motion standing in Mr Jessop's name, that first-class matches should be begun on Wednesdays and Saturdays, could not be considered, due notice not having been given.

Thursday 30 June, page 12: OXFORD v CAMBRIDGE

The following are the sides for the Oxford and Cambridge match, which begins at Lord's to-day: -

Oxford. - \*Mr W H B Evans (Malvern and Oriel) (captain), \*Mr K M Carlisle (Harrow and Magdalen), \*Mr J E Raphael (Merchant Taylors' and St John's), \*Mr C D McIver (Forest School and Hertford), \*Mr E G Martin (Eton and New College), \*Mr A C von Ernsthausen (Uppingham and Balliol), \*Mr R C W Burn (Winchester and Oriel), Mr L D Brownlee (Clifton and Oriel), Mr R W Awdry (Winchester and New College), Mr W S Bird (Malvern and New College) and Mr O T Norris (Charterhouse and Oriel) or Mr G T Branston (Charterhouse and Hertford).

Cambridge. - \*Mr F B Wilson (Harrow and Trinity) (captain), \*Mr E W Mann (Harrow and Trinity), \*Mr R P Keigwin (Clifton and Peterhouse), \*Mr H C McDonell (Winchester and Corpus), Mr E S Phillips (Marlborough and Pembroke), Mr G G Napier (Marlborough and Pembroke), Mr M W Payne (Wellington and Trinity), Mr F J V Hopley (Harrow and Pembroke), Mr J F Marsh (Amersham-hall and Jesus), Mr C H Eyre (Harrow and Pembroke) and Mr K R B Fry (Cheltenham and Clare).

\*An old Blue.

Play will begin at 11.30, luncheon will be taken at 1.30 and stumps will be drawn at 6.30.

30 June: DERBYSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6507.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6507.html))

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

The feature of an interesting day's cricket in this match at Derby yesterday was the batting of Mr Curgenvin.

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

The Surrey team batted in brilliant form at Derby, yesterday, and at the close they were 61 runs ahead on the first innings with five wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 15)

At Derby, on Saturday, the Surrey eleven beat Derbyshire by an innings and 103 runs. On Friday, against a total of 386, they had made 447 for five wickets, and they added 164 when play was continued before the innings was declared closed. Hayes was decidedly lucky, as he gave five or six chances, two of them quite early, but he hit with great power.

The wicket was beginning to show some signs of wear, and on Derbyshire going in to save the game Lees bowled remarkably well. At one time he had taken seven wickets for 39 runs, and in two hours and a quarter he and Gooder finished off the innings.

30 June: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6508.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6508.html))

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

The first day's play in this match at Trent Bridge yesterday was chiefly remarkable for another fine innings by Iremonger, who, for the fourth match in succession, scored over 100 runs. He has now made 649 runs in five consecutive innings.

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

On the perfect Trent-bridge wicket yesterday the scoring was again abnormally high, 483 runs being scored for the loss of ten wickets. Tyldesley and Mr MacLaren did a wonderful batting performance for Lancashire, and at the close the visitors, with seven wickets in hand, were only 48 behind their opponents' total.

Even giving full credit for fine batting, the match so far has afforded a good example of the helplessness of the bowler on a perfect wicket.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 15)

This remarkably heavy scoring match at Nottingham ended on Saturday in a draw. Lancashire increased their overnight total of 399 for three wickets by 187. Tyldesley and Mr MacLaren in all put on 324 runs while they were together. Tyldesley was missed at 99 in the slips, but this was his only serious mistake, while Mr MacLaren, who was fifth out, played beautiful cricket.

When Nottinghamshire went in again the wicket played as well as at the start of the game, and Mr Jones and Hardstaff both hit freely. In the match 1,123 runs were scored for 20 wickets, an average of over 56 runs a wicket.

30 June: OXFORD UNIVERSITY v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6509.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6509.html))

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

(From our special correspondent)

At the opening of the University match yesterday it looked long odds on a large score by the side winning the toss. There had been no rain for a long time, and the wicket was certain to be fast and would probably be easy; and amateur bowling is at present at a very low ebb. Yet Cambridge, on winning the toss, took two hours to make 105 runs, and more than four hours to make 253, and never can there have been so many off balls left alone before.

Mr Martin is a bowler with a great capacity for bumping the ball on the off side, and perhaps this had an effect on the general character of the Cambridge batting; but a more uneventful show has seldom been seen in the University match. Mr Keigwin, who went in first, was at the wickets for nearly three hours for 38 runs, and just before the luncheon interval he was batting for a whole hour without adding to his score. His defence was sound and good.

Mr Mann, who went in first wicket down, is not a high-class batsman, but he hit the ball that ought to be hit and while he was in the scoring was tolerably fast. After he left, Mr Eyre and Mr Phillips were soon disposed of, and Mr McDonnell began the best innings of the day. He hit well and played with a very straight bat, while Mr Wilson made some exceedingly pretty off strokes in making 46, which, strangely enough, was the highest score of the day.

It is difficult to say more about the Cambridge batting, which can only be described, as a whole, as a patient display with an entire absence of any striking feature. The wicket was not a difficult one, but still it was not quite an Oval or Trent Bridge pitch; and the Oxford fielding was good, though they had little to test their capacity in this respect.

Last year Mr Evans, as a bowler, carried all before him, but this year he did not seem to be by any means in the same class. Occasionally he made the ball get up, but it was a very short one as a rule, and he seemed to cause the batsmen less uneasiness than either Mr Martin or Mr Burn.

Mr Martin bowls round the wicket, and his ordinary ball pitches just outside the off stump and goes away and often gets up. But such balls are easy to leave alone, and the Cambridge men, with few exceptions, were quite masters of this stroke. Mr Martin would be more effective if he bowled more at the wicket and thereby compelled the batsmen to play the ball. As it was, ball after ball was pitched outside the off stump, got up and went to the wicket-keeper standing back, while the batsman looked on. Mr Burn bowled steadily and well.

The fielding was safe and good, although it must be said that the earlier Cambridge batsmen carried caution to excess in their running. The result was that the Oxford captain with good judgment put his field where it was not possible for them to save singles if it were not for the forbearance of the batsmen, and where they could cover more ground and save fours.

Oxford had about an hour and a half's batting, and lost three good wickets, including that of Mr Raphael, for 46 runs. Mr Evans, however, by the highest class of batting of the whole day, stopped the fall of wickets and was with Mr Branston, who was substituted for Mr Norris at the last hour, not out at the drawing of stumps with the score at 84. Mr Evans is a very fine batsman, but he survived a confident appeal for l-b-w to Mr McDonell.

The most beautiful bit of cricket of the whole day was the catch at point by Mr McDonell, which dismissed Mr Awdry. It was a low, hard hit to the fieldsman's left hand, and was altogether a wonderful bit of work. The Cambridge bowling was fully up to the average, and Mr Payne as a wicket-keeper shapes very well indeed.

When stumps were drawn the match was in a fairly even state, unless rain should fall in the night and be succeeded by a hot sun. Mr Evans, however, is still undefeated, and it is quite possible that his batting may make a change in the game.

It is not possible, however, to describe the whole day's play otherwise than as dull and featureless. The fielding was good and the bowling fair for a University match, but the batting was tame and dull. There was a good crowd of spectators, but scarcely, as far as could be judged, so many as the beautiful day led one to expect.

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

Yesterday morning the weather was ideal for cricket, at any rate from the batsman's point of view; and Oxford, if not exactly in a good position, had at any rate the prospect of batting on a fast wicket with their best batsman still in and only three wickets down. But the unexpected often occurs at cricket, and, well though Mr Evans played, he received such miserable support that the remaining seven wickets fell for 65 runs, out of which Mr Evans himself scored 44.

It is always pleasant, in these days of centuries and double centuries, to see good bowling and fielding receive their due reward on an easy wicket, so it may be said at once that both Mr McDonell and Mr Napier bowled really well. Every one must admit, however, that they were assisted by some of the feeblest batting ever seen in the University match. It reminded some of the spectators of the collapse of the Oxford tail in 1862 against the fast bowling of Mr R Lang.

Mr McDonell did the greater part of the mischief, and the batsmen were apparently paralysed. Mr McDonell bowled from the Nursery end, and there was a fair amount of wind blowing from the south-west, and this seemed to have the effect of neutralizing the leg-break, to the manifest discomfiture of the batsmen. Mr Ernsthause, indeed, with a ball which pitched on the off stump, seemed to assume that the leg-break would take it away on the off-side and made no attempt to play it; and the ball, going straight on or even a trifle up the hill, clean bowled him.

Mr Evans, in despair at the collapse, made a wild stroke at a ball from Mr Napier and was caught off a skier, and the whole side were out for 149, or 104 runs behind. Cambridge had really no fielding to do except in the case of the wicket-keeper, and his display was admirable both in style and effect, and he did not give a single bye.

Cambridge began their second innings at about a quarter past 12, and there was nothing remarkable about the batting at the start except the steadiness of Mr Marsh and, on the whole, the accurate bowling of Oxford. Mr Keigwin, Mr Mann, Mr Eyre, Mr McDonell and Mr Wilson were all out for 128; and, in these days, this was by no means a winning position for Cambridge.

But Mr Marsh, who had by this time played himself in, was joined by Mr Fry, who played in an altogether different style to that of his first innings. He hit powerfully and defended well, and with Mr Marsh raised the score from 128 to 225, of which his share was 57.

The batting of these two was good, for the Oxford bowling was better than it had been in the first innings in the case of Mr Martin and Mr Ernsthause. Mr Martin, from the Pavilion end, was most disagreeable to play, for he got up a great deal and for the most part was of that uncomfortable

length which is impossible to drive. Mr Ernsthausen kept a good length and direction all the time and got five wickets, clean bowling four.

Mr Martin delivers the ball from such a height that unless the ball is well up it is almost certain to get up above the stumps, and this happened on one or two occasions, but there was no actual chance beyond a very difficult catch in the slips given by Mr Marsh, which Mr Evans made a gallant effort to hold.

When the score was 165 there was a delay of 40 minutes caused by rain, and with the bowlers handicapped by a wet ball runs came much faster after the interval. But at about 6 o'clock rain finally stopped play for the day.

With the downfall of Mr Fry and Mr Phillips, Cambridge were left in a comfortable position, being 346 runs ahead with three wickets to fall and Mr Marsh not out 103. Mr Marsh watched the bowling well and played a thoroughly sound innings, while he took no risks. His off-hitting was good throughout, and he showed excellent judgment in playing Mr Martin; indeed, he was the sole cause of the bowler's not being far more deadly.

The fielding was fair, although one or two catches were dropped, and both Mr Brownlee and Mr Branston fielded well at deep third man. Again it must be said that Cambridge showed an undue amount of caution in running, and lost many runs by the respect which they showed to Mr Branston, who was placed in a position where he could not have saved a run if only the batsmen had tried.

Mr Evans was completely ineffective as a bowler, and he has evidently lost his spin and fire, and this was, no doubt, the chief cause of Oxford's position; but he played a fine innings and placed the field and changed his bowling with excellent judgment.

Cambridge certainly look like winning, as they have a long lead and have two good bowlers in Mr McDonnell and Mr Napier; but, unless rain makes the wicket difficult to bat on, Oxford will very likely make a good fight. There was again a large crowd of spectators, and on the whole it may be said that the play was not so dull as that shown in the first day, but it was remarkable chiefly for the impotent batting of Oxford.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 15)

At the end of the second day's play of the University match at Lord's, Cambridge, with three wickets to fall, were 346 runs ahead, and had run-getting been the same task as it was 20 years ago they might with confidence have declared their innings at an end. Times have changed; and captains evidently, and with some reason, think that there is no limit to the number of runs that in favourable circumstances may be obtained if time allows.

So punctually at 11 o'clock on Saturday Mr Marsh and Mr Payne again proceeded to the wickets. The ground had not been made more difficult by the rain, and the Cambridge men played the right game and scored fast against bowling that showed signs of fatigue. Mr Payne only made 21, but he played in a style that promises to make him a very dangerous batsman when he has had more experience.

When Mr Hopley came in the Oxford bowling was completely collared, and in 40 minutes 97 runs were added. Mr Marsh played in much the same style as before, only more freely, but Mr Hopley's hitting was Titanic; and nothing showed the decadence of Mr Evans as a bowler more than the treatment which he received from Mr Hopley, whose hitting, although extremely hard, was of good quality on the whole.

At half-past 12 Mr Wilson declared the innings at an end of the match, and Mr Marsh carried out his bat for 172, the largest innings of any yet played in the University match. Thoroughly sound is the proper description of Mr Marsh's innings, both in hitting and defence, and he has the power of watching the ball in a way that ought to make him a good player on a difficult wicket.

Mr Martin is a very dangerous bowler, and he bowled very well, especially on the second day; that he was not more effective was mainly due to Mr Marsh, who showed wonderful restraint in leaving the bumping balls alone and stopping the straight ones. All through his innings his off-hitting was both safe and clean. As far as could be seen, he gave but once chance, and that a very difficult one in the slips when he had made 90.

It had been agreed to play on to 7 o'clock if by doing so the match could be finished, but in the most favourable circumstances this could only have left 5½ hours in which to get 495 runs, and even

this time was curtailed by 50 minutes owing to rain, so the only question was whether or not Cambridge could get their rivals out. This they failed to do, but if Mr Hopley had held either of the two chances given him by Mr Evans Cambridge very likely would have won. Both were tolerably hard hits, but one, at any rate, went straight to the fieldsman and ought to have been held by any undergraduate deputed to field at mid-off for his University.

Mr Evans undoubtedly saved his side and played a fine innings; and as far as this match was concerned he was in a class by himself in the Oxford eleven and was very badly supported. Stumps were drawn at 6.45, and Cambridge were left with a moral victory, Oxford being 273 runs behind, with four wickets to fall.

The match as a whole cannot be described as interesting. To begin with, it was drawn, and many think, with reason, that a drawn match, even when no advantage rests with either side - which was certainly not the case in this match - is a thoroughly unsatisfactory result. Secondly, there were too many catches dropped; and, thirdly, it cannot be said that many really high-class players were engaged. Only one player for certain - and, in any case, only two - has been selected to represent the Gentlemen at Lord's; and this shows the poverty of the bowling, for amateur bowling is at a low ebb.

The wicket-keeping of Mr Payne and the batting of Mr Evans were the two features of the match that were out of the common, and next to these may be mentioned the bowling of Mr McDonnell and Mr Martin and the batting of Mr Marsh. There are good hopes of Mr Napier as a bowler, as he has a beautiful action and makes the ball go away with his arm; but of the rest there is not much to be said, except in the case of Mr Wilson, who is a natural bat with some lovely strokes.

The ground fielding of both sides was good, but the catching was bad, and it is to be hoped that this will be more attended to in the future. Catches always have been missed, and in one sense there was less excuse for the players of old than there is now. The raised stands and enclosures all round modern grounds make the light difficult to see the ball in, and the large number of runs makes the fieldsmen tired, and when a man is tired he is more likely to miss catches than when he is reasonably fresh. It ought to be remembered, however, that it is far more important to hold catches now than formerly, for the modern bowler wants all possible assistance, and more trouble ought therefore to be taken and practice given to catching.

The most dangerous bowler in the two elevens was Mr Martin; the best bat Mr Evans, and far the best all-round man Mr McDonnell.

Four drawn matches have now been played in the last six years, a most disquieting fact. Is it expecting too much to hope that in the University match there may arise a tradition that the one thing to avoid is a drawn match, and that to lose in a genuine attempt to win and by playing the game is more glorious than to participate in a dull, aimless draw. There must be give-and-take on both sides; Mr Wilson might have declared earlier and given Oxford a chance of getting the runs; and, on the other hand, every true cricketer would have applauded the action of Mr Evans if he had told his men to play their proper game, and if they had been defeated no more discredit would have been attached to them than attaches now in consequence of their leaving the match unfinished with four wickets to fall and 274 runs to get to win.

The University match, like Gentlemen v Players, is a match that stands apart - it is not a county match, where a defeat depresses the defeated side a step or two down the championship table. The highest standard of sportsmanship is expected in the University match, and no notice ought to be taken of records.

It was reported that Mr Wilson did not declare till Mr Marsh had beaten Mr Foster's record. Records only possess an academic interest, and ought not to be considered for a moment as compared with the wish to get the match brought to a definite result.

It was a melancholy sight on Saturday to see a fine free bat like Mr Raphael scraping away for two hours and only getting 25 runs in the time, and it is very doubtful in Oxford would not have done better if he had played his proper game. Mr Raphael was quite good enough to have got his hundred and smashed up the Cambridge bowling, and though Oxford could not have won the match, they would very likely have left off in a better position, with the additional credit of having given a proper and good exhibition of the game.

It is to be feared that drawn matches are not regarded as the blot and blemish on a noble game that they undoubtedly are. A pious hope may, however, be entertained that the Universities may by their example do something to bring about a better state of public opinion.

30 June: SUSSEX v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6510.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6510.html))

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

With the conditions favourable to high scoring, Sussex may be considered fortunate in having dismissed Leicestershire, at Brighton yesterday, for less than 300 runs. The Sussex bowling was extremely good, Relf especially being difficult to score off, but the fielding was at times slack.

Sussex had an hour's batting, and at the close, with all their wickets in hand, they were 214 behind.

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

Sussex, at Brighton yesterday, established a great advantage over Leicestershire, the visitors at the close of play being 210 behind on the first innings. The home county's position was mainly due to another wonderful display by Mr Fry.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 15)

An innings by each side on the first two days of this match at Brighton left Sussex with a lead of 210 runs. With the wicket, on Saturday, as fast and true as at any time during the match, it was scarcely considered that the home side's advantage would so decisively prove a winning one; but after the fall of the first Leicestershire wicket, for which Knight and Whitehead put on 32 runs, none of the batsmen could do anything against the bowling of Relf and Vine.

The latter kept a splendid length and made the ball turn fast from leg, while Relf, although he was more expensive, required a great deal of watching. The fielding, too, was extremely good, and before lunch Sussex had won by an innings and 92 runs.

30 June: WARWICKSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6511.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6511.html))

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

Some remarkable cricket was seen in the last three-quarters of an hour's play in this match at Birmingham yesterday. Batting first on a perfect wicket and with everything in favour of high scoring, Warwickshire at half-past 5 had lost only three wickets for 290 runs. The fourth wicket fell at 296, and such a collapse followed that the last six wickets went down for 11 runs.

The batsmen seemed helpless before the bowling of Rhodes and Haigh, although these bowlers were not helped by any change in the wicket. Rhodes took the last four wickets for nine runs. Both he and Haigh bowled splendidly, and they were well supported in the field. Earlier in the day Mr Fishwick and Mr Glover batted finely.

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

A brilliant partnership between Hirst and Haigh in this match, at Birmingham, yesterday, enabled Yorkshire to occupy a good position at the close of play. Before these players came together the Yorkshire batting had been dull and featureless.

Day 3 (report from Monday 4 July, page 15)

The Yorkshire eleven gained a brilliant victory over Warwickshire by an innings and four runs, at Birmingham, on Saturday. The lead of 49 runs on the first innings which Yorkshire had gained on Friday was increased in an hour on Saturday to 112 by the last two wickets.

The Warwickshire second innings was three times interrupted by showers of rain. Rhodes and Haigh bowled finely and were admirably supported in the field, but the batting of Warwickshire, with the exception of Whittle, was weak.

Monday 4 July, page 15: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr C B Fry	21	1629	226	2	85.73
K S Ranjitsinhji	13	833	166*	3	83.30
Iremonger	17	1260	272	1	78.75
Tyldesley	18	1258	225	2	78.50
Mr W H B Evans	11	632	113	1	63.20
Mr R H Spooner	18	912	128	2	57.00
Mr L C H Palairet	15	804	203	0	53.60
The Hon F S Jackson	13	822	158	1	51.83
Mr A O Jones	19	854	119	2	50.23
Hirst	21	937	153	2	49.31
Knight	25	1069	203	3	48.59
Hayward	30	1301	148	3	48.18
Mr J E Raphael	18	828	201	0	46.00
Quaife	17	631	200*	2	45.40
Carpenter	13	580	199	0	45.30
Mr L J Tancred	12	489	106	1	44.45
Mr P F Warner	14	524	106	2	43.68
Cuttell	14	460	128	3	43.63
Mr J F Marsh	14	516	172*	2	43.00
Mr A C S Glover	12	423	124	2	42.30
Rhodes	20	724	190	2	40.22
Mr F Mitchell	15	517	102*	2	39.76
Denton	24	851	87	2	38.68
Hayes	32	1135	273*	2	37.83
Sharp	15	454	104*	3	37.83
Mr F B Wilson	19	488	75	3	37.53
Mr H K Foster	17	629	118	0	37.00
Kinneir	18	548	152	1	36.53
J Gunn	18	613	95	1	36.05
Captain E G Wynyard	17	613	147	0	36.05
Sewell	20	680	181	1	35.78
Mr B J T Bosanquet	19	603	125	2	35.47
Coe	19	567	103	3	35.43
Bowley	19	634	153	1	35.22
Mr P Perrin	16	525	190	1	35.00
Mr L O S Poidevin	21	690	103	1	34.50
Mr A C MacLaren	19	613	166	1	34.05
James Seymour	20	609	138*	2	33.83
Mr C J B Wood	23	676	110	3	33.80
Mr C McGahey	18	592	173	1	33.05
Humphreys	20	615	131	1	32.35
Tunnicliffe	23	741	119	0	32.21
Mr L G Wright	19	605	139	1	31.84
Mr F L Fane	16	500	89	0	31.25
King	24	654	128	3	31.14
Mr K R B Fry	17	528	128	0	31.06
Whitehead	21	558	77	3	31.00

Mr M Hathorn	17	526	130	0	30.94
Lord Hawke	18	367	100*	4	30.58
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Haigh	19	512	138	2	30.11
Storer	19	537	110	1	29.83
Lilley	17	507	88	0	29.82
Wheldon	19	468	103	3	29.25
Vine	26	670	124	3	29.13
Mr G Curgenvin	18	508	124	0	28.22
Llewellyn	15	368	68*	2	28.15
Mr J H Sinclair	15	412	103	0	27.46
Mr T S Fishwick	16	434	89	0	27.12
Mr C H B Marsham	23	585	161*	1	27.04
Mr R W Awdry	13	351	72	0	27.00
Whittle	14	350	104	1	26.92
Dr E M Ashcroft	17	430	111	1	26.87
Wrathall	20	529	88	0	26.45
Mr C A Ollivierre	18	493	91	0	25.94
Mr R S Phillips	15	386	107	0	25.73
Mr R P Keigwin	19	434	85	2	25.52
Hallows	15	356	85	1	25.47
Mr G L Jessop	15	379	87	0	25.26
Mr H G Garnett	15	350	70	1	25.00

[Also listed: Killick average 24.47, Cadman 24.26, Mr M W Payne 23.56, Mr W A Shalders 23.06, Reeves 23.00, A Hearne 22.70, Mr C H Eyre 22.52, Mr E M Sprot 22.45, Braund 22.43, Anthony 22.35, Mr V F S Crawford 22.31, Mr K M Carlisle 22.26, Mr A H Hornby 22.21, Mr H Wilkinson 22.07, Dr W G Grace 22.00, Mr E A Mann 21.90, Mr F J V Hopley 21.28, Mr H C McDonell 21.12.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J T Hearne	579.2	120	1343	87	15.43
Cuttell	533.5	179	1088	69	15.91
Haigh	398.3	100	1051	63	16.84
Mr J J Kotze	364.1	78	1101	63	17.47
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	355.1	84	1067	60	17.78
Blythe	424.5	110	1128	62	18.19
Wass	527	126	1404	74	18.97
Rhodes	549.2	171	1236	65	19.01
Allsopp	311.2	77	897	47	19.08
Mr H C McDonell	347.2	80	918	48	19.12
Fielder	354.2	74	1059	54	19.61
Mr G G Napier	354	92	992	50	19.84
Mr W W Odell	508.1	147	1311	68	19.86
W C Smith	327.5	80	941	47	20.02
Hallows	484	140	1125	56	20.08
Reeves	300.4	58	915	45	20.33
Hirst	434.2	88	1141	55	20.74
Mr W Brearley	412.3	63	1291	62	20.82
Relf	509	147	1167	56	20.83
J Gunn	536.4	166	1315	63	20.87
Lees	641.3	159	1697	81	20.95
Arnold	410.5	92	1160	55	21.09
Bird	243.1	43	680	32	21.25
Dennett	360	81	1021	48	21.27
Mr J H Sinclair	273	68	968	44	21.95
Mr B J T Bosanquet	259	34	938	42	22.28
Huggins	351.4	97	979	43	22.78
Cox	641.4	183	1550	68	23.23
Llewellyn	264.3	48	837	35	23.91
Braund	474.5	74	1678	69	24.28
Warren	411.2	69	1399	57	24.54
A E Trott	410	83	1251	54	25.01
King	535.4	132	1403	56	25.05

Bestwick	418.5	101	1289	50	25.38
Mr R C W Burn	287.2	64	732	25	29.28
Mr E G Martin	255.1	58	733	25	29.33
Hargreave	492.5	139	1751	40	31.27
Mr F J V Hopley	263.1	35	905	25	36.20

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	13	8	0	4	9	100.00
Yorkshire	13	6	1	6	5	71.42
Nottinghamshire	11	6	2	3	4	50.00
Leicestershire	10	5	2	3	3	42.85
Sussex	11	4	2	5	2	33.33
Middlesex	7	3	2	2	1	20.00
Kent	9	4	3	2	1	14.28
Derbyshire	9	3	4	2	-1	-14.28
Surrey	13	4	7	2	-3	-27.27
Essex	9	2	5	2	-3	-42.85
Somerset	8	2	6	0	-4	-50.00
Warwickshire	7	1	4	2	-3	-60.00
Worcestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Gloucestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Hampshire	6	0	5	1	-5	-100.00

4 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6512.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6512.html))

Friday 1 July, page 12: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

It was officially announced at Lord's yesterday evening that Hayward had been invited to fill the last place in the Players' Eleven against the Gentlemen on Monday next. The remaining place in the Gentlemen's side will be settled at the conclusion of the Oxford and Cambridge match.

Saturday 2 July, page 9: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

Hayward has accepted the invitation to play at Lord's on Monday next, and as regards the last place in the Gentlemen's Eleven, Mr W W Odell (Leicestershire) and Mr H C McDonell (Cambridge University) have both been asked to be present, the final choice being left until Monday morning. The sides therefore will be: -

Gentlemen. - The Hon F S Jackson, Mr C B Fry, K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr G L Jessop, Mr H Martyn, Mr R H Spooner, Mr B J T Bosanquet, Mr H K Foster, Mr A O Jones, Mr H Hesketh-Prichard and either Mr W W Odell or Mr H C McDonell.

Players. - Lilley, Tyldesley, Hayward, Rhodes, Denton, Iremonger, John Gunn, Braund, Arnold, Knight and J T Hearne.

Monday 4 July, page 15: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

A change has had to be made in the Gentlemen's Eleven at Lord's, Mr H Martyn, owing to an injured hand, being unable to play. His place will be filled by the Cambridge wicket-keeper, Mr M W Payne. The sides will be as follows: -

Gentlemen. - The Hon F S Jackson (Yorkshire), Mr R H Spooner (Lancashire), Mr C B Fry (Sussex), K S Ranjitsinhji (Sussex), Mr A O Jones (Nottinghamshire), Mr H K Foster (Worcestershire), Mr G L Jessop

(Gloucestershire), Mr B J T Bosanquet (Middlesex), Mr M W Payne (Cambridge University), M H Hesketh-Prichard (Hampshire) and either Mr W W Odell (Leicestershire) or Mr H C McDonell (Cambridge University and Surrey).

Players. - Lilley (Warwickshire), Tyldesley (Lancashire), Iremonger (Nottinghamshire), J Gunn (Nottinghamshire), Knight (Leicestershire), Arnold (Worcestershire), Hayward (Surrey), Denton (Yorkshire), Rhodes (Yorkshire), Braund (Somerset) and J T Hearne (Middlesex).

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 July, page 11)

(From our special correspondent)

There was a moderate amount of rain in London on Sunday, but when the great annual match between Gentlemen and Players began yesterday there was every appearance of fine weather, and later in the day there was a good crowd of spectators.

The Players had the bad luck to lose Tyldesley, owing to a broken rib; but his place was most efficiently filled by the Leicestershire professional King, who, curiously, scored a century, as his colleague Knight did in the corresponding match last year.

Mr Martyn was unable to play for the Gentlemen, owing to an injury, and Mr Payne, the Cambridge wicket-keeper, took his place and kept well all day, while Mr McDonell was chosen in preference to Mr Odell. Mr MacLaren's absence was the subject of much comment, but it ought to be remembered that an eleven cannot be chosen at the last minute, and Mr MacLaren has only just begun to play up to his reputation.

Lilley on winning the toss sent Hayward and Iremonger to the wickets, and Mr Hesketh-Prichard and Mr McDonell opened the bowling. After a short time Mr Hesketh-Prichard made the ball get up very awkwardly. Iremonger, one of the largest scorers of the year, was, fortunately for the Gentlemen, run out with the score at 33, and then Mr Hesketh-Prichard met with considerable success. Denton was caught at cover-point off a tame stroke, and Knight and Braund were both caught by Mr Foster in the slips off bumping balls, and four wickets were down for 62.

Mr McDonell was bowling steadily and well from the Nursery end, but with John Gunn in, Mr Bosanquet and Mr Jackson came on, and from the last ball before lunch Gunn was l-b-w to Mr Bosanquet. Hayward was not out 56, and he had played very sound and good cricket; but the Players were in none too good a position, having only scored 113 for five wickets.

After luncheon Hayward and King by excellent play rapidly improved the prospects of the Players. King is a left-handed batsman and is quite a hard hitter on the off side; but after a short time the cricket became very slow, and for the rest of the innings there is not much to be said. After Hayward had made 88 he was out to a very quick piece of stumping. It was a curious bit of cricket, as the ball looked like a long hop to the off, which is not the kind of ball off which one would expect to see a case of stumping. Hayward had played very well, but he has often scored faster, his innings having taken over three hours.

King was finally out to a good catch by Mr McDonell for 104, a thoroughly good innings with excellent play on the off side; but, like many other batsmen, he has few strokes on the leg side. He had given no chance, and without him the Players would have done badly. Rhodes played well for 50 and showed great skill in keeping down rising balls, while he can hit all round the wicket. The rest failed, and the total was mainly the work of three men.

The wicket was tolerably easy, but Mr Hesketh-Prichard, who had a good deal of work to do, made the ball get up considerably; and probably in consequence of this it was the University match over again in the number of balls severely left alone on the off side.

The fielding, on the whole, was very good, Mr Jones, Mr Spooner and Mr Jessop being prominent all through, and Mr Payne's wicket-keeping was smart and sure, the catch which finished the innings in particular being a grand bit of work, for it was made off a tolerably fast ball outside the batsman's legs.

The innings was over at ten minutes past 6 and the Gentlemen had to go in, and after Mr Spooner had scored one fourer off Hearne, Arnold clean bowled Mr H K Foster with his first ball.

If no change takes place in the weather the Players will probably find that their score is none too high, for the Gentlemen have a very strong batting side, and the absence of Hirst and Tyldesley is a great loss to the professionals. On the other hand, the wicket, especially at the Nursery end, is not quite like the Oval or Trent Bridge, and Hearne, with his thorough knowledge of Lord's, may be awkward to deal with. It is not a really difficult wicket, but it helped Mr Hesketh-Prichard, and may, therefore, help others.

The Gentlemen, on a really perfect wicket, would have had a poor chance of getting the Players out under a very large score; and although it may sound strange to call 327 anything but a very large score, it must be remembered that the scoring lately has been tremendous. It is a matter for congratulation that there is a spot or two on the wicket, otherwise there would be another drawn match, and this is not impossible even now.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 13)

It was confidently said in many quarters on the evening of the first day's play that the batting strength of the Gentlemen was so great that a very large score was almost a certainty provided the wicket was not broken by bad weather. No rain had fallen, and on resuming yesterday morning there looked to be a strong probability that many runs would be obtained.

But no game or sport would be otherwise than dull if the unexpected never took place, and this certainly was the case when nine of the Gentlemen's wickets fell for 112 runs. As the match went on it became obvious that the wicket did not in any resemble the Oval, and undoubtedly gave the bowler great assistance.

The real difference between the two sides lay in the fact that the professionals had a bowling side that could take advantage of such a wicket to a far higher extent than the Gentlemen. Mr Hesketh-Prichard was certainly fully capable, and did seize his opportunity, but no one else on the Gentlemen's side did, while for the Players both Arnold and Braund were very difficult to play.

After a few overs, Hearne was taken off and Arnold crossed over, and Braund bowled from the Nursery end. In Australia Arnold seemed to be able even on the most perfect of wickets to make the ball get up, and bowling from the Pavilion end yesterday he got up repeatedly and bowled well and with a good length. Braund, however, did the mischief, and not one of the Gentlemen was really at home with him.

It was said that the wicket had been injured by Mr Hesketh-Prichard in his natural run; but whether this was the case or not, bowling perhaps rather faster than usual, Braund quite stuck up all the batsmen except Mr Jackson, who again showed himself perhaps the best batsman in England on every sort of wicket.

Mr Fry played well, but less well to Braund than to the other bowlers, while K S Ranjitsinhji was bowled off his legs by a ball which he did not attempt to play with his bat, to the great delight of those to whom such a method of play is deserving of nothing except censure.

Mr Jackson, who played a great game for his side, on being joined by Mr Hesketh-Prichard, the last man, forced the game and the pair put on 59 runs for the last wicket; but the bowling was never collared, and although the Gentlemen were 156 runs behind, Lilley, mindful perhaps of the experience of the Players last year, sent his side in to bat again.

Hayward and Iremonger began, and the spectators witnessed a sight that has not been seen for more than twenty years. Mr Hesketh-Prichard had certainly bowled on no such wicket before in first-class cricket. It was really dangerous, and it looked like the old wickets at Lord's in the early sixties when, however, the bowler's arm was practically never above the shoulder.

The two first batsmen were caught behind the wicket off fast bumping balls, Denton was bowled first ball by a ball he ought to have played forward at, Braund was caught by a grand catch in the slips off Mr Jackson, while knight, after being severely knocked about, had his hand broken by Mr Hesketh-Prichard.

J Gunn put on a few runs, but there was no real stand until King and Rhodes got together. The two batsmen had every reason for nervousness and wisely adopted a very free game. Whether Mr Hesketh-Prichard's pace went off slightly or there was some curious change in the wicket it cannot be said, but he seemed to kick less, and the other bowlers seemed comparatively harmless. The score was

doubled, and then Mr Jackson caused Rhodes to play on. He had played essentially a plucky innings against bowling that was at any rate dangerous, while King's play was beyond praise.

Arnold did not stay long, being finely caught by Mr Bosanquet at slip; but King went on punishing the bowling and was not out 105 at the end of the day, Lilley being bowled by Mr Jones by a ball which came round the batsman's legs.

King has earned the unique distinction of being the first professional to score a double century in the great match of the season. He played admirable cricket in both innings, but his second is worthy of being classed as a really great feat of batting. The ball was bumping to an extent that was positively alarming and wickets were falling fast, but he gave no chance and not only showed great power of keeping the ball down but he hit magnificently to the off, while he was very quick on his feet.

The Players are now 403 runs ahead with only one more man to come; for Knight is incapacitated; and the Gentlemen have a formidable task before them. If the wicket plays as it did yesterday it is a task almost too difficult for any eleven, for Arnold is just the bowler to take advantage of a bumping wicket, and, indeed, few modern batsmen can have had any practice on such a fiery pitch. But at the same time, King has showed what may be done. The professional bowling is, however, far stronger than that of the Gentlemen, and it ought to give their side a tolerably easy win unless some great change takes place in the ground.

The Gentlemen's fielding was splendid. Mr Jones, Mr Spooner and Mr Jessop could not have been surpassed, while Mr Bosanquet and Mr Foster between them brought off three very fine catches. Mr Payne had a hard task at the wicket, but acquitted himself well. There was again a large crowd of spectators.

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

The match that was fought yesterday half an hour beyond the regulation time gave to a large crowd at Lord's splendid cricket to watch and, more satisfactory still, a definite result was obtained.

There were few who expected a victory for the Gentlemen, but to the general surprise the wicket at the nursery end, which had kicked in the most decided manner on the first two days, yesterday played comparatively easily. The ball did not get up beyond what must be expected at Lord's in a dry season, and why this was the case it is impossible to say. Mr Hesketh-Prichard, who was so dangerous in the first part of the Players' second innings, is not physically capable of bowling at his top speed for very long, but Arnold did not get up so much as on the second day, and why a wicket should get easier after two whole days' play is difficult to say.

The weather was perfect in every way when King and J T Hearne went in yesterday morning, and the innings was soon over for 255 and the Gentlemen were left with the tremendous task of getting 412 to win.

Mr Fry and Mr Foster began, and played in a way that showed the gravity of the task. Mr Fry seemed to bat in what for him was a slightly cramped style, but he played sterling cricket all the same until he was caught and bowled by Hearne off a rather slower ball for 41. He paid great respect to Braund, who bowled very well at the start, but the batting was excellent and the score was taken to 85 for the loss of Mr Fry's wicket.

Mr Spooner then went in and played in a most attractive way, although he appears to be essentially an off-side player. He did not stay long, being very well caught and bowled by Braund, while Mr Foster just before had been splendidly caught at the wicket off Hearne. With three good wickets down for 108 it looked as if the Players would win comfortably. The two great batsmen Mr Jackson and K S Ranjitsinhji then came together, and the score at the interval was 134 for three wickets.

After luncheon there were quite 12,000 spectators, and the afternoon's cricket all round could hardly have been surpassed. It was due to K S Ranjitsinhji and Mr Jackson that victory became possible, for they raised the score from 108 to 302 by splendid play. K S Ranjitsinhji seemed to be rather cautious in the way he ran, but this was probably with a view of sparing his strength, but he gave no chance and scored freely all round the wicket. The bowlers, and especially Arnold, in endeavouring to find the bumpy spot occasionally bowled short, and against K S Ranjitsinhji this is a dangerous method, for he got a great many fourers down the hill with the leg glance.

When Mr Jackson had scored 33 he survived a very confident appeal for a catch at the wicket off Braund, and the Players evidently thought he was out, but he only gave one real chance, when he was badly missed by King in the slips off Hearne with his score at 53 - a miss which had serious consequences. When the total was 302 Arnold, who was bowling at the nursery end, got Mr Jackson caught by the wicket-keeper standing back, and at 315 the same fate befell K S Ranjitsinhji.

It is impossible to overpraise the play of either. Their styles are well known, and the cricket all round was worthy of the best traditions of the match. Mr Jackson has many great merits, but not the least great is his marvellous nerve and skill at a crisis, and he showed this gift in both of his innings in this match.

After K S Ranjitsinhji was out, the match was full of excitement to the last ball. The foundation of victory having been laid, the Gentlemen had Mr Jones, a most determined and excellent batsman who could be relied upon, like Mr Jackson, not to fail for want of nerve. Mr Jessop gave no trouble; but Mr Bosanquet, although it could not be said that he played Braund well, got a most serviceable 22 before being caught behind the wicket off Arnold, and 37 runs were still wanted.

Mr Payne seemed in no way daunted, and he got ten before he was run out, and this run out was the only mistake made by Mr Jones. Mr Hesketh-Prichard came in and Mr McDonell, who had a very bad hand, would have been seriously handicapped if he had had to go in to bat, so Mr Hesketh-Prichard had an anxious moment.

Twelve runs were wanted, and Mr Hesketh-Prichard made four and stopped several straight balls from Hearne with the field standing close in. Mr Jones then finished the game by two off drives off Arnold, and the Gentlemen had won a great match by two wickets.

In the match as a whole, there were several noteworthy incidents. It seemed strange that with such batting strength the Gentlemen could have failed as they did in their first innings - in fact, but for Mr Jackson there would have been a collapse; and the Players badly wanted a really fast bowler to take advantage of the wicket as Mr Hesketh-Prichard did.

In the next place the bowling of Hearne, who is now almost a veteran, was splendid in the second innings, and the same may be said of Braund in the first innings, while Arnold bowled steadily throughout the match. If the wicket had not been fiery on Tuesday, the Gentlemen could hardly have got out the Players except for a very large score, and they were fortunate in this; but it must be said that Mr Hesketh-Prichard was really dangerous for about an hour.

The batting of King in his first Gentlemen and Players match was really remarkable, and his second innings especially was a great feat. The fielding all through was very fine, and Denton yesterday could not have been surpassed at third man and in the country.

Lastly, it has been said with truth that professionals are generally bad captains. It is pleasant to say that the exception has arisen in Lilley, whose management of his side was excellent all through, and the same can be said of his wicket-keeping. It was altogether a memorable match and reflects the greatest credit on both sides.

4 July: YORKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6513.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6513.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 July, page 11)

In this match at Sheffield yesterday Derbyshire won the toss and took first innings on a perfect wicket. Before the luncheon interval they scored 142 runs for the loss of Mr Ollivierre's wicket, but the side did badly for a time afterwards, three more wickets going down for another 32 runs.

Morton and Needham, however, made a good stand for the fifth wicket and increased the score by 132. Both played sound cricket and neither gave a chance. Storer had to retire for a time owing to a blow on the finger, but he continued batting after the fall of the fifth wicket. The Derbyshire innings closed at a quarter-past 6 and stumps were then drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 13)

There was a time in this match at Sheffield, yesterday, when Yorkshire looked like having to follow on. After a fairly promising start by Lord Hawke and Mr H Wilkinson a change was made in the Derbyshire bowling, Cadman going on for Bestwick and meeting with remarkable success.

He secured Myers's wicket with his second ball, and followed this up by getting Tunnicliffe, Hirst and Mr Wilkinson all caught at short slip by Mr C A Ollivierre. Cadman at one time had taken four wickets for eight runs, but his record was spoiled in some degree by Haigh and Wainwright at a later stage of the game.

Yorkshire lost half their wickets for 114 runs, but then Haigh again saved the side. He was missed by Bestwick from a hard return, when he had scored 41, but otherwise he played good cricket. He and Wainwright, by scoring 58 for the seventh wicket, saved Yorkshire from following on, and finally the home county were only 59 behind the Derbyshire total.

Towards the close of the day Derbyshire fared rather badly. They are now 145 runs ahead with five wickets to fall.

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

The Yorkshire eleven defeated Derbyshire at Sheffield yesterday by four wickets. The Derbyshire innings was quickly finished off, and Yorkshire required 194 runs to win the match.

At the start Lord Hawke and Wainwright were both run out and Tunnicliffe was caught from a very poor stroke at short slip, three wickets thus falling in a few minutes for two runs. Subsequently a brilliant partnership between Hirst and Mr Mitchell practically won the match for Yorkshire. The two batsmen were together an hour and a half, and they added 132 runs.

4 July: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129162.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/129/129162.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 5 July, page 11)

This match opened at Aigburth yesterday in dull weather. The home side went in on a perfect pitch.

Mr Warlow hit finely all round the wicket, making his runs in about 40 minutes, while Mr Steel played careful and correct cricket. Mr Hancock looked like making a large score, but he was caught in the slips off the last ball before lunch. Mr Stott and Mr Hanny made a useful stand, but after their dismissal the innings quickly closed. Cambridge lost two wickets before heavy rain stopped play for the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 6 July, page 13)

Rain yesterday morning delayed this match at Liverpool until half-past 12, and when a start was made the wicket was not easy, the ball getting up very quickly. Mr Mann, Mr Harris, Mr Weaver and Mr Hopley all looked like making runs, but good bowling and fielding kept them in the twenties. The follow-on was only saved by a few runs, and had those few been lacking Liverpool and District must have won the match.

The feature of the Liverpool and District second innings was the fine batting of Mr Spooner. He hit brilliantly all round the wicket, and should become a great player in a few years' time. Mr Steel bowled exceptionally well for his side, while for Cambridge Mr Hollander was a distinct success, and with a little more luck he might have done a fine performance.

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

Cambridge won this match at Liverpool yesterday by six wickets.

Tuesday 5 July, page 11: THE CRICKETERS' FUND

Mr W E Denison presided last night at the annual meeting of the Cricketers' Fund Friendly Society, which was held in the members' dining-hall at Lord's. Among the patrons of the fund present were Lord Harris, Major Bethune and Mr Henry Perkins.

In moving the adoption of the accounts, Mr Denison said that the members of the fund must not be carried away by what might be called the abnormal position in which they stood through the heavy receipts of the last two years and the comparatively small call that was made last winter on the fund. It was desirable that there should be an extension of the advantages of the society to more cricketers, and to do this they must strengthen their position. They were certainly better off than they had ever been (there was over £7,000 invested), but for their normal expenditure they could not always be expecting a recurrence of outside help that came in 1902 and 1903.

Lord Harris said that he wanted all the gentlemen cricketers of England to know what good work this society was doing for cricketers whom they had played against and from whom they had derived pleasure by seeing them play. They wanted more honorary members of the society, and these would certainly be forthcoming if the real objects of the fund were brought home to all gentlemen cricketers.

He wished to emphasize the fact that apart from the extraordinary donations the income for the year barely met the outgoings; and this was not the strong position that he would like the society to secure. It was really a matter for the county clubs to take up more vigorously, for but for the fund there would be more calls on the county exchequers.

Lord Harris subsequently made some reference to the late Tom Emmett.

The officers of the fund were all re-elected together with the secretary, Mr Henry Luff, 21, Cranbourn-street, W.C.

Wednesday 6 July, page 13: THE NEXT AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Acting on the recommendation passed last week by the advisory committee, the M.C.C. will, in the course of a day or two, communicate with the cricket associations of Australia inviting them to send a team to this country next year.

Thursday 7 July, page 12: ETON v HARROW

The sides for this match at Lord's to-morrow will be: -

Eton. - Mr G C Campbell (captain), Mr D C Boles, Mr W N Tod, Mr C E Hatfield, Mr J K Horlick, Mr J J Astor, Mr N C Tufnell, Mr C G E Farmer, Mr C E Severne, Mr H C Cumberbatch and Mr A G Turner.

Harrow. - Mr R E H Baily (captain), Mr W S Bolton, Mr F Forster, Mr E H Crake, Mr D R Brandt, Mr R O Morris, Mr M C Bird, Mr R E Eiloart, Mr W A Humphreys, Mr J Rennert and Mr C Reunert or Mr H J Shaw.

7 July: GENTLEMEN v PLAYERS

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Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

The Gentlemen at the Oval yesterday atoned in some degree for their erratic bowling on Thursday by good work in the field, and this they followed up by some sound batting, with the result that they finished the day with slightly the better position. So little progress has, however, been made in the match that there is every probability of a drawn game.

Overnight the Players had made 353 for five wickets, and when the game was continued there appeared every prospect of the score being considerably increased; but for some unaccountable reason there was an extraordinary collapse, the last five wickets going down in less than half an hour for the addition of only nine runs, Mr Hunt taking two wickets for five and Mr Napier three for four.

When the Gentlemen went in they too fared badly for a time, losing Mr Kingston and K S Ranjitsinhji for 19. At lunch the score was 100 for three wickets, but afterwards the bowling was collared; and chiefly through the good batting of Mr Bosanquet, Mr Steel and Mr Murdoch the Gentlemen were able to pull the game round.

The best stand during the innings was when Mr Bosanquet and Mr Steel were together. By some free cricket they put on 141 in a little over an hour and a half for the fourth wicket, while later in the day Mr Murdoch and Mr Hunt added 87 without being separated. Mr Bosanquet, although his innings was not so attractive to watch as that of Hayward on Thursday, played a fine game for his side, and his cricket generally was marked by much power. It must also be borne in mind that the quality of the bowling which he had to play was of a much higher standard than that of the Gentlemen.

Mr Steel also showed good form, and he made his runs just at a time when they were wanted, while Mr Murdoch made many good strokes on the off side.

Mr Warner and Mr G W Beldam, owing to indisposition, were unable to take any further part in the match, and their places were filled by Mr Murdoch and Mr Harper, although it will be seen that Mr Beldam has already bowled in the match. At the close of play the Gentlemen were only five runs behind with four wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 July, page 10)

The Gentlemen accomplished a fine performance at the Oval on Saturday, when they beat the Players by an innings and 39 runs. The batsmen had so entirely held the upper hand during the first two days - 719 runs were scored for 16 wickets - that a draw seemed almost certain. In fact, the only chance which the Gentlemen had of winning the game was for them to make enough runs in their first innings and then to get the Players out quickly a second time. This was exactly what happened, and the Gentlemen gained a wonderful victory, which, however, was as well merited as it was unexpected.

Overnight the Gentlemen had got within five runs of their opponents' total with four wickets still to fall, and when Mr Murdoch and Mr Hunt continued their innings they again played fine cricket, the score being taken to 519 before they were separated. The pair in all had put on 249 runs in three and a half hours for the seventh wicket. Mr Murdoch, who had taken Mr Warner's place in the side, showed much of his old skill, and his play on the off-side, especially his favourite stroke near cover-point, was noticeable throughout for its accuracy in timing.

Mr Hunt, who made his first 100 in first-class cricket, also played a sound game. He has developed into a fine all-round cricketer. He is a most reliable fieldsman either in the country or near the wicket, a fast bowler of more than average ability, and a batsman possessed of a number of scoring strokes. During his stay at the wickets he did not give a chance, and his play generally was marked by fairly sound defence combined with good hitting powers.

When the Players went in a second time, 216 behind, there were only about three hours still left for play, so that a definite result was hardly anticipated, but so badly did the side fare that the Gentlemen were able to win well within time.

In the circumstances the less said about the Players' innings the better. When the end was in sight Trott hit finely, and with J T Hearne put on 45 in a quarter of an hour for the eighth wicket, but generally the batting was very feeble.

The bowling of Mr Bosanquet was the feature of the closing stage - in fact, his fine all-round cricket had a great bearing on the result. Mr Napier also bowled well, while the fielding of the Gentlemen as a whole was very good, and it was in marked contrast with that of the Players earlier in the day, which had been lifeless.

7 July: HAMPSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6515.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6515.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

The South Africans beat Hampshire at Alton, yesterday, by an innings and 19 runs.

7 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6516.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6516.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

Derbyshire gained a great advantage in this match at Leicester yesterday, and at the close Leicestershire, with all their wickets in hand in their second innings, were 528 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 July, page 10)

Derbyshire gained an easy victory over Leicestershire, at Leicester on Saturday, by 306 runs.

7 July: SUSSEX v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6517.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6517.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

The consistent scoring which marked the opening day's play in this match at Brighton was continued yesterday, and at the close Essex, with three wickets to fall, required only eight runs to save the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 July, page 10)

When play was continued on Saturday at Brighton a draw appeared to be the only possible result, as Essex, with three wickets in hand, required only eight runs to save the follow-on.

The wicket still played fast and true when Sussex, with a lead of 143, went in a second time, but Mr Fry again shaped badly and, after being nearly bowled by Buckenham in his first over, he had his off stump knocked out of the ground with only 26 scored. Vine left at 40 and Relf at 69; but consistent batting by Killick, Mr Newham, Mr Smith and Mr Brann enabled Sussex to declare their innings closed.

Essex were left with 288 runs to get to win, with two hours and three-quarters remaining for play. The visitors started badly, Carpenter, Mr Fane and Mr McGahey being dismissed for 38; but Mr Gillingham and Mr Perrin, by staying together for nearly an hour, saved the situation.

After Mr Perrin was out Mr Gillingham, with Sewell, continued to exhibit strong defence, although, towards the finish, with all risk of defeat gone, both batsmen drove with some freedom, and at 6 o'clock the match ended in a draw.

7 July: WARWICKSHIRE v CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6518.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6518.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

In this match at Birmingham yesterday the Warwickshire innings was soon finished off. Cambridge started well, both Mr Godsell and Mr Marsh appearing at home until the latter was unfortunate enough to cut a wide ball on to his wicket. With Mr Keigwin and Mr Godsell together a long stand was made.

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 July, page 10)

This match was left drawn at Birmingham on Saturday. Warwickshire went in a second time with a good lead, and Mr Glover and Mr Fishwick, who made a fine stand, put their side beyond a chance of defeat. With five wickets down the innings was declared closed.

The feature of the Cambridge second innings was the batting of Mr Mann, who scored very fast and made some fine drives on the off-side. Whittle again bowled well for Warwickshire.

7 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v OXFORD UNIVERSITY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6519.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6519.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

At the close of play in this match at Worcester yesterday the scores were left as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 11 July, page 10)

Oxford gained a brilliant victory over Worcestershire, at Worcester on Saturday, by three wickets. Worcestershire declared their second innings closed with six wickets down, leaving Oxford 400 runs to get to win in about four hours and a half. The University batsmen played a fine game and won the match soon after 6 o'clock.

7 July: YORKSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6520.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6520.html))

Day 1 (no issue available for Friday 8 July)

Day 2 (report from Saturday 9 July, page 13)

The match between these counties at Harrogate yesterday was brought to a close by a most unusual occurrence, play being abandoned on the completion of the Kent second innings.

It was not until Yorkshire had finished their first innings that the Kent captain called attention to the fact that the wicket had been tampered with, the allegation being that the groundsmen had watered and rolled one end of the pitch on the conclusion of Thursday's play. This was denied by the club's officials and, Lord Hawke being of opinion that the umpires should be asked to make a decision on the subject, it was resolved to leave the matter in their hands.

Pougher and Shrewsbury were of opinion that the wicket had been watered and rolled, and acting under "Rule 9" of the laws of the game they straightway declared the match abandoned. The game will not count in the championship series, nor will it be included in the averages. The case will be reported to the M.C.C. in due course.

The match was declared void, but cricket was continued until 5 o'clock out of consideration for those who had paid for admission. When play was finally stopped the scores were: - Kent, 177 and 321; Yorkshire, 279.

Wednesday 13 July, page 12: THE HARROGATE INCIDENT

The Marylebone Club, being applied to as to whether or not a fresh match could be arranged between Yorkshire and Kent to count in the Championship in place of that abandoned last week, decided, at their meeting on Monday, that, until the question of the facts in dispute between the county club and the Harrogate Club had been settled, they could make no ruling.

Lord Hawke makes the following communication upon the matter: -

"I would willingly have let the unfortunate incident at Harrogate disappear from the history of Yorkshire cricket, but the action of the Harrogate Club committee in stating that the umpires and the 22 cricketers are incapable of judging whether a wicket has been tampered with or not makes that course impossible. As the umpires are appointed from Lord's I am sending full accounts of what happened to headquarters, and am asking that an inquiry be held at the earliest possible opportunity. Until the report or verdict is received I hope further criticism will be held in abeyance."

Lord Hawke further gave it as his opinion that Yorkshire would probably try to arrange a match with Kent at Scarborough during the Festival, the question whether or not it should count in the County Championship being left to the Marylebone Club.

Monday 11 July, page 10: THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AVERAGES

The Oxford and Cambridge averages are given below: -

#### OXFORD

Matches played 10 - won 3; lost 3; drawn 4.

BATTING [Note: 100 or more runs]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Mr W H B Evans	13	656	113	1	54.66
Mr J E Raphael	18	973	201	0	54.05
Mr G G M Bennett	4	178	131	0	44.50
Mr K M Carlisle	18	512	114*	2	32.00
Mr O T Norris	5	134	87	0	26.80
Mr R W Awdry	15	377	72	0	25.13
Mr G T Branston	13	220	55	1	18.33
Mr E G Martin	11	148	46	3	18.25
Mr C D McIver	16	277	51	0	17.31
Mr L D Brownlee	16	237	49	2	16.92
Mr W S Bird	11	148	36	2	16.44
Mr A C von Ernsthause	13	160	35*	2	14.54

BOWLING [Note: 5 or more wickets]

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr W H B Evans	233.5	48	811	29	27.95
Mr R C W Burn	267.2	64	732	25	29.28
Mr E G Martin	304.1	63	873	29	30.10
Mr A C von Ernsthause	273.1	67	844	25	33.75
Mr G T Branston	120	10	478	9	53.11

#### CAMBRIDGE

Matches played 12 - won 3, lost 7, drawn 2.

BATTING [Note: 100 or more runs]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
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Mr J F Marsh	16	548	172*	3	42.15
Mr F B Wilson	18	529	75	3	35.25
Mr R P Keigwin	20	550	116	2	30.55
Mr K R B Fry	19	558	129	0	29.36
Mr E S Phillips	16	400	107	0	25.00
Mr M W Payne	19	377	102*	3	23.56
Mr E W Mann	23	530	95	0	23.04
Mr C H Eyre	21	473	80	0	22.53
Mr H C McDonell	16	338	58	0	21.12
Mr F J V Hopley	19	303	54*	3	18.93
Mr S S Harris	13	187	67	1	15.58
Mr P R May	11	119	43*	3	14.57

BOWLING [Note: 5 or more wickets]

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr H C McDonell	347.2	80	918	48	19.12
Mr G G Napier	254	92	892	50	19.84
Mr R P Keigwin	209	41	691	22	31.40
Mr E W Mann	138	25	413	12	34.41
Mr P R May	202.5	30	708	20	35.40
Mr F J V Hopley	303.1	43	1050	26	40.38

THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	18	1256	225	2	78.50
Mr C B Fry	25	1744	226	2	75.82
K S Ranjitsinhji	18	953	166*	3	74.07
Iremonger	19	1294	272	1	71.63
Mr W H B Evans	13	658	113	1	54.68
The Hon F S Jackson	15	760	113	1	54.28
Mr L C H Palairet	15	804	203	0	53.60
Hayward	34	1618	203	3	52.22
Mr A O Jones	21	914	118	3	50.77
Mr J E Raphael	20	1014	201	0	50.70
Hirst	23	1052	153	2	50.09
Mr L J Tancred	13	598	106	1	49.83
Mr R H Spooner	21	941	126	2	49.52
Knight	27	1076	203	4	48.73
Mr P F Warner	14	584	108	2	48.06
Cuttell	14	480	128	3	43.83
Quaife	19	740	200*	2	43.52
Mr A C S Glover	14	515	124	2	42.91
Mr F Mitchell	18	650	102*	2	41.18
Rhodes	22	805	193	2	40.25
Carpenter	15	594	193	0	39.80
King	28	943	128	4	39.20
Mr B J T Bosanquet	22	779	145	2	38.95
Sewell	22	757	181	2	37.85
Sharp	15	454	104*	3	37.83
Mr L G Wright	23	852	140	0	37.47
Mr H K Foster	21	781	118	0	37.19
Mr P Perrin	18	628	190	1	36.94
Hayes	34	1185	273*	2	36.40
Mr A C MacLaren	19	613	158	2	36.05
Captain E G Wynyard	17	630	147	0	36.05
Denton	26	855	87	2	35.62
Kinneir	18	500	152	1	34.70
J Gunn	20	658	95	1	34.63

Haigh	21	623	138	3	34.61
Mr L O S Poidevin	21	690	103	1	34.50
James Seymour	20	600	135*	2	33.83
Bowley	21	671	153	1	33.55
Mr C McGahey	20	616	173	1	32.42
Humphreys	20	615	131	1	32.36
Mr G W Beldam	14	453	140	0	32.35
Mr C J B Wood	25	707	110	3	32.13
Coe	21	576	103	3	32.00
Whitehead	23	618	77	3	30.80
Storer	21	578	110	2	30.42
Mr F L Fane	18	545	89	0	30.27
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Mr T S Fishwick	18	543	103	0	30.16
Whittle	15	415	104	1	29.64
Tunnicliffe	25	741	119	0	29.64
Mr M Hathorn	13	528	130	0	29.33
Mr L J Moon	12	352	162	0	29.33
Vine	28	725	124	3	29.00
Wheldon	21	519	103	3	28.33
LLewellyn	17	428	68*	2	28.53
Mr C A Ollivierre	23	640	91	0	27.82
Mr J H Sinclair	16	443	103	0	27.63
Lilley	21	561	83	0	27.66
Lord Hawke	18	387	101*	4	27.64
Dr E M Ashcroft	21	544	111	1	27.20
Mr C H B Marsham	23	595	161*	1	27.04
Cadman	19	507	125	0	26.68
Killick	23	613	72	0	26.63
Wrathall	20	529	86	0	26.45
Mr G Curgenven	22	576	124	0	26.18
Mr W B Burns	19	486	165	0	26.10
Hallows	16	356	85	1	25.42
Mr W L Murdoch	17	431	140	0	25.35
Mr J F Byrne	18	454	83	0	25.22

[Also listed: Pearson average 24.93, Mr E M Sprot 24.76, Mr W A Shalders 23.50, Reeves 23.83, Mr G L Jessop 23.11, Mr W Newham 22.83, Mr G Brann 22.80, A Hearne 22.76, Anthony 22.35, Morton 22.23, Mr H Wilkinson 22.12, Dr W G Grace 22.00, Mr R O Schwarz 21.16, Mr A H Hornby 21.06, Mr V F S Crawford 20.90, Bird 20.88, Braund 20.12.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Cuttell	533.5	179	1083	69	15.91
Mr J J Kotze	393.1	86	1206	71	16.28
Haigh	448.2	114	1174	69	17.01
J T Hearne	659.2	131	1553	90	17.25
Blythe	424.5	110	1128	62	18.19
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	445.1	105	1347	71	18.97
Fielder	354.2	74	1069	54	19.61
Rhodes	565.2	174	1276	65	19.63
Mr G G Napier	394.4	102	1116	56	19.92
W C Smith	327.5	80	941	47	20.03
Hallows	484	140	1125	56	20.03
Mr W W Odell	530.2	149	1376	68	20.23
Mr H C McDonell	398.2	85	976	48	20.33
Wass	575	132	1558	77	20.36
Allsopp	357.2	82	1083	53	20.43
Hirst	484.1	100	1274	62	20.54
Mr W Brearley	412.3	63	1291	62	20.82
Relf	551	161	1242	58	21.05
Tate	281	65	780	37	21.08
Dennett	360	81	1020	43	21.27
Lees	673.3	168	1772	83	21.34

J Gunn	548.4	168	1356	63	21.52
Mr J H Sinclair	293	60	1081	50	21.62
Reeves	351.4	78	1040	48	21.68
Arnold	468.2	103	1348	61	22.09
Mr B J T Bosanquet	321.3	37	1217	54	22.53
Huggins	351.4	97	979	43	22.76
Cox	693.5	195	1733	75	23.10
Bestwick	500.3	128	1498	63	23.77
Braund	625.4	84	1831	76	24.09

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	13	8	0	4	9	100.00
Yorkshire	14	7	1	6	6	75.00
Nottinghamshire	11	6	2	6	4	50.00
Sussex	12	4	2	6	2	33.33
Leicestershire	11	5	3	3	2	25.00
Middlesex	7	3	2	2	1	20.00
Kent	9	4	3	2	1	14.28
Derbyshire	11	4	5	2	-1	-11.11
Surrey	13	4	7	2	-3	-27.27
Essex	10	2	5	3	-3	-42.85
Somerset	8	2	6	0	-4	-50.00
Warwickshire	7	1	4	2	-3	-60.00
Worcestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Gloucestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Hampshire	6	0	5	1	-5	-100.00

11 July: HAMPSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6521.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6521.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

At Portsmouth, yesterday, Yorkshire kept Hampshire in the field all day. The visitors lost their captain's wicket with only 16 runs on the board, and they had three batsmen out fairly cheaply.

At the fall of the third wicket, however, Tunnickliffe and Hirst came together and, both playing excellent cricket, they put on 258 runs. Hirst scored much the faster of the two, making his century in five minutes under two hours. Later on another useful stand was made by Rhodes and Rothery, who hit the tired bowling all over the field.

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

Another exhibition of free scoring was seen on the Portsmouth ground in the match between Hampshire and Yorkshire yesterday. The cricket shown by Rhodes and Rothery was exceptionally interesting. The two batsmen were only together an hour and five minutes and they made 152 runs in that time. Rothery, who had only once before made a 50 in first-class cricket, played a fine innings.

Hampshire were fortunate in having Webb missed at the wicket when he had made three, as he played finely afterwards. He was partnered by Mr Sprot at the fall of the first wicket, and the two batsmen added 134 runs before Webb was caught at short slip. Mr Sprot carried his score into three figures for the first time this season. He played delightfully free and stylish cricket up to reaching his hundred, but he took three-quarters of an hour to score his last 18 runs.

The ninth wicket fell at 20 minutes past 6. Mr Hesketh-Prichard and Soar then played out time, and at the close Hampshire still required 71 runs to avoid the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

In this match at Portsmouth, yesterday, Hampshire were outplayed at every point of the game, Yorkshire winning by an innings and 18 runs. It was scarcely expected that the home side would escape the follow-on, and for the addition of two singles the innings was completed.

Hampshire went in a second time 218 runs behind and, starting rather badly, they had practically lost the match at the luncheon interval, when eight wickets had fallen for 149 runs. Webb played good cricket, but the majority of the side made a mistake in adopting forcing tactics.

11 July: KENT v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6522.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6522.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

The Sussex innings occupied nearly the whole of the day at Tunbridge Wells yesterday, when the first match of the week began in splendid conditions. The rate of run-getting, however, was particularly slow. The bowling was fairly good as a rule, but there was too much of it off the wicket, and many of the Sussex batsmen refrained from running the risk of giving catches in the slips.

Mr Brann was 75 minutes scoring nine, and Vine played steadily, but the best batting of the innings was that of Mr Newham, whose cut and drive possessed much of their old brilliancy. Mr Newham and Mr Smith made the best stand, putting on 59 for the sixth wicket in an hour. Kent fielded well, and the catch at short-leg that got out K S Ranjitsinhji was one of the best pieces of cricket during the day. Mr Mason bowled more effectively than any one else, but Blythe was quite difficult to score from.

Mr Fry was absent from the Sussex team owing to a family bereavement.

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

It was left to K S Ranjitsinhji to play the best cricket of the match in the last two hours at Tunbridge Wells yesterday. Until he went in the batsmen on both sides had shown quite an inability to play easily on the good pitch, but with his arrival the whole aspect of the game changed. He was as strong as ever on the leg side, scoring off good and bad bowling with equal precision.

Two wickets were down in the second innings for 53 when he came in; he made his 50 in 40 minutes, and he was only 95 minutes scoring 100 out of the 133 which were put on after the fall of the second wicket. It was grand cricket, and the wrist power which he put into the cut and the off drive were wonderful. This innings placed Sussex with a lead of 203 with six wickets in hand.

The Kent batting in the early hours of the day was disappointing, although Seymour and Mr Hutchings did fairly well. But they ought to have got more runs, for the bowling was nothing out of the common.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

The first match of the Tunbridge Wells week was left drawn yesterday, Kent at the finish wanting 145 to win with six wickets to fall.

Sussex started yesterday morning with the stronger position, and K S Ranjitsinhji, before closing the innings, left his side absolutely secure from defeat, and then from a quarter to 2 until the close there was seen some of the most skilful batting during the three days. The two young Kent professionals Seymour and Humphreys played beautiful cricket, the cut and the off-drive bringing them most of their runs. Humphreys grew rather careless after being in a couple of hours, and he virtually got himself out through hitting at everything.

Another good innings was that by Mr Hutchings, who hit hard on both sides of the wicket and was in with Humphreys while 106 were made for the third partnership.

K S Ranjitsinhji early in the day added 17 to his overnight score. He was batting altogether for less than two hours and he got exactly 100 of his runs by fours.

11 July: MIDDLESEX v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6523.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6523.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

The play in this match at Lord's yesterday afforded a good example of the kind of cricket that may be expected at the present time on the first day of the county match when the wicket is good and fast. The bowlers struggled helplessly all day against good batting, and at the close the first innings of the match was not completed and well over 400 runs had been scored.

Essex had the good fortune to win the toss, and they certainly took full advantage of their opportunities. After a bad start Mr Perrin and Mr Gillingham, who came together at the fall of the fifth wicket, put on 227 runs, and the latter and Sewell took the score to 421 before the fifth wicket fell. At the end of the day two more wickets went down, but with Mr Gillingham still not out a score of over 500 is quite possible.

Mr Perrin played good cricket, making, as he always does, a number of fine drives, while Sewell's innings was curiously uneven. He made many really good hits, but he never seemed quite at home with the bowling, and he played several bad strokes through the slips.

The feature of the day, however, was the batting of Mr Gillingham, who showed that he is undoubtedly a fine cricketer. He went in before lunch and started carefully, but in the afternoon he played most attractive cricket. Runs were not difficult to get, but Mr Gillingham made the best use of his chances, and altogether it was a fine sporting innings. He got a large proportion of his runs by driving, and he is by no means a one-stroke player or essentially an off-side player.

It must be remembered that the day was very hot, but as a whole it cannot be said that the Middlesex fielding was up to a high standard. There were notable exceptions, especially in Mr E A Beldam, who is a most hardworking and effective fieldsman, but one or two catches were missed, and the picking up and return of some of the side was unnecessarily clumsy. The bowling never appeared very difficult; J T Hearne, who, as usual, kept a wonderful length, being the most successful.

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

The cricket on the second day of the Middlesex and Essex match at Lord's was not particularly attractive, but it was interesting from the fact that the game underwent several changes. The wicket was practically perfect, and Middlesex, although they may not be a very powerful batting side, might have been expected to make a fairly large score on such a wicket.

They started moderately well, for in these days 138 for three wickets cannot be called a good start, but afterwards Reeves from the Pavilion end was most successful, and he hit the wicket six times, rather a remarkable feat at the present day. Reeves certainly bowled very well, keeping a good length and appearing to make the ball do a little both ways; but it was poor batting on the part of Middlesex to lose the last seven wickets for under 100 runs.

At the beginning of the innings Mr Warner and Rawlin both played well, but otherwise, with the exception of a few good hits by Mr Bosanquet, Mr More and Mr Stogdon, who took the place of Mr C C Pilkington, the batting was very feeble. Middlesex were all out soon after half-past 4, 242 runs behind. They thus had to follow on with rather over an hour and a half left for play.

Then came the best piece of cricket of the day, for Mr Stogdon and Mr Warner settled down at once and, playing the bowling, which had seemed so difficult to the later Middlesex batsmen in the first innings, with great confidence, they were still together at the close, when Middlesex had reduced their opponents' lead to 108.

It was a most plucky bit of batting, and both men deserve every credit. At the end of their first innings Middlesex were in a really bad position; even now they have a great deal of ground to make up; but Mr Stogdon and Mr Warner have certainly made it possible for them to save the game.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

This match ended in a draw at Lord's yesterday. It was, on the whole, an interesting game which had an extremely dull finish. For the greater part of the first two days Middlesex were in a very bad position, but, after starting their second innings well on Tuesday evening, they made a large score yesterday, and eventually were able to declare their innings closed.

The Middlesex batting yesterday was most consistent, and the majority of the side got runs so easily that the collapse in the first innings against the same bowling seems all the more extraordinary. Mr Warner and Mr Stogdon added 27 yesterday before the former was bowled, and at 136 Mr Stogdon, who had played fine, free cricket, was stumped.

With Rawlin and Mr E A Beldam together the innings defeat was saved, and afterwards another good stand by Mr Bosanquet and Mr Beldam made Middlesex quite safe. The later batsmen went in solely for hitting, and just before half-past 4 the innings was declared closed.

Essex went in again with 192 to get to win and nearly two hours left for play. They made no attempt to get the runs, and the match ended very tamely, stumps being drawn at a quarter-past 6, as there was no possible chance of a finish.

11 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6524.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6524.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

On a perfect Trent Bridge wicket and in almost tropical weather Leicestershire yesterday kept their opponents in the field all day. At the tea interval only three wickets were down with 289 runs scored, but afterwards John Gunn took a wicket in each of his first two overs. From that time the bowlers met with considerable success.

The feature of the day's play was the brilliant hitting of Mr V F S Crawford. Wass and John Gunn bowled admirably and they were supported by excellent ground fielding, but more than one catch was dropped, King and Mr de Trafford being both badly missed.

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

The Nottinghamshire batsmen were engaged throughout yesterday at Trent Bridge in a keen struggle for runs, and, partly owing to some mistakes in the field, they eventually got within 32 of the Leicestershire total.

Mr Jones and Iremonger scored 96 for the first wicket, and the former and John Gunn carried the total to 196. After this four more wickets fell for an addition of 38 runs, but Anthony and Hardstaff made a stand which realized 113. At the close Leicestershire were 46 runs ahead with all their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

At one time yesterday, at Trent Bridge, there appeared every prospect of an interesting finish. The visiting county, who started play with 46 runs in hand, at luncheon time had lost five wickets for 145, Mr Wood, who was missed by Wass at 32, having played a fine innings.

For a long time after lunch Leicestershire devoted all their energies to making themselves secure from defeat, and, owing chiefly to Mr R T Crawford and Coe, this was accomplished. The latter actually took 70 minutes after the interval in scoring six runs; but subsequently he hit out finely,

and when the total had reached 259 for eight wickets Leicestershire declared their innings closed, leaving Nottinghamshire with the impossible task of making 292 to win in barely two hours.

Iremonger was out at 16, but by careful batting Mr Jones and George Gunn played out time, stumps being drawn at 6 o'clock, when it was seen that there was no chance of a definite result being arrived at.

11 July: SOMERSET v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6525.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6525.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

In this match at Taunton yesterday the home side gave, on the whole, an indifferent display, for they were all dismissed in two hours and a half for quite a moderate total.

Mr Lee was the only one on the side who played Mr Kotze, Mr Sinclair and Mr Schwarz with any degree of confidence, and he had the satisfaction of carrying out his bat. His most useful partners were Mr Martyn and Mr Wickham, but the longest stand only produced 38. It took Mr Lee an hour and 40 minutes to get his runs and, although he made some lucky snicks, his cricket was otherwise free from fault.

Mr Schwarz, who was not called upon to do much work, got three wickets cheaply, although to Mr Kotze belongs most of the credit for the dismissal of the side.

Mr Shalders and Mr Tancred opened the visitors' innings in brilliant style, scoring 158 in 75 minutes. Then the game underwent a remarkable change and six men were out for 202. Mr Schwarz, after being missed, stopped the collapse, and when stumps were drawn the South Africans led by 31 and had four wickets in hand.

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

The South Africans, at Taunton yesterday, beat Somerset by an innings and 86 runs. Such an easy victory as this hardly seemed in store, for when the game was continued the South Africans, with four wickets in hand, had only secured a lead of 31 runs. Mr Schwarz, Mr Shepstone and Mr Halliwell, however, scored with great freedom, and the innings did not end until the visitor were 240 ahead.

Somerset began their second innings badly. Mr Sinclair bowled Mr Palairret with the first ball he delivered, and a little later Braund received such a severe blow on the left wrist from Mr Kotze that he retired. Mr Lee and Mr Martyn made a plucky effort to save their side, but the end was soon reached. On a wicket which was affected by the heavy thunder showers of the morning Mr Shepstone bowled with marked success.

11 July: WARWICKSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6526.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6526.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

In this match at Birmingham, yesterday, Surrey won the toss, but made a very indifferent start on a pitch which for a time gave the bowlers some assistance.

Surrey lost five wickets for 85 runs. Abel was bowled at 28 by a ball that came from leg, while run later Hayes was caught in the slips. Mr Raphael was out at 33, and then a rather curious partnership followed. Hayward, who had been missed at mid-on at eight, claimed 21 of the 29 made from the bat when Baker came in. Hayward made 43 out of the 44 runs added in half an hour for the fourth wicket. While he made his 64 out of 77, and although scoring at a greater pace than usual, he played his customary safe game.

The seventh wicket fell at 108, but then Lees, who batted with exemplary steadiness, helped Nice to take the score to 147, when he was out to a brilliant one-handed catch at point. Nice, after Lees

was out, forced the game with great skill, making some clean cuts and well-timed off-drives, and the last two wickets added 93 runs. The Warwickshire fielding was extremely smart, while the frequent changes in the bowling were justified by results.

Mr Fishwick and Kinneir made runs at a good pace, and at the close Warwickshire, with all their wickets in hand, were only 164 runs behind. Mr Fishwick had two narrow escapes of being caught in the long field, but otherwise he batted finely, his cutting being quite the feature of his cricket.

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

The second day of this match at Birmingham produced some decidedly dull cricket, a slow rate of scoring being maintained throughout the greater part of the day.

Warwickshire were yesterday batting for five and three-quarter hours, yet they only added 326 runs to their overnight total of 79 for no wicket. With the pitch in perfect order and the outfield exceptionally fast the conditions could hardly have been more favourable to run-getting, yet after Mr Fishwick's brilliant innings was over most of the batsmen played a very slow game.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

Surrey, at the close of play on Tuesday, in this match at Birmingham, required 161 to save the innings defeat with all their wickets in hand. When play was continued yesterday it soon became evident that a draw would be inevitable. Strudwick, who had been sent in overnight with Baker, was out at 42, but from this point onwards the batsmen held the upper hand, on a pitch that showed no signs of wear.

Hayward, who came in at half-past 12 and remained undefeated until stumps were drawn at a quarter past 6, played himself thoroughly in before he began to score with any freedom, but from the first he was master of the bowling. Baker, who scored faster than usual, helped him to add 84 for the second wicket, while his partnership with Mr Raphael produced 50 runs.

When Mr Raphael left at 176 Hayward had been batting well over two hours for 74, but as soon as Hayes came in, he altered his style and forced the game with great skill. Hayes, too, hit brilliantly, his off-driving being admirable in its power and accuracy. In 65 minutes the pair added 111 runs, and they placed the result beyond doubt.

11 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6527.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6527.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 12 July, page 11)

On a perfect wicket at Worcester, yesterday, Lancashire made a total of over 400, although the last five wickets fell for 30 runs. Lancashire had everything their own way, the bowling of Wilson alone presenting any real difficulty.

Mr Spooner was out at 27, but Mr MacLaren and Tyldesley added 108 before the former was caught. Mr Poidevin was very slow, but Hallows rendered splendid assistance, and with Tyldesley scored 147 for the fourth wicket in an hour and a half before Tyldesley was caught at long off. He played delightful cricket from the beginning of his innings, the feature of his batting being his late cutting.

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

Owing to failing light, play at Worcester yesterday was limited to rather more than four hours and a half. Worcestershire, who were handicapped by the absence of Mr Burns, fared badly, and at present they are 195 runs behind and have only eight wickets in hand in their second innings.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 14 July, page 12)

At Worcester, yesterday, the home county, after making a good fight in their second innings, were beaten by Lancashire by nine wickets.

Until nearly 4 o'clock there was a possibility of a draw, for the innings defeat was saved with four wickets in hand. Then the rest of the side collapsed against Kermode, and Lancashire hit off the runs in just over half an hour.

Tuesday 12 July, page 11: AN ENGLAND ELEVEN v THE SOUTH AFRICANS

The English eleven at Lord's on Thursday next will be: - Mr G MacGregor (captain), K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr G L Jessop, Mr G W Beldam, Mr W H R Evans, Iremonger, John Gunn, Wass, King, J T Hearne and another.

Mr C B Fry, who had promised to play, is prevented owing to a family bereavement.

Thursday 14 July, page 12: AN ENGLAND ELEVEN v THE SOUTH AFRICANS

For this match, which begins at Lord's to-day, the sides will be: -

An England Eleven. - Mr G MacGregor (captain), K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr G L Jessop, Mr G W Beldam, Mr W H B Evans, the Rev F H Gillingham, J Gunn, Wass, King, J T Hearne and another.

The South Africans, selected from - Mr L J Tancred, Mr F Mitchell, Mr W Shalders, Mr M Hathorn, Mr J H Sinclair, Mr G H Shepstone, Mr J J Kotze, Mr G C White, Mr J Middleton, Mr S J Snooke, Mr E A Halliwell, Mr B Wallach, Mr S E Horwood and Mr R O Schwarz.

14 July: DERBYSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6528.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6528.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

Lancashire gave another good batting display at Derby yesterday, and at the close of play the home side were 349 runs behind with nine wickets in hand. The feature of the cricket was the batting of Hallows.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

Although the wicket remained perfectly good at Derby yesterday, the home county collapsed badly, and Lancashire won by an innings and 129 runs. Against Mr Brearley and Kermode the Derbyshire batsmen were quite powerless in the morning.

14 July: ENGLAND ELEVEN v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6529.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6529.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

The South Africans began the most important match of their tour, at Lord's yesterday, against an England Eleven, and at the close of the day's play they must have had every reason to be satisfied with their position, for they had played an innings of well over 300 and had got one of their opponents' wickets down for only eight runs.

It was a hot day and the wicket was practically perfect, so that there was every probability of the side which went in first making a large score, and the South Africans had the advantage of winning the toss. They were batting nearly all day, and taken all round it was an interesting innings, for it was a case of good batting against a variety of good bowling and, although some mistakes were made, against excellent fielding as a whole. Mr Hathorn, Mr Sinclair and Mr Schwarz were all got out by excellent catches, and the fielding of Mr Jessop and Vine could hardly have been surpassed, and K S Ranjitsinhji was at his best in the slips.

Of the six or seven really good batsmen in the team only Mr Tancred and Mr Sinclair failed. The former, who has perhaps shown himself the most consistent scorer in the side, was bowling by John Gunn before he had scored, and the latter had rather hard luck to be finely caught and bowled by Hearne, off what was not a bad hit, before he had a chance of getting set.

There was a great deal of good batting on the side; perhaps Mr Mitchell's innings was the most polished and Mr Schwarz's, from the time that he got 50 until he got near his 100, the most brilliant. One point in the cricket may perhaps be specially mentioned; several of the eleven too the risk of "having a go" at the off-ball, which most batsmen at the present day leave severely alone. Even granting that the risk of getting out is considerable, it is gratifying for once not to see ball after ball let pass without any attempt being made to hit it.

Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders began the innings, and after Mr Tancred was out at six, Mr Hathorn and Mr Shalders put on 84. After this the scoring became much slower, Hearne, who makes so many batsmen seem slow cricketers, keeping his usual beautiful length, and at lunch the score was 135.

Immediately afterwards Mr Hathorn was brilliantly caught by Mr Jessop with one hand at extra-cover. Neither Mr White nor Mr Sinclair stayed very long, and five wickets down for 186 was not a very strong position for the batting side; but then came a long partnership by Mr Mitchell and Mr Schwarz, which turned the game in favour of the South Africans.

The England Eleven had about ten minutes' batting, and Mr Kotze got Mr MacGregor caught from a full pitch off the edge of the bat before a run was made.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

The end of the second day's play in this match at Lord's left the game in an interesting position. The South Africans, with two wickets in hand and a lead of 361, certainly hold an advantage, and they have a great chance of winning the game; but, as was proved in the Gentlemen and Players this year, a score of over 400 against the best of bowling is not impossible in these days in the last innings of a match, and it would not be altogether surprising if the England Eleven, containing as it does at least nine good batsmen, and among them K S Ranjitsinhji, were able at least to save the game to-day.

The cricket yesterday was in marked contrast to that on Thursday, for during a great part of the day the side in the field held the upper hand. Altogether 17 wickets fell for 335 runs; but what was, perhaps, more interesting was to see the England eleven got out on a fast wicket for well under 200 and the greater part of another innings played for only 176 runs. Perhaps the wicket may not have been as good as on the first day, but it could not be called really difficult, and it was in some degree at least a case of good bowling meeting with its reward.

For the South Africans, Mr Sinclair, from the nursery end, had a long spell of work, and he bowled a fine length and kept the batsmen playing hard all the time. He sent down very few really bad balls and altered his pace most skilfully. Mr Schwarz, a bowler of a type that seems very formidable to batsmen at the present time, took four wickets cheaply, including that of K S Ranjitsinhji, who had been playing the bowling with great confidence. Next to Mr Sinclair, Mr Kotze did the largest part of the work. He kept up his usual pace, but he did not appear especially difficult.

The South African fielding was up to a high standard, Mr Tancred, getting out Mr Beldam with a really good slip catch. Mr Halliwell kept wicket brilliantly, and perhaps the most remarkable incident of the day was the dismissal of Mr Gillingham. He played a ball on the leg side, and in doing so went forward out of his ground. Mr Halliwell got to it somehow and had the bails off with the most astonishing rapidity.

King played a fine innings in the morning and K S Ranjitsinhji started with great confidence. At about a quarter to 2, Mr Mitchell put Mr Schwarz on at the pavilion end, and just before lunch he got K S Ranjitsinhji leg-before. At this time six wickets were down for 147, with Mr Jessop not out, and Mr Evans, Mr Gillingham, J Gunn and Wass to come.

After lunch, however, a collapse followed. Mr Evans was out l-b-w first ball, and Mr Jessop was bowled almost immediately by Mr Schwarz. Then came Mr Halliwell's wonderful performance in getting out Mr Gillingham; Mr Sinclair bowled John Gunn, and the innings closed for 167, leaving the South Africans with a lead of 185.

Mr Mitchell decided not to make the England Eleven follow on, but when the South Africans went in to bat again they made a wretched start. John Gunn, from the pavilion end, and Hearne both bowled splendidly, and five good wickets - those of Mr Tancred, Mr Shalders, Mr Mitchell, Mr White and Mr Sinclair - were down for 44. Then Mr Schwarz joined Mr Hathorn and by determined batting the pair carried the score to 106 before the former was out.

Mr Hathorn, who was eventually, as in the first innings, caught by Mr Jessop off King, played a fine game, showing sound defence and making a number of good scoring strokes. Just before the close Mr Snooke helped Mr Halliwell to add 38, and when stumps were drawn the South Africans had done much to redeem the bad start of their second innings.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 11)

Never losing the advantage which they had gained in the earlier stages of the match, the South Africans beat the England Eleven, at Lord's, on Saturday, by 189 runs, the end being reached just before 4 o'clock. It was a brilliant victory, gained by thoroughly good all-round cricket, but it cannot be said that such a result altogether represented the respective merits of the two elevens.

In the course of about half an hour on Saturday morning the South Africans added 31 to their overnight score of 176 for eight wickets, and set their opponents 393 to get to win. The task, on a somewhat worn wicket, was a tremendous one, and there never seemed any likelihood of its being accomplished.

Of course there was a chance as long as K S Ranjitsinhji stayed in, but when he left - second wicket down - at 61 it was felt that defeat was only a question of time. King, who has added greatly to his reputation during the past fortnight, played a fine innings and Mr Jessop made a few hits; but for

the most part the batsmen were unable to master the admirable bowling. The score was 121 for three wickets at lunch time, and the remaining seven wickets fell for 82 runs.

After lunch Mr Sinclair took five wickets for 28 runs, making the ball go away a good deal with his arm. Mr Schwarz, on the other hand, formed an excellent contrast.

14 July: KENT v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6530.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6530.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

Delightful weather favoured this match at Tunbridge Wells yesterday. The best innings of the day was played by Haigh, who is rapidly becoming one of the safest batsmen on the Yorkshire side. After five of the Yorkshire wickets had fallen for 137 runs, he and Rothery played very steady cricket.

Although the wicket varied a good deal in pace, the Kent bowlers did a good performance in dismissing Yorkshire for such a moderate total. At the close of play Kent, with eight wickets in hand, were 167 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

Following up the excellent start which they had made on Thursday afternoon, Kent had much the better of yesterday's cricket at Tunbridge Wells. At the close of play Yorkshire, with two wickets down in their second innings, were 74 runs behind. The feature of the Kent innings was the batting of Mr Mason.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 11)

This match was left drawn at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. The feature of the day's play was the batting of Tunncliffe and Hirst. Tunncliffe and Denton put on 114 runs in 80 minutes, and subsequently the former assisted Hirst to add 171 for the fourth wicket.

Towards the end of the match, when there was no chance of a definite result, the cricket was not of a serious character.

14 July: SOMERSET v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6531.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6531.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

The feature of yesterday's cricket at Taunton was the batting of Mr S M J Woods and Lewis.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

Some interesting cricket was seen at Taunton yesterday, the feature of the day being the batting of Lewis, who only just missed the distinction of making two separate hundreds in a match. At the close of play Somerset were 467 runs ahead with three wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 11)

This match, at Taunton, ended on Saturday in the defeat of Hampshire by 222 runs. On Friday night the home county, with three wickets left in their second innings, were 467 runs ahead.

On Saturday morning, before the innings was declared closed, Mr Martyn and Mr Newton hit hard for a quarter of an hour. In that time 47 more runs were scored, and the eighth partnership in all yielded 90 in half an hour. Mr Martyn hit splendidly, scoring his runs in three-quarters of an hour.

Hampshire, with 515 to get to win and well over five hours remaining for play, were in almost a hopeless position, and in the circumstances they did very well. At lunch time they had scored 159 for three wickets, and subsequently Captain Palmer and Llewellyn added 49. Afterwards the wickets fell rapidly and Somerset were left with an easy win.

14 July: WARWICKSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6532.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6532.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

A hard-hitting innings by Relf gave London County an advantage over Warwickshire at Coventry yesterday, the home side at the close, with five of their best batsmen out, being 167 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

London County maintained the advantage which they had gained on Thursday at Coventry, and at the close of play yesterday they were 304 runs ahead with three wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 11)

After being set 390 runs to get to win in four hours and a half Warwickshire, at Coventry, on Saturday, were nearly successful, the home side, when stumps were pulled up and the match left drawn, requiring but ten runs with four wickets to spare.

14 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6533.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6533.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 15 July, page 12)

Surrey gave a brilliant display of batting at Worcester yesterday, runs being made at quite a fast rate all day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 16 July, page 8)

This match at Worcester produced an interesting day's cricket yesterday, the home county at the close having the worst of the position, for, with one wicket to fall, they were still 206 behind.

The leading features of the cricket were the fine forcing innings of Mr Leveson-Gower and the excellent batting of Mr Foster and Arnold. Mr Leveson-Gower went in when nine wickets had fallen for 455, and his 60 out of 89 put on for the last wicket was made in 45 minutes.

Day 3 (report from Monday 18 July, page 11)

This match, at Worcester, was left drawn on Saturday. When Worcestershire followed on at noon 206 runs behind, three wickets fell for 60 runs and there was every prospect of a Surrey victory.

Arnold and Wheldon then batted with great steadiness and judgment, and they appeared to have gained a complete mastery over the bowling. At 165, however, Arnold's patient innings was ended by a catch in the slips; and thus, with six wickets in hand, the home side were only 41 behind.

At this point the game underwent another change and veered round in Surrey's favour; Wheldon was stumped, while Gaukrodger and Mr Isaac were cheaply dismissed. When the seventh wicket fell at 227, one hour and 40 minutes remained for play and Worcestershire were only 21 runs ahead.

Ten more runs were added by Mr Simpson-Hayward and Bird, and then occurred one of those incidents which so often prove the turning points in matches. Mr Simpson-Hayward was badly missed at the wicket off Nice, and afterwards he and Bird offered such a sound defence that by half-past 5 they had put their side 60 runs ahead and ensured a draw.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	21	1470	225	3	81.66
Mr C B Fry	25	1744	225	2	75.82
K S Ranjitsinhji	20	1168	166*	3	68.70
Iremonger	21	1344	272	1	67.20
Hirst	26	1376	157	2	57.23
Hayward	37	1660	203	4	56.36
Mr A O Jones	23	1061	119	4	55.84
The Hon F S Jackson	15	750	158	1	54.28
Mr J E Raphael	23	1153	201	0	50.13
Quaife	22	997	200*	2	49.85
Mr W H B Evans	15	676	113	1	48.78
Mr A C S Glover	17	720	124	2	48.00
Mr L C H Palairet	19	904	203	0	47.57
Knight	27	1078	203	4	46.95
Mr P F Warner	16	643	106	2	45.92
Mr R H Spooner	24	1006	126	2	45.72
Mr P Perrin	20	803	190	2	44.61
Mr L J Tancred	16	563	105	1	44.20
Mr J F Marsh	16	548	172*	3	42.15
Mr A C MacLaren	22	781	166	3	41.10
Rhodes	25	939	196	2	40.82
Mr B J T Bosanquet	24	892	145	2	40.09
Mr H K Foster	25	1001	118	0	40.04
King	32	1118	128	4	39.92
Cuttell	16	516	123	3	39.89
Sharp	17	515	104*	4	39.61
Mr F Mitchell	21	738	102*	2	38.34
Hayes	37	1321	273*	2	37.74
Denton	29	1015	97	2	37.62
Tunnicliffe	28	1014	135	0	36.21
Captain E G Wynyard	17	613	147	0	36.05
Sewell	25	825	181	2	35.85
Carpenter	17	600	199	0	35.29
Kinneir	19	635	152	1	35.27
Mr F B Wilson	18	529	75	3	35.26
Mr L G Wright	25	667	140	0	34.58
James Seymour	24	759	136*	2	34.50
J Gunn	24	758	95	2	34.45
Coe	23	651	103	4	34.26
Hallows	17	527	111	1	32.93
Humphreys	23	724	131	1	32.90
Mr T S Fishwick	21	657	103	0	32.71
Mr C J B Wood	29	849	110	3	32.85
Mr L O S Poidevin	23	717	103	1	32.59
Haigh	24	684	138	3	32.57
Mr K M Carlisle	18	512	114*	2	32.00
Mr M Hathorn	21	668	130	0	31.80

Mr R O Schwarz	15	475	102	0	31.66
Mr C McGahey	22	626	173	2	31.30
H Whitehead	25	685	77	3	31.13
Whittle	18	494	104	2	30.87
Mr E M Sprot	15	462	118	0	30.80
Mr C H B Marsham	25	704	161*	2	30.60
Mr R P Keigwin	20	550	116	2	30.55
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Mr F L Fane	20	603	83	0	30.15
Lewis	17	470	101	1	29.37
Mr K R B Fry	19	558	129	0	29.26
Mr G W Beldam	16	466	140	0	29.12
Bowley	25	695	153	1	28.95
Storer	23	603	110	2	28.95
Wheldon	25	624	103	3	28.38
Vine	32	813	124	3	28.20
Relf	26	728	154	0	28.00
Mr W A Shalders	20	515	81	1	27.10
Arnold	25	591	97*	3	26.86
Wrathall	20	529	88	0	26.45
Dr E M Ashcroft	23	560	111	1	26.36
Killick	25	656	72	0	26.24
Mr C A Ollivierre	25	655	91	0	26.20
Mr W B Burns	19	496	165	0	26.10
Mr V F S Crawford	26	599	150	3	26.04
Mr J F Byrne	21	543	83	0	25.85
LLewellyn	21	478	68*	2	25.15
Mr W L Murdoch	19	478	140	0	25.15
Pearson	20	478	68	1	25.15
Mr R W Awdry	15	377	72	0	25.13
Mr E S Phillips	16	400	107	0	25.00

[Also listed: Abel average 24.94, Lilley 24.91, Mr F M Lee 24.87, Webb 24.75, Mr G Curgenvan 24.70, Anthony 24.60, Mr J H Sinclair 24.47, Cadman 24,28, A Hearne 23.94, Lord Hawke 23.29, Mr G L Jessop 23.05, Mr E W Mann 23.04, Mr M W Payne 22.68, Me E A Halliwell 22.66, Mr C H Eyre 22.52, Reeves 22.07, Bird 22.00, Hardstaff 21.60, Mr H Wilkinson 21.31, Dr W G Grace 20.89, Braund 20.76.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	109.3	15	391	31	12.61
Cuttell	608	206	1241	73	17.00
J T Hearne	748.5	214	1800	103	17.47
Mr J J Kotze	446.5	93	1409	78	18.08
Haigh	518.4	121	1415	76	18.61
Hallows	540	162	1201	62	19.37
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	477.1	114	1453	74	19.67
Mr G G Napier	394.4	102	1116	56	19.92
W C Smith	327.5	60	941	47	20.02
Kermode	182.5	40	527	26	20.26
Mr H C McDonell	368.2	85	976	43	20.33
Mr W Brearley	475.3	74	1502	73	20.57
Blythe	526	145	1405	68	20.65
Mr J H Sinclair	353.5	71	1325	84	20.70
Rhodes	651.2	198	1460	70	20.85
Tate	298.1	67	836	40	20.90
Allsopp	385.2	94	1185	56	21.16
Reeves	424.4	94	1274	60	21.23
Dennett	360	81	1021	48	21.27
Hirst	564.1	109	1523	71	21.45
Wass	637	156	1898	88	21.56
Fielder	451.4	92	1423	65	21.89
Mr W W Odell	641.2	177	1688	76	22.21
Huggins	351.4	97	979	43	22.76
J Gunn	651.1	191	1734	75	23.12

Relf	562.2	196	1552	67	23.16
Lees	778.4	189	2046	88	23.25
Cox	736.5	205	1822	77	23.66
Arnold	522.3	109	1522	64	23.78
Bestwick	530.3	130	1598	67	23.35
Fairservice	264.2	72	780	32	24.37
Braund	532.2	87	1985	80	24.81
Trott	470.5	91	1544	61	25.31
Mr B J T Bosanquet	357.3	38	1395	55	25.36
Moorhouse	330.1	83	1102	43	25.62
Cranfield	370.3	62	1138	44	25.88
Warren	523.3	83	1824	70	26.05

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	15	11	0	4	11	100.00
Yorkshire	16	8	1	7	7	77.77
Nottinghamshire	12	6	2	4	4	50.00
Sussex	13	4	2	7	2	33.33
Leicestershire	12	5	3	4	2	25.00
Middlesex	8	3	2	3	1	20.00
Kent	11	4	3	4	1	14.28
Derbyshire	12	4	6	2	-2	-20.00
Surrey	15	4	7	4	-3	-27.27
Somerset	9	3	6	0	-3	-33.33
Essex	11	2	5	4	-3	-42.85
Warwickshire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Gloucestershire	8	1	4	3	-3	-60.00
Worcestershire	10	1	5	4	-4	-66.66
Hampshire	8	0	7	1	-7	-100.00

18 July: DERBYSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6534.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6534.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

Playing for Essex against Derbyshire at Chesterfield yesterday, Mr Perrin made the highest score of the season and was still not out at the close. From the first Mr Perrin batted splendidly and, although scoring at a great pace, he did not give a chance until he had made 152. At that point Bestwick missed him badly at mid-on off Warren, who in the same over had dismissed Sewell and Reeves.

As the day advanced Mr Perrin tired somewhat, his heat being very exhausting, and he might several times have been caught in the long field. For all that his performance was one of great brilliancy. He made his 295 in five hours.

Of the other batsmen, Mr Fane played faultless cricket and helped to put on 120 in 70 minutes. Mr Gillingham and Mr Perrin added 126, but there were six wickets down for 314. With Mr Perrin and Mr Douglas together the eighth wicket produced 130 in an hour.

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

By increasing his overnight score of 295 to 343 at Chesterfield, yesterday, Mr Perrin succeeded in putting together the fifth highest individual innings ever recorded in first-class cricket, the only batsmen who have beaten that total being Mr A C MacLaren 424, Mr C Hill 365 (not out), Abel 357 (not out) and Dr W G Grace 344. The first three of these innings have been played within the last ten years, but Dr Grace obtained his score so far back as 1876.

Mr Perrin was batting for five hours and three-quarters, going in first wicket down and being still not out when the Essex innings closed. He did not give a chance until he had brought his figures to 152, and although he was let off more than once afterwards, his driving and placing on the leg side were very good. Essex obtained their 597 runs in six hours.

Wanting 448 to escape a follow-on, Derbyshire went in to bat shortly before 1 o'clock, and at the drawing of stumps they were within two of that number with six wickets in hand. In accomplishing that splendid performance the home team were mainly indebted to Mr Ollivierre. He gave no chance, and he hit all round the wicket with delightful freedom.

Mr Wright, who was seen to great advantage, helped Mr Ollivierre to put on 191 for the first wicket in an hour and 40 minutes, and with Storer and Mr Ollivierre together 128 more were added. So far the match has produced 1,043 runs for the loss of 14 wickets.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

Derbyshire yesterday, at Chesterfield, gained over Essex one of the most remarkable victories ever recorded at cricket. They won the game by nine wickets after fielding out while 597 runs were scored in the first innings of the match.

The only performance at all comparable to it was that of Mr Stoddart's team at the test match in Sydney in December, 1894, when the Englishmen snatched a victory by ten runs after Australia had played a first innings of 586. On that occasion, however, the game ran into the sixth day; Mr Stoddart's team derived some benefit from following on, and in the concluding stage of the contest rain, followed by bright sunshine, had made the ground so treacherous that the Australians, with eight wickets to go down, could not get 64 runs.

Derbyshire enjoyed no such advantages. They did not follow on and so tire out their opponents; rain did not assist them and, moreover, they won the match, in which 1,391 runs were scored, in three days. For these reasons the achievement of the Derbyshire eleven must be regarded as more wonderful than that of Mr Stoddart's team.

The only other instance which comes to mind of a side losing, after making over 500 in the first innings, occurred at Adelaide in March of last year when Lord Hawke's team lost to South Australia by 97 runs after scoring 553; but on that occasion the Englishmen, owing to the follow-on, fielded out for 758 runs.

Yesterday morning Derbyshire's innings, in which 446 had been scored for the loss of four batsmen, ended somewhat tamely, the six outstanding wickets going down for the addition of 102, and Essex were thus left with an advantage of 49 runs. In three-quarters of an hour, however, Warren and Bestwick got out six batsmen for 27 runs.

After lunch Sewell and Mr Douglas made a big effort to retrieve these disasters and added 57 in 50 minutes, but the innings was all over in under two hours for 97, Mr Gillingham, owing to an attack of lumbago, being unable to bat.

Derbyshire had 147 to get in two hours and five minutes, and although Mr Wright was out at 11, Mr Ollivierre and Storer batted with so much freedom and confidence that the runs were hit off in 80 minutes at the cost of only one wicket. Mr Ollivierre again played brilliant and faultless cricket, and only just missed getting another 100.

18 July: LANCASHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6535.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6535.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

On a wicket which seemed rather queer at one end, this match began at Manchester yesterday. Middlesex, who batted first, made a disastrous start, as two wickets fell for 14. Rawlin was well caught at the wicket, while in the next over Mr Bosanquet was beaten by a good length ball. Mr G W Beldam was exceedingly careful, but when he had reached double figures he, too, was out and, with five wickets down for 36, Middlesex seemed in a very bad way.

Trott and Mr Stogdon, however, came to the rescue of their side, and they added 100 for the sixth wicket before the former was dismissed. It was due chiefly to this pair and Mr More that the Middlesex score reached such respectable dimensions. Trott's hitting was quite the feature of the batting.

In the evening Lancashire began very well. Mr Garnett was out at 38, but 100 runs were made in the first hour.

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

Lancashire gained a great advantage in this match at Manchester yesterday, and at the close Middlesex, with four wickets to fall in their second innings, were only 45 runs ahead. In the morning Lancashire passed the Middlesex total with six wickets in hand, but Mr Bosanquet afterwards proved very effective.

The second innings of Middlesex was very like the first. They went in 111 behind, and against Hallows and Kermodie they lost three wickets for 27, while Mr Bosanquet was well caught in the long field at 51. Then, however, Mr Stogdon and Trott again came to the rescue, and in an hour and 20 minutes they added 98 for the sixth wicket and put Middlesex a few runs ahead. Mr MacGregor, after Trott was out, joined Mr Stogdon and the pair played out time.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

Two hours and a quarter's cricket, at Old Trafford, yesterday, was sufficient to bring this match to a conclusion, the first fixture between these counties which has been brought to a definite conclusion at Manchester since 1898.

Mr Stogdon yesterday was bowled first ball, but Mr More and Mr MacGregor fought hard. Middlesex, however, in the end, set Lancashire only 163 to make to win. Lancashire, chiefly owing to Tyldesley, got the runs for the loss of two wickets.

18 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6536.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6536.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

A brilliant display by Mr Fishwick and a defensive innings by Kinneir gave Warwickshire a splendid start at Leicester yesterday, the two scoring 163 for the first wicket. They were not separated at lunch, the former having made his century out of a total of 151, but afterwards for a time the bowlers held the upper hand, four wickets being down for 186. Mr Byrne, however, hit hard, while the later batsmen played useful innings, and at the close the visitor held a strong position.

Mr Fishwick, who was first out, obtained his runs in a little over two hours, and although he made a couple of bad strokes after reaching his 50, he gave no chance. He drove on both sides of the wicket with great power. Kinneir's restraint was very marked in comparison with Mr Fishwick's hitting.

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

At Leicester, yesterday, Moorhouse and Whiteside added 36 for the last wicket to the overnight total, and the great advantage held by Warwickshire was admirably maintained by their subsequent work in the field.

At the outset of the Leicestershire innings, Mr De Trafford and Mr Wood made the attack appear so easy that there seemed every prospect of a good score, but a capital bit of bowling by Mr Byrne completely turned the game. Leicestershire had scored 58 in 40 minutes, when the Warwickshire captain with his first ball dismissed Mr De Trafford; and the departure of Mr Crawford and King gave him the anal of three wickets for eight runs.

None of the home side shaped with confidence. Whitehead, who went in at the fall of the third wicket and was out ninth, made one or two good strokes during his two hours' stay, but generally the batsmen lost their wickets immediately they attempted to hit. The Warwickshire fielding, especially on the off side, was very fine.

Although holding a lead of 205, Mr Byrne, in view of a possible break up of the pitch, decided to bat, and at the close Warwickshire, with six wickets in hand, held a lead of 347.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

After having all the better of this match at Leicester, Warwickshire shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday won the game by 181 runs.

Overnight the visitor held a lead of 347, with six wickets in hand, and, continuing, Lilley, Quaife and Whittle scored with great freedom, 137 being added in an hour. Before 1 o'clock Mr Byrne was in a position to declare with a lead of 434 runs. Quaife batted finely for two hours and three-quarters and did not make a really bad stroke. Whittle was in for only 40 minutes, and his runs were obtained out of an aggregate of 95.

Four hours and a half remained for play when Leicestershire opened their second innings, and so well did the earlier batsmen play that a draw appeared probable. Mr de Trafford and Mr Wood scored 98 for the first wicket, and when the latter left 250 had been totalled with only three men out. Mr de Trafford, after being missed in the long field at 20, hit finely, while Mr Wood in a more restrained style played excellent cricket.

King was the only other batsman to obtain any mastery over the bowling. After he was out the remainder of the side collapse badly before the bowling of Whittle, the last six wickets adding only 49 runs. Whittle, who went on at 218, kept an excellent length, and he was able to make the ball turn both ways.

18 July: LONDON COUNTY v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6537.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6537.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

London County had much the better of the cricket at the Crystal Palace yesterday, and at the close of play they were only 72 runs behind their opponent's total with all their wickets in hand. Considering the quality of the bowling opposed to them, the M.C.C. and Ground ought to have got many more runs.

Mr Doll and A Hearne made a good start by putting on 77 for the first wicket, but afterwards, with the exception of the batting of Mr Harrison and Mr Lambert, the M.C.C. and Ground's display was featureless.

When London County went in, however, Dr Grace and Mr Murdoch played splendid cricket, and it is really wonderful how the former keeps up his form, for yesterday he celebrated his 56th birthday. He made more runs than usual behind the wickets, but his timing was seldom at fault. Considering that the M.C.C. and Ground side possessed such bowlers as Relf, Fielder, Mead and A Hearne, his performance was all the more remarkable.

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

Owing chiefly to a fine innings by Dr Grace, at the Crystal Palace yesterday, London County were able to finish the day with much the better position.

Dr Grace, who was seventh out at 314, was altogether batting about five hours and a quarter for his runs, a wonderful feat of endurance for a man of his years. He did not play with the same freedom yesterday as he had done on Monday, but his cricket was always sound, in fact, he hardly made a bad stroke. His cutting and placing were as accurate as ever, but his innings was singularly devoid of driving.

At the close of play the M.C.C. and Ground were 194 runs behind with nine wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

London County gained a victory over the M.C.C. and Ground, at the Crystal Palace yesterday, by an innings and 18 runs.

18 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6538.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6538.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

All former scoring records for the Trent-bridge ground were yesterday eclipsed by Gloucestershire, who kept the home side in the field throughout the day. From the start of their innings they made runs at a great pace, and when stumps were drawn they had scored 591 for nine wickets in about five and a half hours' cricket.

The best stands were those by Wrathall and Broad for the first wicket, by Mr Brownlee and Mr Jessop for the third, and by Mr Jessop and Mr Thomas for the fourth. Mr Jessop made his runs by magnificent hitting in two hours and 25 minutes, but he was completely overshadowed in the third wicket partnership by Mr Brownlee, who actually scored at twice the pace of his captain. The pair hit up 48 in the first ten minutes after luncheon, and Mr Brownlee's 94 was made in an hour and a quarter.

The wicket was showing signs of wear at the close, and Nottinghamshire may find the task of saving the game an exceedingly difficult one.

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

Gloucestershire, at Trent Bridge yesterday, followed up their sensational scoring of Monday by carrying their total of 591 for nine wickets to 636, which is not only a record score for Gloucestershire, but is a record innings against Nottingham, the former highest being 634, which, curiously enough, was also made by Gloucestershire at Bristol six years ago. The innings lasted just under six hours, and for such a large ground the rate of run-getting was extraordinary.

Nottinghamshire were rather cheaply got rid of in two hours and 50 minutes, and the total would have been smaller had the visitor held all the catches which were offered them. Mr Jones was missed at 41, while Mr Dixon and Day each received two lives. The moderate total was largely due to bad batting against slow bowling. Iremonger and John Gunn, however, were both unlucky, the one being bowled off his thigh and the other off his pads.

When they followed on, in spite of the wicket bumping at one end, Nottinghamshire gave a much better display, Mr Jones and Iremonger showing great restraint and carefully selecting the right balls to hit. Still Nottinghamshire must bat all day to avoid defeat. Play was delayed for half an hour during the afternoon by a shower of rain.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

In spite of a great first wicket stand by Mr Jones and Iremonger, at Trent Bridge, yesterday, Gloucestershire gained a victory by an innings and one run. The bowling of Spry and Dennett, backed up by rather smarter fielding than on Tuesday, was too much for the majority of the Nottinghamshire batsmen.

Mr Jones and Iremonger, who overnight had scored 122 in Nottinghamshire's second innings, were not separated until they had carried the score to 303. Iremonger, whose only mistake was a chance of stumping at 105, played splendid cricket. Mr Jones batted for five hours and three-quarters, and it was not until his total was 164 that he made a mistake. Although he showed more restraint than usual he hit with great brilliancy at times.

With the exception of Mr Dixon, the other Nottinghamshire batsmen played the slow bowling badly, and the side were all out by a quarter past 5.

18 July: SURREY v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6539.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6539.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

Surrey, mainly owing to a fine performance in the field, gained a great advantage in this match at the Oval yesterday, for at the close of play with seven wickets in hand they were only one run behind their opponents' total.

It must be said that Yorkshire lost a great chance when, after winning the toss, on a fast Oval wicket they allowed themselves to be got out for well under 200 runs. The credit of the dismissal of such a strong batting side so cheaply was almost entirely due to Nice, although Lees at the other end bowled a good length and kept down the runs.

Nice's performance was a remarkable one. He was bowling practically throughout the innings, and hardly any of the batsmen played him with much confidence. He bowled seven men, and after lunch he got five wickets for 39 runs.

Yorkshire never looked like making a large score. Rhodes was out with the total at 8, and at 49 Nice bowled Mr Wilkinson and Tunnicliffe with successive balls. Denton and Hirst carried the score to 99, but then Hayes got Denton caught, taking a wicket just when it was wanted; and at lunch four wickets were down for 108.

When play was continued a remarkable collapse followed. Lees bowled Hirst at 122, and the next five wickets fell to Nice while only 40 runs were added, the last wicket putting on a useful 22.

Surrey went in at about a quarter past 4, and from the first the batsmen played with great confidence. Baker was out at 44, but then Mr Raphael, who is a great acquisition to the Surrey eleven, joined Hayward, and the pair added 95 runs, both playing good cricket and scoring at a fair pace all the time.

After Mr Raphael was caught in the slips, Hayes and Hayward added 20 more; but just before the close Rhodes, who had gone on at the Vauxhall end, got Hayward caught at the wicket.

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

The end of the second day's play in the Surrey and Yorkshire match, at the Oval yesterday, left the game in a fairly even position, for Yorkshire at the close of play had made up most of the ground which they had lost on Monday and they finished 19 runs ahead with eight wickets to fall in their second innings.

It was in many respects an attractive day's cricket; for, after Surrey had gained a good lead, which they thoroughly deserved, on the first innings, it was most interesting to see the way in which Yorkshire settled down to their great task. The batsmen took no risks, but they played with steady determination, and whatever may happen to-day - and a win for Yorkshire is not by any means impossible - it is gratifying to see that the Yorkshire team have in a great degree recovered their wonderful power of making a great effort and getting out of difficulties at the critical point.

When the game was continued, Surrey, with seven wickets in hand, but with Hayward out, were only one run behind their opponent's total. The rest of the innings was remarkable for the fine batting of Hayes, who was mainly responsible for giving Surrey their lead of 187.

Yorkshire started their second innings at about a quarter past 3, and from the first their batting was up to a high standard. For the rest of the day runs were not scored fast, but they came steadily all the time against some good bowling. Rothery and Mr Wilkinson made a good start, putting on 56 before the former was bowled, and then Denton and Mr Wilkinson made a good stand, and added 93 runs. Neither of the two played Hayes well when he first went on, but they seemed quite comfortable with the rest of the bowling.

At 149 Mr Wilkinson was well caught in the slips for a sound innings played at a critical time, and then Tunnicliffe and Denton put on 57 before the close of play. Denton's was the most polished innings of the day, and he made a number of beautifully timed strokes on both sides of the wicket.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

This match at the Oval ended yesterday in a draw, but any chance which there might have been of Yorkshire's winning was thrown away by mistakes in the field. Overnight, Yorkshire had scored 206 for two wickets, and when they continued their innings it soon became apparent that Surrey would have great difficulty in dismissing their opponents, especially as Lees was unable to bowl on account of an injury to his foot, while Hayes was absent owing to a family bereavement.

In the circumstances the Yorkshire batsmen were able to do almost what they liked with the bowling, and it soon became a question of when their innings would be declared closed. With Denton out at 242, Yorkshire had lost three good wickets, and they only held a lead of 55; but on Hirst's joining Tunnicliffe the game turned in favour of Yorkshire, the pair putting on 180 in about two hours before they were separated. Both played finely, Hirst's pulling and Tunnicliffe's driving being the chief characteristics of the cricket. Wainwright also made some good cuts before the innings was declared closed.

When Surrey were sent in a second time, 305 runs behind, there was two hours and 35 minutes still left for play. Hayward and Baker, who were both missed, the former in the slips when he had made 17 and the latter at mid-off by Hirst, stayed together for nearly an hour and a half, and thus they made their side practically secure from defeat. As nothing was to be gained by continuing the match, stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

18 July: WORCESTERSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6540.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6540.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

Worcestershire gained a great advantage in this match, at Worcester, yesterday.

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

Worcestershire followed up the advantage which they had gained on Monday at Worcester yesterday, and at the close of play Hampshire were in an almost hopeless position, as they were still 165 behind with four wickets down in their second innings.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 21 July, page 11)

Owing to some fine batting by Mr Hill and Mr Evans, Hampshire made a good fight in their second innings at Worcester yesterday, but they were all out soon after the luncheon interval, and Worcestershire were left with 65 runs to get to win.

Pearson was soon out, but then Bowley and Wheldon hit off the runs, and Worcestershire won the match by nine wickets.

18 July: SCOTLAND v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/99/99690.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/99/99690.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 19 July, page 12)

The South Africans completely outplayed a representative team of Scotland at Edinburgh yesterday. They dismissed the home side very cheaply, Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair meeting with little resistance,

and then in two hours and a half they made a good score for the loss of one batsman, thus leaving off 129 ahead with nine wickets in hand.

Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders passed the Scotsmen's total before a wicket fell, and then Mr Tancred and Mr Hathorn added 125 without being separated. Mr Tancred was missed at 41 and again at 73, but he played splendid cricket for his 157 not out, or the largest score made by any of the South Africans since the opening of the present tour.

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

The South Africans yesterday, at Edinburgh, gained a victory over the Scotland eleven by an innings and 188 runs. They had secured a great advantage on Monday, and yesterday they declared their innings closed with six wickets down. The Scotsmen thus had to face a lead of 336 runs, but again they failed badly and, with the exception of Mr Dickson, nobody offered any real resistance.

The outstanding feature of the day was the great innings played by Mr Tancred. Overnight he had made 157 and he was not dismissed yesterday until the score was up to 433. [Note: he was out for 250.]

21 July: KENT v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6541.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6541.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

In a good day's cricket at Beckenham yesterday Somerset established a strong position, this being in some degree brought about by the ill-judgment of the Kent batsmen in running in the last hour.

With Fielder away from the side owing to an injury Kent were fortunate in having Mr J R mason available. Mr Mason bowled splendidly in his long spells at both ends, and the balls with which he got out Mr Palairet and Mr Martyn were particularly good. In the long Somerset innings, which did not end until after 5 o'clock, he got seven wickets for just over 17 runs each.

Mr H S Poyntz, who had a very fine off-drive, secured the batting honours for Somerset and, after seven wickets were down for 184, he and Braund added 119 in an hour and a half for the eighth wicket. Braund, who is still suffering from a damaged forearm, went in late and played with great steadiness.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

Mr J R Mason followed up his bowling triumph of Thursday with a splendid innings at Beckenham yesterday. This batting occurred at a time when Kent badly needed runs, and in the course of a couple of hours it quite changed the character of the game.

Mr Mason cut and drove with brilliant precision, and there was hardly a bad stroke in his innings. He got 92 of his runs by fours, and with Mr Marsham, who hit very hard, carried the score from 142 to 268 for the seventh wicket.

When Somerset played their second innings the Kent bowlers made the most of the worn wicket, and the fielding was exceptionally good, the one-hand catch at short leg that got out Braund being a brilliant one. Mr Mason again bowled well and brought his record in the match to ten wickets for 180 runs.

Kent had only 137 to make in the fourth innings, and without the loss of a wicket they got 59 of these last night in half an hour.

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

Kent beat Somerset, at Beckenham on Saturday, by eight wickets, the balance of 78 runs being made in less than an hour. Humphreys's brilliant cutting and driving marked the closing stage of the match.

It seemed probable that the runs would be hit off without loss; but at 93 Mr Palairret went on with lobs and quickly got out both Humphreys and Alec Hearne, who had made 96 for the first wicket in less than an hour.

21 July: LANCASHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6542.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6542.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

As the wicket prepared for this match, which was begun at Old Trafford yesterday, did not give entire satisfaction, a fresh pitch was hastily prepared and played on. Beyond the fact that the turf seemed rather lively, especially at one end, it was quite sound.

Mr MacLaren was bowled by the first ball which he received from Reeves. Mr Spooner and Tyldesley, however, scored so freely that they added 166 in an hour and 40 minutes before the latter was caught at point.

Six wickets were down for 205 when Mr Hornby joined Sharp, the latter of whom gave a chance in the slips at 11. They stayed together an hour and three-quarters and put on 177 before Mr Hornby was caught at third man.

Essex made a bad start, Mr MacLaren holding two very fine catches.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

This match, at Old Trafford, yesterday, produced some extraordinary changes. After rain in the night, the wicket was more inclined to "kick" than ever, and the Essex team had a most disastrous time.

Mr Perrin was caught at 43 and Mr McGahey was taken at the wicket at 59, at which total half the side were out. Two more men, Freeman and Carpenter, left at 69, and the whole side were out at ten minutes to 1. The seven outstanding wickets fell for 63. Mr Brearley bowled finely, and his record yesterday morning was six wickets for 33 runs.

Following on Essex again began badly, as Mr Douglas was brilliantly caught at the wicket in the first over, before a run had been made, while Mr Perrin was well taken by Mr Spooner at six. Mr Fane and Mr McGahey began to hit, but at 32 Mr Fane was bowled. Mr McGahey and Carpenter added 76 in 35 minutes, while later Mr Keigwin and Freeman, who added 120 for the seventh wicket, both played exceptionally well. Essex now require 19 runs to save the innings defeat.

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

After having all the better of the cricket on the first two days of the match, Lancashire gained an easy victory over Essex, at Manchester on Saturday, by ten wickets.

21 July: LEICESTERSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6543.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6543.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

Considerable progress was made with this match which was begun at Leicester yesterday, for the wicket played rather queerly at times and seemed to be giving the bowlers some assistance.

Leicestershire did fairly well after losing Mr V F S Crawford at 34, for King and Mr Wood brought up 120 without further loss; but Mr Wood was caught in the slips in the last over before luncheon, and subsequently four wickets fell in 20 minutes for 13 runs. King, who was third out, was missed in the

slips when he had made 22 and later on by the bowler, but as a whole he played bright and attractive cricket, his driving being particularly well timed.

Except that Gill, Mr Odell and Toon punished him rather heavily, Wass bowled exceedingly well, keeping up a great pace and bowling a fairly accurate length. The Nottinghamshire ground fielding was very keen, but dropped catches cost them dearly.

When the visitors went in they started badly, losing Mr Jones, who was brilliantly caught low down in the slips, at 33, and William Gunn ought to have been out immediately afterwards but Whiteside missed him at the wicket, and the veteran helped Iremonger to add 51. At the close, Nottinghamshire, with eight wickets in hand, were 164 runs behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

Leicestershire gained an almost overwhelming advantage in their return fixture with Nottinghamshire at Leicester yesterday, and if the weather keeps fine the visitors will have great difficulty in saving themselves from defeat. Overnight the game had been left in a very even position, and with eight wickets in hand Nottinghamshire certainly ought to have got nearer to their opponents' total.

As a matter of fact they only added 128, and for these runs they were chiefly indebted to Iremonger, G Gunn and Day. Iremonger, who was fifth out at 150, played sound cricket for nearly three hours. As a whole, however, the batting was singularly lacking in life.

When Leicestershire started their second innings Mr Wood and King batted finely, and at such a fast rate did runs come that 100 were scored in 55 minutes, while 30 more were added before King was caught at slip. The Nottinghamshire bowling was much below its usual standard. It was clear that the wicket was much worn at one end, but neither Wass nor John Gunn could find a length. When stumps were drawn Leicestershire hold a lead of 295 with five wickets in hand.

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

A heavy thunderstorm, which broke over the Leicester County Ground soon after 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, in all probability robbed Leicestershire of a victory, as Nottinghamshire, when play was abandoned, were 288 runs behind with four wickets down in their second innings.

21 July: SUSSEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6544.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6544.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

Surrey met Sussex at Brighton yesterday at a considerable disadvantage, Hayes and Lees, two of the mainstays of the side, being unable to play.

Sussex had first innings on a perfect wicket and, although the rate of scoring at times was slow considering the weakness of the attack, a reasonably safe position had been attained when stumps were drawn for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

Sussex established a commanding advantage over Surrey at Brighton yesterday. The home side, after declaring at the luncheon interval, followed up their fine batting performance by good bowling and fielding.

Mr Smith, who was first out in the morning, was in altogether an hour and three-quarters, while K S Ranjitsinhji, who scored with greater freedom than the rest of the side, was at the wickets for three hours and a quarter.

Surrey required 430 runs to avoid the follow-on and their start was unpromising, Baker, Holland and Mr Raphael being out with 64 scored. Of this number Hayward had made 50. All through his innings

Hayward played sound cricket, his off-side strokes being beautifully timed. After he left no further wicket fell, and at the close Surrey, with four wickets in hand, required 217 runs to save the follow-on.

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

Although Surrey were successful in saving the match with Sussex, at Brighton on Saturday, the home side had all the better of the game, Surrey when stumps were drawn being only 16 runs ahead with two wickets in hand.

The partnership of Hayward and Holland produced the brightest cricket of the match. The former scored much the faster and reached his 50, out of a total of 71, in three-quarters of an hour, while his full innings lasted an hour and 40 minutes. It is probable that Hayward has not obtained runs at a quicker rate than this in first-class cricket, but the great merit of his display rested in his polished batting. He scored all round the wicket, but the majority of his 15 boundary hits were hooks off Vine and Killick.

21 July: WARWICKSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6545.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6545.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

The end of the first day's play in this match, at Birmingham yesterday, left Warwickshire in rather the better position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

The Warwickshire eleven obtained a complete mastery over the Hampshire bowling at Birmingham yesterday, and, staying in all day, they increased their overnight score of 95 for one wicket to 521 for nine wickets.

The feature of the cricket was the batting of Quaife. As the game now stands, Warwickshire, with a wicket to fall, hold a lead of 306 runs.

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

At Birmingham on Saturday, Warwickshire beat Hampshire by an innings and 154 runs. The state of the score overnight pointed to an easy win, but Hampshire would no doubt have made more runs if the wicket had not been affected by rain.

21 July: YORKSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6546.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6546.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

Some capital cricket was seen at Dewsbury yesterday in the first meeting of the season between Yorkshire and Gloucestershire. At the close Yorkshire, with three wickets in hand, were 45 runs ahead.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

When this match at Dewsbury was continued yesterday Yorkshire were in possession of a useful lead, and chiefly owing to a free innings by Lord Hawke they finished up 93 runs ahead.

Board and Wrathall made a good start in Gloucestershire's second innings, putting on 50 runs in 20 minutes. Mr Jessop, as on the first day, hit splendidly, making his runs in half an hour. The best innings of the day, however, was played by Mr F E Thomas. He made his runs well, his late cutting and driving being admirable. He and Sellick put on 111 runs in an hour and three-quarters.

Yorkshire had to make 251 runs to win the match, and during the few minutes left for play they lost no wicket.

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

Rain on Saturday spoiled this match at Dewsbury. Yorkshire, who were set the task of making 251 runs to win, scored 45 for the loss of Mr Wilkinson's wicket, and when two more runs had been added rain put an end to the game.

21 July: LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105757.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/105/105757.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 22 July, page 9)

The South Africans left off with a great advantage in this match which was begun at Liverpool yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 23 July, page 14)

At Liverpool, yesterday, the South Africans beat Liverpool and District by an innings and 93 runs. Liverpool and District only added five to their overnight score of 106 for eight wickets, and when their side followed on the batting was scarcely better than before, the second innings only lasting an hour and three-quarters. Bowling at great pace, Mr Kotze got six wickets very cheaply.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	24	1710	225	3	81.42
Mr C B Fry	28	1928	226	2	80.20
K S Ranjitsinhji	22	1328	168*	3	69.89
Iremonger	25	1600	272	1	65.86
Hayward	41	2242	203	4	60.59
Quaife	25	1323	200*	3	60.13
Mr A O Jones	27	1366	187	4	59.29
Hirst	29	1557	157	2	57.68
Mr P Perrin	24	1170	343*	3	55.71
The Hon F S Jackson	17	784	158	2	52.26
Mr R H Spooner	27	1175	126	3	48.95
Mr W H B Evans	19	861	115	1	47.83
Mr J E Raphael	27	1276	201	0	47.25
Knight	27	1078	203	4	46.85
Sharp	19	641	107*	5	45.78
Mr L J Tancred	16	663	106	1	44.20
Mr L C H Palairt	21	923	203	0	23.95
Mr A C S Glover	20	785	124	2	43.81
Mr H K Foster	26	1113	118	0	42.80
Denton	32	1237	105	2	41.23
Mr P F Warner	18	654	106	2	40.87
King	36	1303	128	4	40.71

Hallows	20	680	137*	3	40.00
Hayes	33	1425	273*	2	39.58
Mr F Mitchell	21	738	102*	2	38.84
Rhodes	28	1002	196	2	38.53
Tunnicliffe	31	1158	139*	1	38.43
Mr B J T Bosanquet	26	904	146	2	37.86
Mr C A Ollivierre	27	976	229	1	37.53
Mr A C MacLaren	25	788	168	4	37.52
Mr A J L Hill	16	534	117	1	36.93
James Seymour	28	847	130*	3	36.83
Mr C J B Wood	33	1103	110	3	36.78
Cuttell	18	550	128	3	36.66
Kinneir	22	763	162	1	36.33
Mr T S Fishwick	24	856	113	0	35.68
Mr L G Wright	27	936	140	0	34.88
Coe	27	797	103	4	34.85
Humphreys	25	803	131	1	33.45
Mr G L Jessop	22	735	206	0	33.40
Sewell	29	894	181	2	33.11
J Gunn	27	817	95	2	32.63
Mr L O S Poidevin	23	717	103	1	32.59
Whittle	21	577	104	3	32.05
Mr C H B Marsham	28	767	161*	2	31.95
Storer	25	700	110	3	31.81
Mr M Hathorn	21	668	130	0	31.80
Carpenter	21	668	199	0	31.71
Mr R O Schwarz	15	475	102	0	31.66
Wheldon	27	728	103	4	31.65
Mr C McGahey	26	753	173	2	31.37
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Haigh	26	691	138	3	30.04
Bowley	27	749	153	2	29.96
Lewis	19	632	101	1	29.55
Whitehead	29	768	77	3	29.46
Vine	33	683	124	2	29.43
Arnold	26	671	97*	3	29.17
Mr R P Keigwin	24	631	116	2	28.68
Mr F L Fane	24	687	89	0	28.62
Wrathall	23	658	88	0	28.60
Dr W G Grace	20	563	108	0	28.15
Pearson	22	689	106	1	28.04
Mr J F Byrne	24	662	83	0	27.58
Mr E M Sprot	19	522	118	0	27.47
Mr W A Shalders	20	515	81	1	27.10
Relf	29	786	154	0	27.10
Baker	16	430	83	0	26.87
Dr E M Ashcroft	24	614	111	1	26.69
Mr G W Beldam	18	480	140	0	26.68
Mr W L Murdoch	20	529	140	0	26.45
Mr F M Lee	20	474	79*	2	26.33
Mr W B Burns	19	496	165	0	26.10
Lilley	27	693	88	0	25.65
Killick	26	665	72	0	25.57
Mr F E Thomas	19	450	75	1	25.00

[Also listed: Mr G Curgenvin average 24.96, Abel 24.94, Mr V F S Crawford 24.92, Cadman 24.72, Mr J H Sinclair 24.47, Bird 23.90, Anthony 23.62, LLevellyn 23.34, A Hearne 23.31, Mr M W Payne 22.88, Mr H G Garnett 22.87, Mr A H Hornby 22.78, Lord Hawke 22.73, Me E A Halliwell 22.68, Mr H Wilkinson 21.69, Needham 21.55, Trott 21.20, Webb 21.20, Day 20.76, Holland 20.74, Braund 20.60, Hardstaff 20.50, Mr R T Crawford 20.44, Mr J C White 20.07.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	109.3	15	391	31	12.61

Cuttell	664	226	1357	77	17.63
J T Hearne	780.4	221	1887	105	17.97
Mr J J Kotze	448.5	93	1409	78	18.06
Mr W Brearley	546.4	86	1728	83	19.63
Hallows	575	178	1284	65	19.75
Haigh	581.4	133	1542	78	19.76
W C Smith	327.5	80	941	47	20.02
Mr G G Napier	421.4	104	1211	60	20.52
Mr J H Sinclair	363.5	71	1325	64	20.70
Kermode	330	79	870	42	20.71
Myers	329.5	64	976	47	20.78
Tate	298.1	67	836	40	20.90
Dennett	487.2	121	1321	82	21.30
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	622.1	120	1602	75	21.36
Rhodes	716.2	217	1614	75	21.52
Blythe	679	153	1567	72	21.76
Fielder	470.4	93	1472	66	22.30
Mr H C McDonell	419.2	93	1006	49	22.36
Allsopp	427.2	100	1327	59	22.49
Gill	313.1	58	1014	45	22.53
Mr W W Odell	731.2	201	1898	83	22.86
Arnold	574.3	118	1687	73	23.10
Hirst	619.1	121	1696	73	23.23
Wass	768.2	165	2256	95	23.74
Lees	814.4	203	2138	89	24.02
Reeves	523.3	105	1639	68	24.10
Relf	746.2	222	1731	71	24.38
Bestwick	588.4	142	1792	73	24.54
Cox	811.5	222	2016	81	24.88
Mr B J T Bosanquet	359.3	40	1545	62	24.91
Braund	655.5	98	2219	80	24.93
J Gunn	725.5	203	2016	80	25.20
Warren	668.4	91	2009	77	26.09
Trott	483.5	84	1593	61	26.11
Moorhouse	389.1	86	1135	43	26.29
Huggins	416.4	116	1176	44	26.72
Cranfield	389.3	64	1238	46	26.91
King	685.4	173	1813	65	27.89
Wilson	355.5	39?	1292	46	28.03
Buckenham	461.1	84	1466	51	28.74

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	17	13	0	4	13	100.00
Yorkshire	18	8	1	9	7	77.77
Nottinghamshire	14	6	3	5	3	33.33
Sussex	14	4	2	8	2	33.33
Kent	12	5	3	4	2	25.00
Leicestershire	14	5	4	5	1	11.11
Middlesex	9	3	3	3	0	0.00
Derbyshire	13	5	6	2	-1	-9.09
Warwickshire	10	3	4	3	-1	-14.28
Surrey	17	4	7	6	-3	-27.27
Gloucestershire	10	2	4	4	-2	-33.33
Somerset	10	3	7	0	-4	-40.00
Worcestershire	11	2	5	4	-3	-42.85
Essex	13	2	7	4	-5	-55.55
Hampshire	10	0	9	1	-9	-100.00

25 July: DERBYSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6547.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6547.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 July, page 12)

Cricket at Derby yesterday in the return match between Derbyshire and Sussex was restricted to an hour and a half. In that time, however, Sussex did not make the most of their opportunities, the batsmen playing with excessive care on a wicket which, if slow, was comparatively easy.

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

Sussex gave a fine display of batting at Derby yesterday, runs being made at such a pace that between half-past 1 and a quarter-past 5 they increased their overnight score of 92 for two wickets to 363 for 4. At this point the innings was declared closed. The feature of the cricket was the batting of Vine.

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

Owing to the weather no cricket was possible at Bradford and Derby yesterday, and in consequence the matches were abandoned . . .

25 July: ESSEX v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6548.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6548.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 July, page 12)

At Leyton yesterday Warwickshire put Essex in first, and on the slow wicket got them out pretty cheaply, the innings lasting a little more than two and a half hours. Hargreave bowled particularly well and was unchanged, and Santall and Moorhouse, too, were very good, while all the bowlers were splendidly backed up in the field.

Essex were unfortunate in having such strong batsmen as Mr Gillingham and Mr Perrin away, but with the wicket only soft from the rain the batting was generally poor. A bad light stopped the play eventually, and the cricket all told in the day lasted only three hours, for there was no play before lunch.

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

With few exceptions at Leyton yesterday the batting on the soft wicket was bad. Warwickshire did not gain much by putting their opponents in; but they were saved from collapse by the free hitting of Mr Byrne, Lilley and Whittle, and in the end they led on the first innings by 20 runs.

When Essex went in again there was a forcing innings by Carpenter, who played the correct game of hitting in the circumstances; but no one else except Freeman met with much success, and Warwickshire had only 138 to make in the last innings. Hargreave's bowling was again very good, and his ten wickets in the match cost only 129 runs.

Russell was indisposed and could not keep wicket for Essex, but Mr Turner proved a very able substitute.

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

Warwickshire beat Essex, at Leyton, yesterday, by eight wickets. They had been left overnight with 119 more runs to get, and had only lose one batsman in the second innings.

Mr Fishwick was out at 42, and then Kinneir and Quaife by cautious batting on the slow pitch made the balance of the runs, the game not being finished until after luncheon.

25 July: LANCASHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6549.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6549.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 July, page 12)

Owing to heavy rain the wicket at Aigburth, yesterday, was soft on the top and hard underneath when this match was begun shortly after 12 o'clock. Lancashire won the toss, and started with Mr Garnett and Mr Spooner. The former was caught at mid-on at 58, while six runs later Mr Spooner was out.

Tyldesley might have been stumped before scoring, but he and Hallows but on 108 in about 80 minutes, both of them being caught at the wicket at the same total. Hallows batted well, but Tyldesley was below his usual form, although he made several fine cuts off Dennett. Mr Poidevin, who is not in robust health, was soon out, but Sharp played good cricket. A heavy thunderstorm came on at 5 o'clock and stopped play for the day after about three hours' cricket.

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

Lancashire at Aigburth yesterday were seen to great advantage, and at the close of the day they were left in a strong position. When play was continued they increased their overnight score by 124 before their innings was completed.

Gloucestershire on going in did very badly, for the wicket was not really difficult, but the majority of the side could do little against the bowling of Hallows. Following on 221 behind the visitor, however, did a little better. When play closed they were 122 runs behind and had seven wickets still to fall.

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

Less than an hour proved sufficient to finish this match at Aigburth yesterday, Lancashire winning by an innings and 79 runs. With the wicket more difficult than at any time during the game Gloucestershire lost their remaining seven wickets for 43 runs.

25 July: SURREY v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6550.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6550.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 July, page 12)

The weather completely spoiled the opening day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday. Owing to the rain a start was not possible until half-past 2; there were also two further delays, while owing to defective light play was abandoned about 6 o'clock.

In the two hours in which cricket was possible Somerset may be said to have done fairly well, as far as their actual score was concerned, but their batting generally was noticeable for an unusually large number of bad strokes, chiefly behind the wicket. In this respect all the batsmen were at fault, and they were lucky on many occasions in the ball's going clear of the fieldsmen.

Mr Palairt and Major Hedley made a fairly good start, although neither of them appeared to be very comfortable with the bowling. The score was taken to 42 before the former was out to a good catch at point. Major Hedley was out at 74 and Lewis was well stumped at 94. Mr Johnson was then joined by Mr Woods, and the pair put on 53 for the next wicket by rather uncertain cricket. After Mr Johnson left there was no further play.

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

Somerset had much the better of the cricket at the Oval yesterday, and at the close of play they were left in a strong position. Had they made the most of their opportunities, however, their advantage would have been even more pronounced.

A good deal of rain had fallen in the night, but the wicket, although naturally soft, was not difficult when season continued their innings, and runs came freely from the start. Mr Woods and Mr Martyn played a fine forcing game, and they stayed together for an hour and a half, while 121 runs were added for the fifth wicket. They both ran some risks at times, but their batting proved of the greatest service to their side.

After Mr Martyn left Mr Woods continued to hit, but at 308 [?] he was out leg-before-wicket. Immediately after the luncheon interval the innings was declared closed, and Surrey were sent in requiring 159 to save the follow-on.

When they started their innings it soon became evident that the sun was affecting the wicket and that runs would be difficult to make. Hayward and Hayes were quickly out, but Holland and Abel, helped by some luck, put on 57 for the third wicket. Up to this point the Somerset fielding had been very uncertain, and there appeared some chance of Surrey's saving the follow-on; but subsequently there was a collapse, and the last six wickets fell in four overs and five balls for 21 runs.

On going in a second time, 192 behind, Surrey did a little better, but at the close of play they still required 128 runs to save the innings defeat, with eight wickets in hand.

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

Somerset beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by an innings and 43 runs. Overnight Surrey, who had gone in a second time 192 runs behind and had made 64 for two wickets, still required 128 to save an innings defeat.

More rain had fallen in the night, and when play was continued yesterday the wicket was soft; but in the absence of sun the ball was never able to do its work quickly, and in the circumstances Surrey ought to have made more runs. With the exception of Abel, however, the side could do little against the bowling of Robson and Cranfield, and the match was over at ten minutes past 1.

Abel, who was lucky in being missed overnight when he had made 23, yesterday played good cricket. His innings was marked by sound defence, but he did not fail to hit anything approaching a loose ball. His batting proved that runs could be made by carefully watching the ball; but the batsmen generally failed to adapt themselves to the condition of the pitch, with the result that no one else looked like staying long.

Although Robson bowled very well, the early finish to the match was largely due to Cranfield, who, going on at 123, took four of the last five wickets for 12 runs.

25 July: YORKSHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6551.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6551.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 26 July, page 12)

Rain limited the time possible for play in the return match between these counties at Bradford, yesterday, to two hours and three-quarters. The game began at 12 o'clock in threatening weather. At half-past 3, however, play was stopped by bad light, and, rain coming on, it was decided to draw stumps for the day at 20 minutes past 5.

During the time that play was in progress Yorkshire, who won the toss, did rather badly. The wicket was soft and treacherous, and John Gunn's bowling proved very difficult, especially after the first hour. Yorkshire had two wickets down for 16 runs. Afterwards Mr Jackson and Hirst, by clever forcing tactics, added 70 runs for the third wicket in 40 minutes. When they were separated three wickets fell for six runs.

Haigh was missed at the wicket when he had made six, and, taking advantage of this, he helped Mr Mitchell to add 50 for the seventh wicket and was not out when play was stopped.

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

The play in this match at Bradford yesterday took place in cold and unseasonable weather, and it was delayed twice before lunch by rain. The wicket was soft, but there was no sun to make it really difficult.

When the game was continued Lord Hawke hit finely, and it was chiefly due to his hitting that the Yorkshire total reached such respectable dimensions. He and Hunter added 67 runs for the last wicket.

For Nottinghamshire Mr Jones hit with great power; he scored 74 out of 115. The other batsmen, however, could do little with the bowling of Haigh and Rhodes. At the close of play Yorkshire were 44 runs ahead with nine wickets to fall.

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

Owing to the weather no cricket was possible at Bradford and Derby yesterday, and in consequence the matches were abandoned . . .

28 July: ESSEX v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6552.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6552.html))

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

Although without Mr G W Beldam and Mr E A Beldam, Middlesex had the services of Mr J Douglas, Mr R N Douglas and Mr C M Wells for the first time this season, with the result that they completely outplayed Essex at Leyton yesterday.

The rain had left the pitch slow, and Essex did so badly that they were all out in less than two hours and three-quarters. Had Middlesex, however, made the most of their opportunities, the Essex total would have been even smaller.

Middlesex on going in gave an entirely different display. They had not much the better of the match when four wickets were down for 79, but Mr Bosanquet and Mr Wells quickly obtained the mastery over the Essex bowling, and in the course of an hour they added 128 runs. Later Mr More continued the good work, and at the close Middlesex were left in a strong position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

Essex were fighting an uphill game during the whole of the time that play lasted at Leyton yesterday, and, after at one point appearing almost certain to be beaten by an innings, they not only hit off the deficit, but they succeeded in finishing the day 63 runs ahead.

Middlesex, who had scored 287 for eight wickets overnight, added another 49 in the first 25 minutes of the day. They then held a lead of 197 runs on the first innings.

When Essex went in a second time there was some good cricket by Mr Fane and Carpenter and by Mr McGahey, who was sixth out at 146. Mr Keigwin and Mr Douglas also batted well. The innings closed at a quarter past 5, and rain coming on prevented any further play.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

The result being a foregone conclusion, no interest attached to Saturday's cricket at Leyton. With an innings to play Middlesex only wanted 64 runs to win.

As a result of heavy rain overnight the wicket was very soft, and it was not until past 1 o'clock that the game could be continued. Mr Bosanquet and Mr James Douglas then scored with such freedom on

the easy pitch that in 35 minutes the runs were hit off without loss, Middlesex thus winning the match by ten wickets.

28 July: HAMPSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6553.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6553.html))

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

In the opening day's play in this match at Southampton yesterday, Surrey kept Hampshire in the field for nearly the whole of the cricket hours. For their good score, however, they are chiefly indebted to Holland, Hayes and Abel. The proceeds of the match are to be given to Webb, the Hampshire professional, as a benefit.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

Owing to the weather no play was possible yesterday at Bath and Southampton, and in consequence the scores remain as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

Although at times rather difficult, the wicket at Southampton was generally too slow to give the bowlers great assistance of Saturday, and Hampshire had little trouble in making a draw.

The entire loss of Friday owing to rain ruined the match as a benefit for Webb, who, however, had the satisfaction of playing a splendid innings and carrying out his bat when the match was abandoned at 5 [?] o'clock.

28 July: LANCASHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6554.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6554.html))

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

On a soft wicket at Old Trafford yesterday Lancashire made a good score against Worcestershire. The feature of the innings was the batting of Tyldesley. Mr Poidevin also played well, but of the later batsmen Sharp was the only one to offer much resistance.

Worcestershire batted in the evening in a bad light. Bowley played well until he was splendidly caught by Cuttell at mid-off. Mr W S Caldwell showed sound defence, but throughout the day runs were never easily made and there was hardly a batsman who was not beaten by the ball while still retaining his wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

The wicket at Old Trafford was still easy when this match was continued yesterday. With the exception of Mr Burns, the Worcestershire batsmen could do little with the bowling, and they were all out for a very poor score.

In the afternoon the pitch was more difficult than at any time during the match. Mr Hornby and Mr Spooner were bowled in the same over at nine, but Tyldesley and Hallows, favoured by luck, put on 67 before the former was bowled. Mr MacLaren also batted well, and in the end Worcestershire were sent in, requiring 315 to win. They, however, started very badly.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

On Saturday, at Old Trafford, Worcestershire could do little against the Lancashire bowling, and they were beaten by 192 runs. Mr Burns made 30 out of 37 by fine on-driving before he was well caught in the deep; but Pearson and Wheldon were the only other batsmen who gave any trouble.

28 July: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6555.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6555.html))

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

The return match between these counties was begun yesterday on the cricket ground adjoining Welbeck Abbey. Unfortunately play was very much delayed by rain. The wicket was so soft that it was impossible to begin the match before lunch.

Nottinghamshire gained some advantage in winning the toss, but apart from the batting of Mr A O Jones and J Gunn the play was disappointing.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

The bowlers held the upper hand at Welbeck yesterday, and in spite of two or three interruptions by rain much progress was made with the game. The fine bowling of Warren and Wass has so far proved the feature of the match.

The Derbyshire batting was relieved from mediocrity by the excellent cricket of Mr Wright, Mr Ollivierre and Dr Ashcroft, who alone played the bowling with any degree of confidence. In the course of the innings Mr Jones, in trying to catch Mr Ollivierre from a very hard drive, split his right hand so badly that he will probably not be able to play cricket again for some time.

Although Nottinghamshire led by 60 runs on the first innings they batted so badly on going in again that they lost all their advantage by the time that play ended for the day.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in three matches on Saturday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

28 July: SOMERSET v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6556.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6556.html))

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

At Bath yesterday Sussex had rather the better of the cricket in their return match with Somerset. The home side, who went in first, never found it easy to score, and although they were batting for three hours and a half they only made 216.

Later in the afternoon Sussex did fairly well, and at the close of play they were 123 runs behind, with eight wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

Owing to the weather no play was possible yesterday at Bath and Southampton, and in consequence the scores remain as follows . . .

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in three matches on Saturday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

28 July: YORKSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6557.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6557.html))

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

Although having the first use of a slow but easy wicket at Hull yesterday the South Africans had considerably the worst of the play in their match against Yorkshire. The South Africans made a bad start, three wickets falling for 29 runs, and from this they never recovered.

When Yorkshire went in, their batting was in marked contrast to that of their opponents. Mr Jackson was quickly taken in the slips, but Denton and [Rudston] put on 89 for the second wicket. They passed the South Africans' total with only three wickets down, and at the close of play they were 57 runs ahead with six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 30 July, page 11)

The feature of a capital day's cricket at Hull yesterday was the batting of Mr H Wilkinson. When play was continued, Yorkshire again did well, and at the close of the innings they held a lead of 222 runs. Mr Sinclair was by far the best bowler on the South African side; he bowled unchanged for two and a half hours, always keeping a good length.

The South Africans made an excellent start in their second innings. Playing steadily, Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders scored 54 for the first wicket. Afterwards they did badly, however, and it was only a determined display by Mr Mitchell that prevented a collapse. At the close of play the South Africans, with only two wickets to fall in their second innings, were 64 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Monday 1 August, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in three matches on Saturday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

Friday 29 July, page 10: ABEL'S TESTIMONIAL

The committee of the Surrey Club desire it to be known that they have sanctioned a collection being made on the ground in aid of the Abel testimonial fund during the Nottinghamshire match at the Oval next wicket.

Monday 1 August, page 9: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	27	1898	225	3	79.08
Mr C B Fry	28	1984	225	2	76.30
K S Ranjitsinhji	23	1410	168*	4	74.21
Mr A O Jones	20	1514	187	4	60.56
Iremonger	28	1625	272	1	60.18
Quaife	27	1382	200*	4	60.06
Hayward	44	2294	203	4	57.35
Hirst	31	1627	157	2	56.10
Mr P Perrin	24	1170	343*	3	55.71

The Hon F S Jackson	19	825	158	2	48.52
Mr W H B Evans	19	861	115	1	47.83
Mr J E Raphael	27	1278	201	0	47.25
Knight	27	1073	203	4	46.88
Mr R H Spooner	30	1207	128	3	44.70
Sharp	22	751	107*	5	44.17
Mr L C H Palairret	23	975	203	0	43.26
Mr H K Foster	26	1113	118	0	42.80
Mr L J Tancred	18	703	106	1	41.35
Denton	35	1311	105	3	40.96
Mr B J T Bosanquet	28	1018	146	3	40.72
King	36	1303	128	4	40.71
Hallows	23	799	137*	3	39.95
Mr A C S Glover	22	765	124	2	39.30
Mr P F Warner	19	658	106	2	38.70
Hayes	41	1504	273*	2	38.56
Tunncliffe	33	1208	139*	1	37.75
Kinneir	24	821	152	2	37.31
Mr A J L Hill	16	654	117	1	36.93
Rhodes	30	1033	196	2	36.89
James Seymour	26	847	135*	3	36.82
Mr F Mitchell	34	610	102*	2	36.81
Mr C J B Wood	33	1103	110	3	36.76
Mr C A Ollivierre	29	1019	229	1	36.39
Mr A C MacLaren	27	833	166	4	36.21
Captain E G Wynyard	17	613	147	0	36.05
Coe	27	797	103	4	35.65
Vine	35	1091	169	4	35.19
Mr T S Fishwick	28	897	113	0	34.50
Mr L G Wright	29	972	140	0	33.51
Humphreys	25	803	131	1	33.45
Cuttell	21	580	128	3	32.22
Mr C McGahey	30	698	173	2	32.07
Carpenter	25	800	199	0	32.00
Mr C H B Marsham	26	787	161*	2	31.95
Whittle	22	601	104	3	31.63
Mr L O S Poidevin	28	790	103	1	31.60
J Gunn	30	880	95	2	31.42
Mr G L Jessop	24	736	206	0	30.80
Storer	27	705	110	4	30.65
Tarrant	17	393	84*	4	30.23
Wheldon	29	752	103	4	30.08
Mr H Hathorn	23	691	130	0	30.04
H Whitehead	29	765	77	3	29.48
Mr W Newham	18	440	70	1	29.33
Haigh	28	733	138	3	29.32
Webb	22	588	162*	2	29.30
Mr R O Schwarz	17	497	102	0	29.23
Sewell	33	993	181	2	29.12
Bowley	29	783	153	2	29.00
Lewis	21	579	101	1	28.95
Abel	23	630	87	1	28.63
Wrathall	25	714	88	0	28.56
Dr W G Grace	20	563	166	0	28.15
Mr J F Byrne	25	697	83	0	27.88
Relf	31	803	154	2	27.68
Arnold	28	688	97*	3	27.53
Mr W B Burns	21	569	165	0	27.09
Mr F E Thomas	21	514	67	2	27.05
Mr E M Sprot	20	540	118	0	27.00
Pearson	24	619	108	1	26.91
Dr E M Ashcroft	25	643	111	1	26.79
Mr G W Beldam	18	480	140	0	26.66
Mr F L Fane	28	745	69	0	26.64
Mr W A Shalders	23	556	81	1	26.47

Mr W L Murdoch	20	523	140	0	26.45
Mr F M Lee	22	490	79*	3	26.26
Mr R P Keigwin	28	682	116	2	26.23
Lilley	28	721	88	0	25.75
Lord Hawke	21	525	100*	4	25.00

[Also listed: Mr V F S Crawford average 24.92, Mr G Curgenvan 24.53, Mr J H Sinclair 24.52, Killick 24.32, Cadman 24.00, Mr A H Hornby 23.64, A Hearne 23.31, Holland 23.11, Mr M W Payne 22.79, Mr H Wilkinson 22.40, Llewellyn 22.37, Anthony 21.73, Mr S M J Woods 21.20, Mr G Brann 20.89, Trott 20.63, Braund 20.60, Mr E A Halliwell 20.50.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	125.3	17	443	31	14.29
Hallows	676.3	211	1518	88	17.25
Cuttell	750.1	255	1531	88	17.39
J T Hearne	819.4	230	1976	111	17.80
Mr J J Kotze	473.1	93	1478	80	18.47
Haigh	611.1	144	1692	88	19.22
Myers	351.3	69	1063	54	19.53
Mr W B Brearley	650.4	88	1736	83	19.72
Kermode	331.4	89	962	48	20.04
Mr J H Sinclair	408.5	82	1450	70	20.84
Mr G G Napier	437.4	112	1243	59	21.06
Dennett	633.5	133	1446	68	21.26
W C Smith	346.5	83	1011	47	21.57
Rhodes	782.2	242	1747	81	21.58
Blythe	579	153	1587	72	21.76
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	553.1	129	1696	77	21.89
Tate	326.1	95	904	41	22.04
Fielder	470.4	93	1472	66	22.30
Allsopp	427.2	100	1327	59	22.49
Arnold	624.4	132	1847	82	22.52
Gill	313.1	58	1014	45	22.63
Mr W W Odell	731.2	201	1836	83	22.88
Wass	791.2	170	2332	101	23.08
Hirst	625.1	121	1723	74	23.28
Warren	627.1	100	2177	93	23.40
Mr H C McDonell	468.2	114	1199	51	23.50
Relf	777.5	234	1790	75	23.88
J Gunn	796.5	227	2140	89	24.04
Cox	848.5	231	2094	86	24.34
Mr B J T Bosanquet	415	40	1620	65	24.64
Reeves	612	124	1967	80	24.58
Lees	875.4	219	2307	93	24.80
Braund	655.5	98	2219	89	24.93
Trott	618.3	104	1665	66	25.22
Cranfield	334.1	71	1345	53	25.37
Moorhouse	405.1	89	1179	46	25.63
Bestwick	685.1	169	1953	76	25.68
G Wilson	399.4	43	1401	53	26.43
King	665.4	173	1813	65	27.89
Huggins	449.4	120	1293	48	28.10

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	19	15	0	4	15	100.00
Yorkshire	19	8	1	10	7	77.77
Nottinghamshire	16	6	3	7	3	33.33
Sussex	16	4	2	10	2	33.33

Kent	12	5	3	4	2	25.00
Middlesex	10	4	3	3	1	14.28
Leicestershire	14	5	4	5	1	11.11
Warwickshire	11	4	4	3	0	0.00
Derbyshire	15	5	6	4	-1	-9.09
Somerset	12	4	7	1	-3	-27.27
Surrey	19	4	8	7	-4	-33.33
Gloucestershire	11	2	5	4	-3	-42.85
Worcestershire	12	2	6	4	-4	-50.00
Essex	15	2	9	4	-7	-63.63
Hampshire	11	0	9	2	-9	-100.00

1 August: DERBYSHIRE v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6558.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6558.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

Hampshire gained a great advantage in this match at Derby yesterday. They got out the home side very cheaply owing to some good bowling by Mr Hesketh-Prichard and Baldwin, and then the batting of Mr Sprot and Hayter was mainly responsible for giving them a good lead.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

Hampshire gained their first victory of the season in the County Championship at Derby, yesterday, when they beat Derbyshire by nine wickets. They had gained a good lead on Monday, and they finished their first innings yesterday 172 runs ahead.

When Derbyshire went in again they made a fairly good start, and at lunch time they had scored 94 for one wicket. Afterwards, however, there was a collapse, and in the end Hampshire were left with only 50 runs to get to win.

1 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6559.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6559.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

Gloucestershire had all the better of yesterday's play in their match with Sussex at Bristol. On a bowler's wicket, they took three hours and ten minutes to score 172 runs, and then they dismissed seven of their opponents very cheaply. Throughout the day run-getting was extremely difficult, and how much the pitch helped the bowlers was shown by the fact that the stumps were hit on 13 occasions.

When Mr Jessop won the toss it looked doubtful if he secured any advantage for his side, but the wicket did not improve and was as bad at the close of the afternoon as at any time during the morning.

Well as Relf and Tate had bowled their performance was entirely eclipsed by Huggins in the Sussex innings. He kept a perfect length and made the ball come back at a great pace. Mr Fry alone showed any capacity to play him, but he could not get runs off him.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

Gloucestershire, who did so well in their match with Sussex at Bristol on Monday, again had the better of the play yesterday, and as the game now stands they have a capital chance of winning, for their opponents, with five wickets down, are still 240 runs behind.

This state of affairs is mainly due to the wonderful bowling of Huggins in the visitors' first innings. He took nine wickets for under four runs each, and when Sussex went in a second time, wanting 310 to win, he captured two more. The feat of dismissing nine men in an innings has before only been done for Gloucestershire by Dr W G Grace and Mr C L Townsend.

The wicket yesterday was easier than on the opening day, but few of the batsmen were seen at their best. Sussex, who had seven men out for 60 overnight, added 30 to their total. This left Gloucestershire with the useful lead of 82, and matters at first went so well for them that they scored 146 with only three men out.

This was chiefly due to some good batting by Mr Sewell and Mr Brown. They were each at the wickets for an hour and 50 minutes, and, apart from a few risky strokes, they played good cricket. None of the others except Wrathall made any show against Tate and Vine.

Sussex, who were greatly handicapped by the absence of Relf, who was called away by a family bereavement, had a disastrous 70 minutes at the close of the afternoon. In that time they lost five wickets very cheaply, so that their prospects of saving the game are small.

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

Gloucestershire gained their third victory of the season at Bristol yesterday, when they defeated Sussex by 168 runs. They had the game well in hand when play ended in Tuesday, for the visitors had lost five wickets and were still 240 runs behind.

Although the wicket was in better order than at any other time during the match, Sussex had no chance of making up the ground which they had lost. Mr Newham, Leach and Butt made a plucky effort to lessen the severity of the defeat, and in a way they succeeded, for the total of 69 was increased by 72 runs before the end was reached.

1 August: KENT v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6560.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6560.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

The Kent eleven began the first match of the week at Canterbury in splendid style. Getting first innings on a wicket on which the ball came along at a nice easy pace, they scored heavily, and they stayed in nearly the whole of the playing hours.

For Essex there were two wonderful pieces of fielding by Mr Keigwin, which brought about the dismissal of Mr Blaker and Mr Mason; both were out in attempting apparently comfortable runs. In the first instance, Mr Keigwin threw the wicket down from cover-point, and in the second he gathered the ball deep on the off side and was just too quick for Mr Mason.

Essex have been an unfortunate side, and their ill-luck did not forsake them yesterday, for, owing to the indisposition of Tremlin they were at the last moment one short, and Buckenham, who was telegraphed for, did not reach the ground until 260 runs were scored.

Essex had rather less than an hour's play before the drawing of stumps. There was an attendance of 10,000 on the St Lawrence Ground during the afternoon.

The social side of the week has been arranged on the usual lines, and last night the Old Stagers, who are inseparable from Canterbury, began their 63rd season at the theatre, when they performed the comedy The Chili Widow.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

It was a great struggle for Essex yesterday at the St Lawrence ground to get on something approaching terms with Kent, for the Kent bowling and fielding were very good and nothing was given away in runs or catches. Although in point of brilliancy the batting was not comparable to Monday's, one or two very good innings were played. Mr A P Lucas showed much of his old skill, and he played his innings at a critical time for his side.

Essex began well and, chiefly owing to Carpenter, 120 went up with only one wicket down, but five batsmen were out for 147. Then Mr Lucas and Mr Turner stayed together sufficiently long to save all danger of the follow-on. Mr Douglas's plodding batting was useful; there was a little hitting by Buckenham, and Essex in the end were only 60 runs behind.

Mr Turner, who went in fourth wicket down at 122, was last out. Extreme care marked his batting; he had a great deal of fine bowling to play, and was in three hours and a half for his runs.

Kent had an hour and a quarter's play in their second innings. Reeves and Buckenham bowled exceptionally well, and Mr Dillon, Humphreys and Seymour were out by the time that the score reached 50. Mr Mason and Mr Day checked for a time the successes of the Essex bowlers, although the former had one narrow escape of being caught and bowled. At 67, however, Mr Mason was out, Mr Day and Mr

Blaker, with some luck, then played out time, and the match was left in a most interesting state, Kent being 146 ahead with six wickets to fall.

There was another large company at the cricket match, and at the theatre at night the "Old Stagers" played Mr Outram Tristram's four-act drama, The Red Lamp.

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

Kent gained a brilliant victory over Essex yesterday by 219 runs. On the worn wicket, the Essex batting broke down when the fourth innings came to be played, and the whole side were out in a little over two hours. The general cricket of Essex was disappointing . . . [?] altogether yesterday, for in the morning they dropped some catches.

The first hour's batting yesterday virtually determined the course of the game. Mr Blaker and Mr Day played with great brilliancy, and their partnership of 110 for the fifth wicket again placed Kent in a winning position. Afterwards everybody tried to score quickly, and Essex were left with four hours in which to play the last innings, and with 314 to get to win.

Carpenter and Mr Fane began fairly well, but at 30 a collapse set in. Fielder and Fairservice seemed unplayable and six wickets were down for 44, and although Mr Turner and Mr Keigwin made some resistance, the match was soon afterwards finished.

The chief social event last night was the county ball, held at St Margaret's-hall.

1 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6561.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6561.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

The South Africans had all the better of the first day's play in this match at Leicester yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

The South Africans materially added to their advantage at Leicester yesterday, and at night they had victory well in sight. On Monday, going in against the county's total of 171, they had scored 203 for two wickets, and they were not disposed of yesterday until they had added 261.

Mr Hathorn, who went in first wicket down, was batting for three hours and a half, and only made one real mistake, giving a chance at 63. He hit with great power, his score including 20 fours. The fifth, sixth and seventh wickets all fell at 272, and then Mr White and Mr Halliwell completely collared the bowling. Both hit splendidly, and in 80 minutes they added 154 runs. Mr White got one six and ten fours.

Leicestershire, who were 293 behind, made a good start, 88 being put on for the first wicket. Mr de Trafford and King played well, but at the close the county still required 94 runs to avoid being beaten in a single innings.

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

As was only to be expected after the course taken by the game during the first two days, the South Africans gained an easy victory over Leicestershire at Leicester yesterday by an innings and one run.

Leicestershire were in practically a hopeless position when play was continued in the morning, as with five wickets down in their second innings for 199, they were still 94 runs behind. The only noteworthy feature of the closing stage of the game was the brilliant hitting of Gill, who scored his runs in a little over half an hour.

At 53 he was missed in the long field, but this was the only blemish in a splendid display of vigorous driving. Included in his figures were four sixes and seven fours. The last three Leicestershire batsmen were all dismissed at the same total.

1 August: SOMERSET v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6562.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6562.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

Scoring at the rate of over a hundred runs an hour, the Middlesex batsmen at Taunton yesterday made their opponents' bowling appear very simple, and by dismissing Lewis in the 20 minutes which Somerset had for batting, they held a strong position at the close of play.

The start of the Middlesex innings was by no means favourable, Mr Warner being out with ten runs scored. But then Mr J Douglas and Mr Beldam added 191 in an hour and 50 minutes. The former, when he had made 28, was badly missed in the long field, but afterwards he gave a dashing display of all-round hitting.

With Mr Beldam and Mr R N Douglas together, the total was raised to 312, before Mr Beldam was caught at the wicket. Subsequently six wickets fell for the addition of 76 runs, but Mr Hunt and Hearne put on 55 for the last wicket in 25 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

Outplayed at all points on a perfect wicket, Somerset were beaten at Taunton, yesterday, by an innings and 15 runs, the game being continued beyond the usual time for drawing stumps.

Overnight the home side had left off in a very unfavourable position, as against their opponents' big score they had lost Lewis for 13 runs, and when play was continued their position soon became practically hopeless, Mr Johnson, Mr Palairret, Major Hedley and Braund being got out for an addition of 49 runs.

Robson and Mr Woods, putting on 43 for the sixth wicket in half an hour, slightly improved matters, and subsequently Mr Martyn and Mr Daniell scored with a confidence noticeably lacking in the earlier batsmen of the side. Mr Martyn made several capital strokes on the off side and obtained his runs in 50 minutes, and Mr Daniell, who with Cranfield added 60 for the last wicket, made a number of fine drives.

The batting as a whole, however, was indifferent, and going in a second time, 195 behind, they did even worse Mr Johnson alone maintaining the reputation of the eleven. Braund was caught at slip from a poor stroke, and with Mr Palairret and Lewis beaten by the pace of Mr Napier's varied deliveries, three wickets were down for 59.

Major Hedley made several good hits and Mr Woods pulled one or two balls daringly, but Mr Johnson met with little support and when he was caught in the deep field 42 runs were still required to avoid the innings defeat with but two wickets to fall.

1 August: SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6563.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6563.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

Although the match between Surrey and Nottinghamshire, at the Oval, has lost much of its importance in recent years, there was no diminution of the interest shown in their meeting yesterday, for well over 17,000 people were present. The cricket generally, however, was dull and devoid of incident, and during the day only 304 runs were scored.

Both sides were handicapped, Nottinghamshire being without Mr Jones, whose injured hand prevented him from playing, and Iremonger, while Hayward was away from the Surrey side owing to a strain. There is no doubt that the absence of these three men had something to do with the poorness of the play.

Surrey won the toss and went in to bat, but having first innings was a doubtful advantage, for the wicket during the first hour or so gave the bowlers some assistance. It improved, however, as the day advanced, and, in the circumstances, both Surrey and Nottinghamshire ought to have made more runs, but the batting for the most part was lifeless and there was a general tendency to err on the side of caution.

Surrey started very badly, losing Abel and Baker for two runs, while four wickets were down for 25. Just when there appeared to be every prospect of a collapse, Mr Raphael was joined by Mr McDonell, and the pair put on 59 before they were separated.

At lunch six wickets were down for 98, and Mr McDonell and Lees leaving shortly after the interval Surrey were again in a bad position, but a fine stand by Mr Leveson-Gower and Nice, who put on 94 for the ninth wicket, enabled the Surrey score to reach quite good proportions. This partnership produced the brightest piece of cricket during the day, and in some degree atoned for the slow play which had gone before.

The fielding of the Nottinghamshire eleven was very good, and J Gunn at cover-point and third man, and Hardstaff, in the long field, were always prominent.

Nottinghamshire had an hour and a half's batting at the end of the day, but they, too, fared badly, and at the close of play they were 174 behind with six wickets in hand, so that Surrey can claim some advantage as the Nottinghamshire side possesses a "tail."

During the afternoon a collection was made on the ground for Abel's testimonial and nearly £100 was collected.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

There was another quiet day's play at the Oval yesterday, but the cricket was made more interesting than it would otherwise have been on account of the closeness of the match. Overnight, Nottinghamshire had lost four wickets for 65, and when they continued their innings runs came very slowly.

Hardstaff was out at 97, but then there was a good partnership by J Gunn and Anthony, which realized 89 in about an hour and a half. With the exception of the batting of J Gunn, this stand was the only redeeming feature in the innings. Gunn and Anthony came together at a critical time for Nottinghamshire, and by their sound display they enabled their side to recover most of their lost ground. The total was taken to 190 without further loss by lunch time, but after the interval the remaining four wickets fell for the addition of 30 runs.

J Gunn, who was seventh out at 198, evidently appreciated the fact that the rest of the side could not be relied upon for many runs, and he adapted himself finely to the existing conditions, and from the moment that he went in until he was out he played a sound defensive game, and the value of his batting cannot well be over-estimated. He gave a chance in the slips at 77, but apart from that he hardly made a bad stroke. Altogether, he was at the wickets about four hours, and from this alone can be judged the defensive nature of his cricket.

The Surrey fielding was good throughout, while Lees and Hayes bowled very well.

Surrey went in a second time at a quarter to 4, holding a lead of 19 on the first innings. Baker was out in the first over, but Abel, by some good cricket, gave the impression that runs would be easy to get. But, as subsequent events proved, this was far from being the case, for after he was bowled the majority of the batsmen were restricted to a defensive game against the bowling of Wass and J Gunn. Mr Raphael, the chief scorer, was batting over an hour and three-quarters for his runs.

With eight wickets down for 134, there appeared every probability of the innings being finished before the close, but Mr Leveson-Gower and Nice managed to play out time, although the former opened very shakily.

As the game now stands Surrey hold a lead of 180 with two wickets in hand, so that there is every prospect of an interesting finish to-day. A collection on the ground for Abel's testimonial yesterday realized over £57.

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

After an interesting finish Nottinghamshire beat Surrey at the Oval yesterday by two wickets. At the close of play on Tuesday Surrey held a lead of 180, with two wickets in hand, but when they continued batting the innings was quickly finished. Wass again bowled well, and Surrey's comparative want of success with the bat was chiefly due to him, although J Gunn gave him valuable support in both innings.

Nottinghamshire went in requiring 197 to win, and so well did they start that at one time there appeared every prospect of an easy victory; but with the end well in sight wickets fell fast, and the finish was this made much closer than was expected.

W Gunn was out at 34, but then a long stand by George Gunn and J Gunn practically made the result safe. They were together for about two hours, and they added 123 before they were separated. Afterwards wickets fell fairly rapidly, while Hayes going on at 188 took three wickets for seven runs. When Wass came in two were still required, and after getting a single Hardstaff made the winning hit, and the match was over at half-past 4.

1 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6564.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6564.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

Worcestershire accomplished a good batting performance in this match at Worcester yesterday, and at the close the side were not all out.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

A capital fight was made by the Warwickshire eleven at Worcester yesterday. They had been in the field all day on Monday, but yesterday the four outstanding Worcestershire wickets were got down for the addition of 38 runs.

Warwickshire, with the pitch remaining sound, were able to make a capital response, only losing five men in making nearly 300. Mr Fishwick, who was in some difficulty with Wilson's bowling, left at 29, but then a brilliant stand was made by Kinneir and Mr Glover. So finely did the two men play that in an hour and 50 minutes they added 150 runs. Mr Byrne gave little trouble, but Quaife batted well, and was assisted by Lilley to put on 58.

As the game now stands Warwickshire, with five wickets in hand, are within 107 of their opponent's total.

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

After being in some danger of defeat, the home county at Worcester yesterday drew their match with Warwickshire. The result, however, was quite in accordance with the overnight position of the game, only a moderate amount of progress having been made.

Warwickshire started the day with five wickets down for 284 and, owing to the steady batting of Whittle and Santall and the vigorous play of Hargreave, they added 132 runs, gaining a lead of 25.

A draw seemed inevitable, but Worcestershire, who went in a second time after lunch, did so badly against the Warwickshire bowlers that they lost seven wickets for 76. They were then only 51 runs ahead and more than two hours remained for play. At this critical point Gaukrodger played with great determination and saved his side.

Warwickshire were set 132 runs to get to win, but there was not sufficient time left to obtain them.

1 August: YORKSHIRE v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6565.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6565.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 2 August, page 9)

There was a very large attendance at Leeds, yesterday, at the match between the Yorkshire and Lancashire elevens, the proceeds of which are for the benefit of George Hirst. The number of people present was over 30,000.

Lancashire won the toss, and the wicket being soft Mr MacLaren decided to put Yorkshire in. This policy was not a success. At first the pitch was difficult, and only 68 had been scored with two men out at the luncheon interval. Afterwards run-getting was easier and the Lancashire bowlers were not at their best. The fielding too was at fault.

Mr Jackson and Mr Wilkinson stayed together for three-quarters of an hour, and then the former played a ball from Cuttell into his wicket. Denton was brilliantly caught off a bad stroke on the leg-side behind the wicket. Mr Wilkinson, who made his runs without a mistake, was easily caught at short slip. Tunnicliffe, who batted quietly before luncheon, hit resolutely afterwards and was fourth out at 132.

Both Rhodes and Haigh failed, but Hirst, after a bad start, hit finely and scored his 50 in an hour. Mr Smith was missed at the wicket before he had scored, and was again let off in the slips at 31. These mistakes proved expensive, for at the close of play Mr Smith was still not out. He and Lord Hawke punished the bowling in the last three-quarters of an hour. So far they have added 65 runs for the eighth wicket.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 3 August, page 9)

There was another splendid attendance at the match for Hirst's benefit between the Yorkshire and Lancashire elevens at Leeds yesterday. The official figures show that 31,579 people were present, and the day's receipts were £1,151 13s. Including the takings of Monday and two collections realizing £103, the gross takings for the two days amount to £2,499 5s 6d, so that the benefit will probably prove a record.

The cricket yesterday went greatly in Yorkshire's favour. Their overnight score of 274 for seven wickets was increased to 403 before their first innings was concluded. Mr Ernest Smith and Lord Hawke, who had scored 65 together on Monday evening, were not separated until the eighth wicket had put on 130. Cuttell, Kermode, Mr Brearley and Hallows bowled in turn, and it was not until Hallows had been on a considerable time that he bowled Mr Smith with a good ball which came from the off.

Mr Smith ought to have been run out at 88, and he gave two chances on Monday afternoon, one at the wicket before he had scored and the other in the slips. He made many good strokes and his off-drives were perfect examples of crisp wrist play. The last pair of batsmen, Myers and Hunter, defied the attack for over an hour, 51 runs being obtained in that time.

Some sensational bowling by Hirst was seen when Lancashire opened their innings. Myers had one over before luncheon, no runs being scored. Afterwards Hirst took up the bowling at the other end, and in his second over, with eight runs on the board, he clean bowled Mr Spooner. In the following over, with the score unaltered, Tyldesley was finely caught at forward short-leg; Mr MacLaren was then missed by Tunnicliffe at short-slip off Myers, a single was scored from the hit, and in Hirst's fourth over Mr MacLaren was out. Three wickets were then down for nine runs.

Hallows and Mr Poidevin stayed together for 40 minutes, carrying the score to 42, when Hirst clean bowled Hallows, and a run later Haigh bowled Sharp. With five men out for 43, Mr Poidevin was partnered by Mr A H Hornby. The two played a painstaking, defensive game and stayed together for an hour and 50 minutes before Mr Ernest Smith went on and bowled Mr Poidevin with his second ball. The Australian had batted two hours and 20 minutes, and with Mr Hornby he had rendered his side invaluable assistance.

At the close of play Lancashire, with six wickets down, required 125 runs to save the follow-on.

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

The Lancashire eleven succeeded in making a draw of their match with Yorkshire at Leeds yesterday, and they thus retain their unbeaten record in the county championship. They had considerably the worst of the cricket, and had to play a strictly defensive game to escape defeat.

The match, in a financial sense, has proved a magnificent success. There were 15,357 people present yesterday, and the receipts amounted to £424 14s. During the three days 78,762 persons visited the ground and the total takings were £2,924 3s 6d. This sum is exclusive of subscriptions, and it is estimated that Hirst will have a record benefit of over £3,000.

Lancashire, with four wickets to fall in their first innings, required 125 runs to save a follow-on. When play was continued yesterday Mr A H Hornby and Cuttell, who had been in for 20 minutes overnight, stayed together for another hour and 20 minutes. Haigh, Rhodes, Mr Jackson, Myers and Hirst were all put on to bowl, but it was not until Haigh went on a second time that the seventh wicket fell, Cuttell then being leg-before-wicket. The partnership, however, only produced 57 runs.

The innings ended a few minutes after Cuttell left. Hirst bowled Mr Hornby and Kermode in one over, and Haigh got the last wicket by bowling Mr Brearley. Mr Hornby's steady defence was of the greatest value to Lancashire. He was batting for over three and a half hours, and although occasionally he was beaten by the ball he gave no chance.

Lancashire were batting nearly five hours for their 173 runs. Hirst's bowling troubled them more than the deliveries of any other bowler, and he had the best analysis, his six wickets costing seven runs each.

Being 230 runs behind, Lancashire had to follow on. Mr MacLaren altered the batting order and took Mr Findlay in with him to open the second innings at half-past 1. Hirst again bowled well, and dismissed Mr Findlay when three runs had been scored.

Tyldesley, who followed, should have been caught by Myers at cover point, when he had scored three, off Haigh's bowling; and the failure to take his chance practically deprived Yorkshire of any prospect they may have possessed of getting their opponents out in the time at their disposal. Mr MacLaren batted with such caution that he only made five singles in a stay at the wickets lasting an hour and 25 minutes. When he retired the score was 49 for two wickets, and two and a quarter hours were left for play.

Mr Poidevin then stayed with Tyldesley for an hour and ten minutes, being caught at the wicket after 62 runs had been added. Tyldesley was missed at second time by Myers, this time off Rhodes's bowling, when his score was 28. He played good cricket afterwards, and succeeded in scoring his first 100 in a match against Yorkshire. When play ended Lancashire still required 67 runs to save an innings defeat, and had seven wickets in hand.

4 August: ESSEX v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6566.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6566.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

Essex have been rather unfortunate this season, but they had no cause to complain of their luck at Leyton yesterday, when they began their return match with Nottinghamshire. They won the toss, and against a weakened attack, owing to Wass being unable to play, they made a large score for the loss of eight batsmen, and then play was stopped at a quarter past 6 by a heavy rainstorm.

Mr McGahey, who was not out at the close, hit with great brilliancy, especially after he had completed his century, but he ought to have been easier stumped when he had six, and he was missed at mid-on at 112.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

Following up their fine batting of Thursday, Essex yesterday gave an admirable account of themselves against Nottinghamshire, at Leyton, and the visiting side will have to stay in all to-day in order to avoid defeat. The overnight rain had not fallen in sufficient quantity to affect the wicket, which played as easily as on Thursday, and the Nottinghamshire collapse late in the afternoon was entirely due to bad batting.

The last two Essex wickets gave unexpected trouble, Mr McGahey and Buckenham, who had overnight scored 38, increasing their partnership for the ninth wicket to 179, while Buckenham and T Russell put on 63 for the last wicket. Nottinghamshire called upon nine bowlers during the morning.

Mr Jones and Iremonger made a promising start for Nottinghamshire by scoring 70 in an hour, but subsequently matters went all in favour of Essex, the last seven wickets falling for 57 runs. Iremonger was missed at the wicket and again in the slips before he had scored double figures.

The visiting county's first innings lasted just over three hours and, following on 400 behind, they lost Mr Dixon's wicket for eight, so that they now require 392 runs to save the innings defeat.

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

Nottinghamshire was called upon to bat all day at Leyton on Saturday in order to avoid defeat, and owing to G Gunn, Iremonger and Mr Jones they successfully accomplished the task.

G Gunn, who had been in ten minutes overnight without scoring, and Iremonger carried the total to 68 before Iremonger was caught very low down at cover-point, but the stand which really saved the game was that by G Gunn and Mr Jones, who were together for two hours and three-quarters and put on 234 runs. Both batsmen showed great restraint until they had placed defeat out of the question, but subsequently Mr Jones hit with great brilliancy, and at one time scored seven consecutive fours, five off Carpenter and two off Mr Keigwin.

G Gunn was batting for four hours and a quarter, and his only bad stroke was when in the eighties he nearly played on. His innings was a good example of defensive cricket. The score was eventually carried to 365 for three wickets, when stumps were drawn at 6 o'clock.

Mr Turner and Mr Douglas in turn kept wicket after luncheon, Russell having been hit in the mouth by a full pitch from Reeves, which cut his lip so badly that he had to retire from the field.

4 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6567.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6567.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

J T Hearne accomplished a fine performance at Bristol yesterday, when he got out seven of the Gloucestershire batsmen for just under six runs each. During the morning, when the home side scored 108 for the loss of three wickets, his bowling was good without being sensational, but in the afternoon he did his work in irresistible fashion, and in the course of four overs and two balls he took five wickets for ten runs. It was this remarkable feat which brought the Gloucestershire innings to an abrupt close.

The only men who showed any capacity to cope with the bowling were Mr Townsend and Mr Sewell, who scored 85 runs between them. The latter was let off when he had made six, but apart from this the cricket of both men was excellent.

What the wicket must have been like for Hearne to have obtained such startling figures was shown when the visitors went in to bat. They fared even more disastrously than their opponents had done, as in the course of 35 minutes they lost Mr J Douglas, Mr G W Beldam, Mr Warner and Trott for 17 runs. Mr R N Douglas should have been out at the same total, but Board failed to stump him off Dennett.

Then came a useful stand between Mr R N Douglas and Mr Wells. They carried the score to 34, when a thunderstorm broke over the ground at half-past 4 and made further play impossible. There had been a

storm during the night, followed by another in the morning, and it was this which accounted for the state of the wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

After Thursday night's storm the wicket at Bristol yesterday again favoured the bowlers, and another brilliant feat was performance. This time Dennett showed his ability on a difficult wicket by getting out seven of the Middlesex men in the first innings for four runs each, and that he did not repeat his success in the second innings was mainly due to the mistakes of the fieldsmen.

When he was properly supported he carried all before him, but later in the day three catches were missed off him. Indeed, if Gloucestershire are beaten to-day it will be in a large degree due to the mistakes which they made when their opponents went in for the second time, wanting 195 to win.

In the morning the Middlesex batsmen could do nothing with Dennett, and their first innings, which had yielded 34 for four wickets on Thursday, was closed for an addition of 27.

Going in a second time with a lead of 66, Gloucestershire did well for a time. Mr Townsend, who found useful partners in Mr Brown and Mr Thomas, helped to carry the score to 121 before he was bowled. Then another collapse set in and the whole side were out for 128, the last five wickets going down for seven runs. Trott and Hearne bowled splendidly and took full advantage of the wicket.

In their second innings Middlesex started badly, and it was only the luck enjoyed by Mr Warner, who was missed four times, and the steadiness of Mr G W Beldam that enabled them to finish up with a chance of victory.

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

There was a splendid finish at Bristol, on Saturday, when Gloucestershire beat Middlesex by 60 runs. Rain prevented a start from being made before noon, and caused two adjournments before the end was reached at 25 minutes past 1. The showers did not improve the wicket, but as they left the grass in the outfield very wet the advantage which would otherwise have been gained by the bowlers was in some degree neutralized.

The visitor, who had lost three wickets for 85, still needed 110 to win, so that the match was in a fairly even state. The batsmen, however, showed little capacity to score from the fine bowling of Dennett and Huggins. The latter met with no success, but the former again accomplished a brilliant performance.

Mr Beldam was the only man who played him with any confidence, and he spent two hours and a half making 25. Mr Beldam's patience would have been invaluable if any of his partners could have hit. Dennett, by obtaining eight wickets, brought his record for the match up to 15 wickets for 96.

4 August: KENT v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6568.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6568.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

The Kent eleven did very well in the first day's cricket in the second match of the week on the St Lawrence Ground yesterday. Losing the toss, they had to get Surrey out on a good fast wicket, and they succeeded in this task beyond expectations.

Surrey found runs so difficult to make against the brilliant fielding and the good bowling that, although the innings lasted quite three and a half hours, the score was only just over 200. It was a triumph for the Kent bowlers, and even Blythe, whom the wicket did not suit, kept a fine length and was not easy to hit.

Surrey did so badly that they had six wickets down for 112. It was after this that their best batting was done by Mr J N Crawford, an old Reptonian and a brother of Mr V F S Crawford. Mr Crawford has a good style, with plenty of strokes, and on an afternoon when runs were difficult to

get he made a successful first appearance for his county. He played his innings between the fall of the fourth wicket at 73 and the ninth at 197. Mr Leveson-Gower also played well towards the close of the innings.

Mr Dillon and Humphreys made a brilliant start for Kent. The former was in particularly good form, making his 50 out of the first 70 in 50 minutes. He forced the game strongly, and when he was caught in the slips the score was 97. Humphreys' cutting was another feature of the play. Kent finished only 106 behind with nine wickets in hand.

The Old Stagers last night at the theatre played The Chili Widow to a crowded house.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

Humphreys and Seymour, whose batting has been one of the features of Kent cricket this year, came off again yesterday at Canterbury, and they were mainly responsible for the big score made by their side at a rate of about 90 an hour. Humphreys and Seymour turned the game against Surrey in the first hour yesterday morning, when they added exactly 100 runs to the overnight total.

Humphreys was then caught in the slips, while when Seymour was fourth out in a similar way Kent were in a strong position, being then 91 ahead. The cricket of these batsmen made the Surrey bowling look quite simple; but after luncheon the other members of the side, with the exception, perhaps, of Mr Marsham, did not play particularly well.

Surrey had to go in 219 behind, and Mr Mason quickly got out Mr Raphael and Hayes, but for the next hour and a half there was some sound batting by Hayward and Abel, who put on 100 for the third wicket, and eventually Surrey finished 68 behind with six batsmen in hand. The pitch played extremely well and the little rain that fell on Thursday night only served to rid the turf of every fiery symptom.

Last night the Old Stagers repeated their performance of The Red Lamp, and completed their 63rd season at Canterbury with an original epilogue entitled "A Fiscal Question."

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

Kent beat Surrey at Canterbury, on Saturday, by six wickets. Hayward's splendid cricket enabled Surrey to make a good fight, but he had comparatively little support from the majority of the members of the side.

Hayward carried his bat through the second innings, making hardly a mistake in the timing of the ball and not giving anything like a chance. His driving and leg-hitting were wonderful, and in one over of Fielder's he made 20 from successive balls by on-side hitting. Kent bowled and fielded very well, and the running out of Mr Crawford by Huish, who ran to leg and threw the wicket down, was a clever piece of work, although it was Hayward's fault that Mr Crawford lost his wicket, for he was called for a ridiculous run and then sent back.

Kent's task of getting 103 in the fourth innings turned out more difficult than was expected. They had four men out for 54; but then Mr Blaker and Mr Day made short work of the balance, and when the scores were equal Mr Blaker made the winning hit - a five on the leg side off a half-volley from Mr Crawford.

In every way it was one of the most successful weeks in the annals of Canterbury cricket. Kent, perhaps, never had a more brilliant side than the one that gained these victories over Essex and Surrey. The Old Stagers at the theatre also played their part well, and there was a scene of great enthusiasm when the Epilogue was given on Friday night.

4 August: LANCASHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6569.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6569.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

In order to give the county championship team a rest, quite an experimental eleven was played by Lancashire against the South Africans, at Old Trafford, yesterday. The cricket was considerably interfered with by rain.

Mr Miller, the captain of the Manchester University eleven, and Albert Ward scored 64 for the first wicket before the former, who played well, was caught at mid-on. Ward batted excellently until he was taken at the wicket at 96. Tyldesley scored his runs out of 57, while Sharp and Mr Farrar added 32.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

At Old Trafford yesterday the home side brought their innings to a close for a creditable total, the last six wickets realizing 92. No one greatly distinguished himself, but Mr Farrar and Mr Parker both showed good form. Mr Halliwell saw Mr Brearley take his guard outside the crease to Mr Kotze, and so, creeping up to the wicket, he stumped him off the fast bowler.

The visitors had the worst of the wicket and were out in two hours and three-quarters. Mr Tancred and Mr Shalders scored 45 before the former was run out. Mr Hathorn showed much care during an hour and 40 minutes, but Mr Schwarz obtained his runs in less than half an hour.

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

When this match ended in a draw on Saturday evening at Manchester the visitors, with eight wickets to fall, only required 77 runs to win.

4 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6570.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6570.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

Rain interfered with play in this match at Leicester yesterday, but Yorkshire managed to get a strong position. The feature of the Yorkshire batting was a century by Rudston. He was fortunate in being missed when he had scored 13, but, playing steady cricket afterwards, he reached his first 50 in two hours and a quarter, and his second after a further hour and a quarter's batting. He and Denton added 152 for the second wicket.

Yorkshire lost half their wickets for 231 runs, but Rudston and Mr E Smith added 44 runs in a little less than three-quarters of an hour, and were still together at the close of play.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

The feature of the day's play at Leicester yesterday was a fine innings by Rudston. Apart from a chance which he gave to Allsopp at short leg when he had scored 13 he made no mistake, although one or two of his strokes through the slips were dangerous. He watched the ball very well and made a number of good cuts.

Another excellent innings was that played by Myers. He had orders to force the pace and, after being twice missed, he hit the ball out of the ring on several occasions. The Yorkshire innings altogether lasted five and three-quarter hours.

There was a time during the subsequent play when Leicestershire looked like having to follow on. They lost four wickets for 124 runs, but careful batting by Mr Wood and Knight and plucky hitting by Coe saved the situation. As the game now stands Leicestershire are 124 runs behind with five wickets to fall.

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

Although they had much the better of the cricket, Yorkshire failed to win this match on Saturday at Leicester. Rhodes and Haigh bowled in their best form during the early part of the day, capturing the remaining five wickets on the Leicestershire side in 20 minutes. Knight and Coe, who saved their side from following on, were both dismissed by Haigh, and Rhodes then got out Gill, Allsopp and Whiteside for 14 runs.

Leicestershire were 104 runs behind on the first innings, and when Yorkshire had hit up 147 for three wickets, Lord Hawke declared the innings closed. The feature of the Yorkshire batting was the innings of Rudston, who finally trod upon his wicket. The Hull professional scored 233 runs in the match.

Leicestershire had to get 252 runs to win in two and a half hours. Myers and Rhodes bowled in excellent form, and when the match was drawn Leicestershire, with three wickets to fall, were still 157 runs behind.

4 August: SUSSEX v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6571.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6571.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

Although play at Brighton, yesterday, was in progress less than three hours and a half, Sussex in that time established a good position, but it is difficult to foreshadow the effect that the thunderstorm which broke over the ground at half-past 4 o'clock will have on the course on the match.

All through the Hampshire innings the wicket played perfectly, the ball coming at an easy pace from the pitch. In these conditions the failure of the majority of the visitors can only be attributed to indifferent batting. No less than 159 of the moderate total were made by four batsmen, while Bowell, the top scorer, was missed at the wicket when he had made 30 and again at cover-point at 36. He played bright cricket, however, his cutting being smart and his driving well timed.

Sussex started their innings at 4 o'clock, but after 20 minutes' batting, during which Mr Fry made two or three fine on-drives, an appeal for bad light was allowed. Soon afterwards rain came on and stopped further play.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

The wicket had completely recovered from the effects of the rainstorm, which stopped play on Thursday, when Mr Fry and Vine continued their innings, and another of the long partnerships associated with these two batsmen followed.

Mr Fry for a time scored much the faster and completed his century in an hour and 40 minutes out of a total of 141. Vine, after he was missed at slip, changed his style completely, the greater proportion of the runs to the end of the partnership coming from his bat. With 287 runs scored Vine was caught at mid-off, Llewellyn holding a hard drive at the second attempt. After reaching three figures Vine made one or two faulty strokes; but Mr Fry, with the exception of one bad stroke between the wicket-keeper and first slip, played every ball throughout his long innings in the middle of the bat.

The total was 388 when Mr Fry was out, and subsequently Mr Smith, Mr Brann and Leach scored freely off the tired bowlers. Mr Smith drove finely to the off, while Leach chiefly with straight drives hit up his score in 50 minutes. Towards the close the fielding became extremely slack.

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

Although no reasonable doubt ever existed of the defeat of Hampshire at Brighton on Saturday, it was not until past 5 o'clock that Sussex could claim a victory by an innings and 81 runs. The home side's innings was declared closed immediately Mr Fry reached the ground and, being 313 runs behind, Hampshire had nothing but a draw to play for.

At the start the worn wicket helped the bowlers considerably, the ball getting up awkwardly. Howell and Webb were out with 13 scored, but after a heavy shower the pitch for a time played better. Mr D M Evans, who played in the Winchester Eleven this year, showed to great advantage. In less than an hour and a half he scored his runs, out of a total of 79, by sound all-round cricket. He was caught at slip and, with Llewellyn and Hayter also dismissed by catches off rising balls, half the side were out for 132.

Stone retired hurt, but Major Poore, who had been showing great caution, and Langford made a fine effort to save the match. The partnership lasted an hour and added 49 runs, and two runs after Langford left Major Poore's innings came to an end. Mr Bacon made several good hits and Stone upon his return batted carefully; but the finish was entirely without interest.

4 August: WARWICKSHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6572.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6572.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 5 August, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in this match which should have begun at Birmingham yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 6 August, page 12)

No play had been possible in this match at Birmingham on Thursday owing to the rain, and yesterday not very much progress was made.

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

This match at Birmingham, on Saturday, ended in a draw, a result which could only be expected, considering that little more than one innings had been played on the first two days.

Saturday 6 August, page 12: THE GENTLEMEN AND PLAYERS MATCH AT THE OVAL

At a meeting of the M.C.C. Committee on Wednesday it was resolved that what was done in the Gentlemen and Players' match at the Oval - allowing a substitute to take the place in the Gentlemen's team of Mr G W Beldam after he had bowled on the first day - was an infringement of Law 37. Having regard, however, to the fact that similar cases have occurred in the past upon which the M.C.C. have not been asked to give a ruling, no retrospective action will be taken.

Law 37 reads: - "A substitute shall be allowed to field or run between wickets for any player who may during the match be incapacitated from illness or injury, but for no other reason, except with the consent of the opposite side."

Monday 8 August, page 10: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
Tyldesley	30	2042	225	4	78.53
Mr C B Fry	31	2219	228	2	76.51
K S Ranjitsinhji	23	1410	166*	4	74.21
Mr A O Jones	31	1634	187	5	64.76
Hayward	46	2506	203	5	61.12
Iremonger	30	1737	272	1	59.89
Quaife	30	1465	200*	5	58.60

Hirst	34	1717	157	3	55.33
Mr P Perrin	27	1219	343*	3	50.79
Mr W H B Evans	19	861	115	1	47.83
The Hon F S Jackson	20	838	110*	2	46.55
Knight	29	1160	203	4	46.40
Mr J E Raphael	31	1384	201	0	44.84
Mr H K Foster	28	1208	118	0	43.14
Mr R H Spooner	31	1207	126	3	43.10
Mr L J Tancred	21	855	109	1	42.75
Mr L C H Palairret	25	1039	203	0	41.56
Mr B J T Bosanquet	28	1018	145	3	40.72
Hallows	25	840	137*	4	40.00
Denton	38	1398	105	3	39.94
Sharp	25	792	107*	5	39.60
Tunncliffe	36	1324	129*	2	38.94
King	40	1400	128	4	38.88
Mr A C S Glover	25	891	124	2	38.73
Kinneir	28	846	152	3	37.84
Mr C McGahey	33	1150	225	2	37.09
Mr M Hathorn	28	921	130	1	36.84
Mr C J B Wood	37	1246	110	3	36.64
Mr L G Wright	33	1192	140	0	36.12
James Seymour	30	975	138*	3	36.11
Coe	31	935	103	5	35.96
Vine	38	1221	169	4	35.91
Hayes	45	1543	273*	2	35.83
Mr P F Warner	22	713	106	2	35.66
Mr C A Ollivierre	33	1134	229	1	35.43
Rhodes	33	1044	196	2	34.80
Humphreys	29	972	131	1	34.71
Mr F Mitchell	27	830	102*	3	34.58
J Gunn	34	1059	100	3	34.16
Mr A C MacLaren	29	842	166	4	33.68
Mr T S Fishwick	30	968	113	1	33.31
Bowley	31	946	153	2	32.68
Carpenter	28	909	199	0	32.46
Cuttell	22	604	128	3	31.78
Whittle	24	664	104	3	31.61
Mr L O S Poidevin	28	840	103	1	31.11
Mr E M Sprot	22	647	118	1	30.80
Mr G W Beldam	21	646	141	0	30.76
Mr C H B Marsham	29	819	161*	2	30.33
Mr F L Fane	31	911	126	0	29.38
Mr R O Schwarz	18	527	102	0	29.27
Sewell	33	903	181	2	29.12
Storer	30	752	110	4	28.92
Dr W G Grace	20	563	166	0	28.15
Whitehead	33	844	77	3	28.13
Wheldon	34	752	103	4	27.85
Abel	27	719	87	1	27.65
Mr G L Jessop	28	774	206	0	27.64
Mr W A Shalders	25	657	81	1	27.37
Haigh	30	737	138	3	27.29
Dr E M Ashcroft	29	725	111	2	27.22
Mr J F Byrne	28	725	83	1	27.22
Arnold	30	731	97*	3	27.07
Mr W B Burns	23	621	165	0	27.00
Relf	33	835	154	2	26.93
Lewis	23	588	101	1	26.72
Wrathall	29	769	88	0	26.51
Mr W L Murdoch	20	529	140	0	26.45
Pearson	26	648	106	1	25.92
Mr E A Halliwell	19	382	88*	4	25.46
Lilley	30	761	88	0	25.38
Lord Hawke	27	583	100*	4	25.30

Webb	26	606	162*	2	25.25
Mr A H Hornby	24	577	114	1	25.08

[Also listed: Mr F M Lee average 24.95, Mr R P Keigwin 24.41, Howell 24.23, Mr F E Thomas 23.73, Mr V F S Crawford 23.72, Mr G C White 23.70, A Hearne 23.31, Mr G Curgenven 22.93, Mr J H Sinclair 22.69.]

BOWLING					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	131.3	17	472	33	14.30
J T Hearne	876	248	2115	122	17.33
Cuttell	797.1	289	1615	91	17.74
Hallows	716.2	223	1618	91	17.78
Mr J J Kotze	546.2	112	1720	93	18.49
Haigh	688.5	181	1815	94	19.30
Dennett	648	170	1674	86	19.46
Myers	412.3	85	1164	59	20.06
Mr G G Napier	488.2	119	1336	66	20.24
Mr J H Sinclair	457.5	98	1650	80	20.70
Kermode	382.4	112	1072	51	21.01
Mr W Brearley	493.4	91	1882	89	21.14
Tate	398.1	88	1064	51	21.25
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	604	139	1835	85	21.58
Rhodes	856.2	270	1922	89	21.59
Blythe	653.1	178	1728	80	21.60
Warren	684.1	114	2329	104	22.39
Wass	849.5	180	2508	111	22.69
Fielder	546.3	100	1772	78	22.71
Hirst	709.1	149	1890	83	22.77
Allsopp	488.2	114	1495	65	23.00
Fairservice	369.2	105	1083	47	23.04
Arnold	671.4	148	1967	85	23.14
Cox	950.2	261	2329	99	23.52
Huggins	545	168	1420	60	23.66
Relf	840	250	1970	83	23.73
Mr W W Odell	832.2	229	2204	92	23.95
Mr H C McDonell	479.2	118	1226	51	24.03
Reeves	728.5	159	2314	95	24.35
Trott	577.5	119	1831	75	24.41
Mr B J T Bosanquet	415	40	1620	66	24.54
J Gunn	886.5	243	2407	97	24.81
Gill	354.1	65	1169	47	24.87
Lees	883.4	255	2542	101	25.16
Cranfield	361.3	77	1491	59	25.27
Braund	692.5	101	2373	93	25.51
Bestwick	716.1	178	2093	80	26.16

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	20	15	0	5	15	100.00
Yorkshire	21	8	1	12	7	77.77
Nottinghamshire	18	7	3	8	4	40.00
Kent	14	7	3	4	4	40.00
Sussex	18	5	3	10	2	25.00
Leicestershire	15	5	4	6	1	11.11
Middlesex	12	5	4	3	1	11.11
Warwickshire	13	4	4	5	0	0.00
Gloucestershire	13	4	5	4	-1	-11.11
Derbyshire	17	5	7	5	-2	-16.66
Somerset	13	4	8	1	-4	-33.33
Surrey	21	4	10	7	-6	-42.85

Worcestershire	13	2	6	5	-4	-50.00
Essex	17	2	10	5	-8	-68.68
Hampshire	13	1	10	2	-9	-81.81

8 August: DERBYSHIRE v LONDON COUNTY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6573.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6573.html))

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

Derbyshire gained an advantage in this match at Chesterfield yesterday, for at the close of play they were 84 ahead on the first innings. For their score Derbyshire were chiefly indebted to Mr Ollivierre and Mr Curgenven. Dr Grace bowled very well, getting six wickets for 13 runs each.

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

Derbyshire had much the better of the cricket in this match at Chesterfield yesterday.

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

Derbyshire, after having had the better of the cricket all through the match, gained a victory over London County at Chesterfield, yesterday, by 139 runs.

8 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6574.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6574.html))

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

A splendid innings by Humphreys and some sound batting by Mr Day were the redeeming features of Kent's display at Bristol yesterday. Apart from these two, none of the other batsmen on the side showed to advantage against the consistently good bowling of Huggins and Dennett. Although the innings lasted four hours and five minutes, it only yielded 230 runs.

Humphreys, who went in first, was the sixth to leave. It took him three hours and 20 minutes to make his runs, but his batting was so correct that it could not be described as tedious, and his hitting on the off side was beautifully timed. Mr Day scored much more rapidly, making his runs out of 110 in 80 minutes. Huggins bowled with wonderful consistency and took five wickets very cheaply. The fielding was excellent all through the innings, scarcely a run being given away.

Gloucestershire followed up their capital exhibition in the field by some vigorous batting. Mr Townsend, who made a number of fine drives, helped to put on 65 for the first wicket. Wrathall left soon afterwards and, with Langdon quickly disposed of, Gloucestershire finished the day 137 runs behind, with seven wickets in hand.

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

Gloucestershire gave one of their best batting displays of the season at Bristol yesterday, where they scored 479 against Kent in five hours and three-quarters. This gave them a lead of 249 on the first innings and, although their opponents reduced this number by 76 without losing a wicket in the last 85 minutes of the day, the game stands decidedly in favour of the home team.

Gloucestershire's success was not due to the effort of one man, as the scoring was wonderfully consistent throughout. A fair start was made on Monday, when 93 were obtained for three wickets, and the number was advanced to 184 before the fourth man left. Mr Jessop was largely responsible for this, as he scored 77 in 40 minutes by characteristic hitting. Mr Champain, who was his partner, although he was twice let off, also played well.

The bowling was mastered again by Mr Thomas and Mr Brown, who put on 77 in 40 minutes for the sixth wicket. The former got most of the runs and his cricket was as good as anything done in the match. Mr Brown was badly run out and eight wickets were down for 350, when Mr Brownlee made a brilliant effort. Starting carefully, he was an hour and a quarter getting his 50, but then he forced the game so well that he added another 47 in less than 30 minutes.

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

By means of a wonderful exhibition of defensive cricket Kent saved their match with Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday. They started the day 173 runs to the bad with all their wickets in hand, and when stumps were finally pulled up they had secured a lead of 134 at a cost of six batsmen. The honours of this performance belonged to Mr Dillon, Humphreys and Mr Day, although Mr Mason also had a share in saving his side from defeat.

Mr Dillon and Humphreys remained together for two hours and scored 103. The former was the first to leave, being beaten by a slow "yorker" from Mr Jessop. Seymour quickly followed, but Mr Day stayed with Humphreys for two hours and three-quarters, and during that time they made 117 runs. It was a full-pitched ball wide of the off-stump which got the professional out. He tried to pull it and was finely caught by Langdon. He batted four hours and 50 minutes, and his work must be judged rather by the time spent upon it than by the runs which it produced.

Mr Mason helped Mr Day to clear off the deficit and, as there was no prospect of the game being played out, Mr Jessop rested his regular bowlers. The Gloucestershire fielding never became slack, but the bowling lacked sting.

8 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6575.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6575.html))

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

Nottinghamshire, owing to the fine batting of George Gunn and Mr Hemingway, did well in this match at Nottingham yesterday. The two opened the home county's innings and were not separated until 165 runs were scored. G Gunn stayed on and was fifth out at 274. Mr Hemingway played a dashing innings, hit leg hitting and off driving being very fine. At lunch the total was 153, and it was after 12 runs had been added after the interval that the first partnership was broken.

Beyond the first pair, only Hardstaff did anything noteworthy, although Anthony made a useful contribution. Seven of the visitor took part in the bowling, Mr Tancred claiming the best record.

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

The South Africans at Trent Bridge yesterday kept the home side in the field all day, and their formidable total gave them a lead of 291 on the first innings.

The chief contributors to the total were Mr Tancred and Mr White. They both played fine cricket, the latter's hitting being very powerful. Dashing form was also shown by Mr Shalders and Mr Hathorn, and only two of the South African side failed to reach double figures.

The first pair carried the overnight total of 37 to 132, Mr Shalders then being run out. He called his partner for a run, but slipped down in the middle of the pitch and easily lost his wicket. Another prolific stand followed, the total being increased by 150. Mr Mitchell was twice missed, and altogether the Nottinghamshire fielding was below the usual standard. Nine bowlers were tried, but only Pennington met with any success. The last wicket fell at 20 minutes past 6, and stumps were then drawn for the day.

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

The concluding day's play in this match at Trent-bridge yesterday went all in favour of the visitors, who won by an innings and 49. The best scoring was shown by Mr Staunton, who batted just under an

hour and a half, and Hardstaff, whose display was an excellent one. During their partnership 94 runs were added. Mr Kotze took five wickets, and his dismissal of White secured him his hundredth wicket.

8 August: SOMERSET v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6576.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6576.html))

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

But for the good fortune attending Lewis's innings, Somerset, at Taunton, yesterday, would have given an indifferent display against Worcestershire. The professional during his hour and three-quarters' batting was missed four times off Wilson. With Robson, he raised the score from 65 to 182 for the fourth wicket.

Robson, who was sixth out after batting an hour and 40 minutes, made no mistake, his driving and cutting being admirable. Arnold bowled finely, the ball repeatedly coming back at a good pace.

Worcestershire during their 50 minutes' batting considerably strengthened their position. Bowley and Mr Caldwell played well, the former making several beautiful square cuts off Cranfield.

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

The good start made by Worcestershire overnight, when 60 had been scored without loss, was followed up throughout the whole of yesterday's play at Taunton, and at the close, Somerset, with five of their best batsmen out, were only 70 runs to the good.

Bowley added only three to his score when the game was continued, but Mr Caldwell, by defensive play, gave considerable assistance to his side. Mr H K Foster made 65 out of 82 in 25 minutes, and he hit 12 fours, showing a brilliant variety of strokes. With Mr Caldwell bowled after batting two hours and Wheldon finely caught at slip, four wickets were down for 190; but an admirable innings by Mr G N Foster restored the advantage to Worcestershire.

He showed all the cricket ability associated with his family, his strokes being numerous and executed with remarkable freedom. He combines strong back play with power to punish slightly overpitched balls. He batted most attractively and obtained his total in less than an hour and a quarter.

When Somerset went in a second time they fared badly, Mr Daniell leaving at 43, while for the addition of ten runs Mr Palairt and Lewis were dismissed. Both Mr Phillips and Robson should have been caught off rising balls with 64 scored, Arnold and Wilson making their bowling get up awkwardly towards the end of the day.

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

The moderate batting display of Somerset overnight, when five wickets went down for 114 runs, was continued at Taunton yesterday, none of the remaining batsmen ever looking likely to retrieve the position of their side.

Braund and Mr Woods made one or two good off-drives, but the batting generally was feeble and before 1 o'clock Worcestershire were left with the moderate task of obtaining 156 to win. Arnold and Wilson bowled unchanged in good form, while the fielding was excellent.

Such a capital start did Mr Caldwell and Bowley make that a very easy win for Worcestershire appeared imminent. In 55 minutes 86 runs were scored for the partnership, Bowley at this stage being caught by Mr Newton, who had taken Mr Martyn's place behind the wicket.

For a short time afterwards things went badly for Worcestershire, half the side being quickly out with 37 still required. Mr G N Foster and Mr Burns, however, hit with confidence, and in the end Worcestershire won without further loss.

8 August: SURREY v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6577.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6577.html))

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

Neither Surrey nor Warwickshire has a team who, on the form they have shown this season, are likely to get opponents out cheaply on a fast wicket, and there was every probability of the side which went in first at the Oval yesterday making a large score.

Warwickshire had the advantage of winning the toss, and they stayed in all day for the loss of eight wickets; but it cannot be said that they accomplished a good performance. Even granting that the Surrey bowling was very steady, an eleven which plays such slow cricket at Warwickshire did yesterday are not likely to win many matches.

Altogether it was an uninteresting day's cricket, for although five of the batting side made 30 or over, no one, with the possible exception of Mr Fishwick, ever got runs fast or showed much capacity for scoring off bowling which never looked really difficult. Surrey fielded fairly well through their long outing, although one or two chances were missed, and Mr Raphael at third man saved many runs for his side.

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

The end of the second day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday left Surrey with an advantage, but it certainly seemed that the home side during the last part of the afternoon quite threw away their chances by needlessly slow batting. At the close Surrey were 51 behind on the first innings with seven wickets to fall, and unless something startling happens to-day a draw only can result.

If Warwickshire were slow on Monday, Surrey were almost slower yesterday. Had they forced the pace in the latter part of the afternoon they might have finished with a good lead at a cost, perhaps, of a few more wickets, and those wickets would not have been nearly so valuable in the circumstances as runs got quickly.

As it was, after Hayes was out, third wicket down, at 245, runs came more slowly than before. Mr Crawford is a batsman without much experience, and it was natural, perhaps, that he should find it difficult to score off the steady bowling; but, even taking into account natural disadvantages, little excuse can be found for Abel not getting runs faster than he did. He played sound cricket, but it cannot be said that the last 20 or 30 runs of his innings did much good to his side.

In the morning Warwickshire added 37 to their total, and Surrey went in for about an hour and a half's batting before lunch. Hayward and Mr Raphael started well, putting on 64, and, after Hayward was out, Hayes and Mr Raphael carried the score to 94 before the latter was clean bowled just before the luncheon interval.

Then came a long stand by Abel and Hayes. The latter, as he always does, played some beautiful strokes and some risky ones, and his innings was quite the best thing of the day. After he was out Mr Crawford joined Abel, and the pair played out time. The Warwickshire bowling was always steady, without looking really difficult, and very few of the batsmen played Quaife's leg breaks with much confidence.

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

After another tedious day's cricket at the Oval, yesterday, the match between Surrey and Warwickshire ended in a draw. Overnight Surrey had lost 322 for 285, and when they continued their innings there appeared every prospect of their gaining a good lead; but such proved far from being the case.

From the first the batsmen played as if the game had to be saved, instead of trying to force the pace and get runs quickly. Their methods, however, proved most disastrous, and none of the side looked like making many runs. It is true that Hargreave bowled very well indeed, but there was nothing in the wicket to account for the Surrey collapse, it was simply a case of bad batting against good bowling.

As it was the seven outstanding wickets fell in an hour and a half for the addition of only 52, Hargreave taking five of this number for 23 runs. The character of the batting can best be understood when it is stated that Surrey were nearly six hours and a half making their total.

Warwickshire started their second innings a few minutes after 1, but all interest had then gone out of the match. Their batting, as in the first innings, was sound, but uninteresting to watch, and runs were put on at the same dreary pace until the last hour or so, when Mr Glover put some life into the cricket. Even he started very quietly and it was not until he had made his first 60 runs that he played with any freedom.

Apart from Mr Glover's innings there was little in the cricket worthy of mention, although Quaife played very correctly for his runs.

8 August: SUSSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6578.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6578.html))

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

In spite of two hours' rain on Sunday night, the wicket at Brighton yesterday was in excellent condition. The only important change in either team was the appearance of Heap in the visitors' eleven for Mr Brearley, who will not play first-class cricket again until the Hastings festival.

Sussex batted first, but Mr Fry was leg-before when only two runs had been scored. Killick left at 19, and after his departure the display of K S Ranjitsinhji was the leading feature in the innings. Without attempting to force the game or take any undue liberty, K S Ranjitsinhji made 44 while Vine added 11, and he completed his 50 out of 67 in 80 minutes. Mr Newham and Mr Smith were both beaten by Cuttell, who in his first seven overs after lunch took three wickets for five runs. K S Ranjitsinhji was the seventh to leave at 155, and he lost his wicket in trying to turn Hallows to the on.

Afterwards the innings was soon over; and when Lancashire went in Heap was caught almost immediately at third man. Mr Spooner and Tyldesley played well, but they were out to successive balls at 76. Hallows left at 98, and when play ceased Lancashire were 101 behind and had six wickets to fall.

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

At Brighton yesterday Lancashire gained a considerable advantage in this match, chiefly owing to Mr Poidevin, who played an innings which was remarkable for its restraint and soundness. Overnight he had made 16, and he took an hour and 40 minutes to complete his first 50. He gave a chance to Butt when he had made 73, and the mistake proved expensive.

Mr Findlay batted cautiously, but Mr MacLaren was twice missed, by Vine at 19 and by Killick at 44. The Sussex bowling never became loose and the fielding was excellent.

When Sussex went in again - 180 behind - Mr Fry left immediately, he being out without scoring for the first time this season, while for the second time in the match he was leg-before to Hallows. Killick and Ranjitsinhji batted well, and when play closed Sussex, with eight wickets to fall, were 115 behind.

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

A very fine display by K S Ranjitsinhji saved Sussex from any chance of defeat in their match against Lancashire at Brighton yesterday.

K S Ranjitsinhji, who was not out overnight, batted the whole of the day without giving a chance. While several batsmen gave K S Ranjitsinhji good assistance, Relf was the most useful, as he batted for two hours in faultless style. With half their wickets in hand, Sussex were 228 ahead when the match was left drawn.

8 August: YORKSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6579.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6579.html))

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

The Yorkshire eleven, after an unexcusably bad start in their match with Middlesex at Sheffield yesterday, made a brilliant recovery. Their first five wickets fell to Mr Bosanquet's bowling for 53 runs. Mr Jackson, Hirst and Mr Wilkinson were all caught off bad strokes; Rudston was leg-before-wicket to a ball which he was trying to play to leg, while Tunnicliffe was clean bowled in playing forward.

The weak play of these batsmen was atoned for by Denton and Rhodes. Both played fine cricket, and they stayed together for an hour and 35 minutes, and carried the score from 53 to 204. Afterwards Mr Ernest Smith and Haigh both played well and Yorkshire were not out until ten minutes to 5, the last five wickets having put on 256 runs.

Mr Bosanquet, after taking the first five wickets for 32 runs, had 80 more scored off his bowling without meeting with further success. The Middlesex fielding was, on the whole, excellent, and no chance was missed.

Middlesex had 50 minutes' batting. Mr Warner played a ball from Rhodes into his wicket when 28 had been scored, and Mr J Douglas should have been caught five minutes before the close of play by either Hunter or Tunnicliffe, both of whom touched the ball. When stumps were drawn Middlesex were 269 behind with nine wickets in hand.

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

A remarkable display of batting by Mr Bosanquet and Mr More at Sheffield, yesterday, enabled Middlesex to establish a strong advantage over Yorkshire. The two batsmen became partners when eight wickets had fallen for 269 runs, and so finely did they hit that in rather less than 55 minutes they added 128 runs. Mr Bosanquet was then caught at extra cover.

Mr More and Hearne put on 91 runs for the last wicket in 50 minutes, the last two wickets thus having added 219 runs. Mr More was batting an hour and three-quarters, and he gave no chance although taking many risks, and his hitting was about the hardest Yorkshire have experienced this season.

Early in the day Mr J Douglas and Mr R N Douglas scored 106 runs for the third wicket. Mr J Douglas made some fine on-drives, but he was twice missed from strokes behind the wicket, once when he had made 16 and again at 40.

Yorkshire were 179 behind and had three-quarters of an hour's batting in their second innings, and Mr Bosanquet got three batsmen out leg-before-wicket, one in each of his first two overs and the other in his fourth over. The first wicket fell for eight runs, the second at 16 and the third at 24. Tunnicliffe and Mr Jackson kept together for the last quarter of an hour, and when stumps were drawn Yorkshire were 128 behind with seven wickets to fall.

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

The Yorkshire eleven extricated themselves from a very difficult position in their match with Middlesex at Sheffield yesterday. They began the day's play 128 runs behind with three wickets down in their second innings.

In the first over they lost another wicket, Tunnicliffe being caught and bowled by Mr Bosanquet. Mr Jackson and Denton then improved Yorkshire's prospects with a fine partnership, which lasted an hour and a half and produced 123 runs. Denton was the first to leave, being easily caught on the leg-side in Mr More's first over. Mr Jackson was afterwards caught at point and, as Rhodes was easier disposed of, seven wickets were down when Yorkshire were only 45 runs ahead.

Hirst and Mr Ernest Smith then had a partnership, which not only placed Yorkshire safe from defeat, but enabled them to declare their innings closed and send Middlesex in to play for a draw.

Hirst batted magnificently. He made his first 50 runs in 40 minutes, and he was at the wickets an hour and a half for 103. He was then caught at cover-point in Mr J Douglas's first over. Hirst gave no chance and he hit 16 fours. His partnership with Mr Smith yielded 132 runs for the eighth wicket, this being the fifth stand of the match in which over a hundred runs were scored. On Mr Smith being cleverly caught in the slips the innings was declared closed.

Middlesex had to go in 190 behind with an hour and a half in which to bat. They lost the wickets of Mr J Douglas, who was twice missed, and Mr E A Beldam, and the match was then drawn.

11 August: ESSEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6580.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6580.html))

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

In the two hours that cricket was possible at Leyton, yesterday, there was some brilliant batting by Mr R H Spooner; his driving on both sides of the wicket was powerful and he made only a couple of bad strokes during his stay. These were when his scores were 12 and 63. In the first instance he gave Mr Douglas at cover-point the easiest of chances, and beyond one mis-timed ball which he sent over slip's head there was no other error in his innings.

With the ground rather wet, the Essex bowlers failed to get a firm foothold, and except Mr Keigwin no one found a length. Mr MacLaren played right over the ball that bowled him and Tyldesley was out to a fine right-hand catch at mid-off by Mr Perrin from a powerful hit off a half-volley.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

Mr R H Spooner played a very fine innings at Leyton yesterday; his driving on both sides of the wicket and some of his leg hitting could not have been surpassed either in precision of timing or for power. It was his batting that laid the foundation for the big Lancashire score, and in Hallows he found a splendid partner, the two adding between them 296 for the third Lancashire wicket.

Both Mr Spooner and Hallows were out in trying to hit Buckenham, and they were third and fourth to leave, soon after the fourth hundred had been made. Lancashire had scored 505 at the rate of about a hundred an hour when Mr MacLaren declared the innings closed.

When Essex went in there was some good batting by Mr Perrin and Carpenter, who put on 115 for the second wicket. A feature of the day was the fine Lancashire fielding in the last two hours. With eight wickets left, Essex want another 227 runs to save the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

Essex not only drew their match with Lancashire, at Leyton, on Saturday, but managed to establish a lead on the first innings, and had still a wicket to fall when the game ended. The Lancashire eleven were kept in the field throughout Saturday, and their bowling has not been more severely treated this season.

Hallows, owing to some trouble with his knee, was not able to help much in the attack, and he went off the ground altogether after luncheon, Sladen coming out to field at substitute. But before this Essex had virtually saved the game.

With no particular advantage to be got by keeping on his best bowlers, Mr MacLaren let Mr Spooner bowl lobs for nearly an hour towards the finish, and these were relentlessly punished by the last few Essex batsmen, so much so that Reeves and Mr Douglas put on 88 in the closing 35 minutes. The Lancashire bowling seemed to lack sting on the true wicket; but such brilliant fielding as theirs has been rarely equalled, and Mr Spooner completely sustained his reputation as one of the best cover-points of the day.

11 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v WORCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6581.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6581.html))

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

When Mr H K Foster won the toss at Bristol yesterday, he put Gloucestershire in. The experiment did not prove wholly successful; for the wicket never recovered from the soaking which it had received early in the morning and remained in favour of the bowlers all day. This was shown by the substantial progress which was made with the game, for when play ended the home county were well on their way with their second innings.

The feature of the day's cricket, so far as the batsmen were concerned, was a brilliant display by Mr Sewell. Going in at the fall of the second wicket, with the total at 28, he was not out at the end of the innings. He forced the game with marked skill and, although he often lifted the ball, he only gave one chance, when he had scored 38. Mr Brown alone rendered him any assistance, all the others finding the capital bowling of Keene too much for them.

When Worcestershire went in the only men who could do anything against the fine bowling of Mr Jessop, Huggins and Dennett were Mr Caldwell, Wilson and Bowley. Mr Caldwell acted strictly on the defensive and took 75 minutes to get 21. Bowley hit with some freedom, but the best work was done by Wilson who hit up 25 after seven wickets had fallen for 68.

In the last 45 minutes of the day Gloucestershire lost Langdon and Wrathall, but they finished in the better position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

Gloucestershire beat Worcestershire at Bristol, yesterday, by 67 runs. They owed their success in a large degree to the brilliancy of their fielding, although a dropped catch early in the afternoon threatened for a long time to rob them of victory.

This mistake was made when Worcestershire started batting for the last time requiring 220 to win. Mr Champain missed Bowley when he had made three and, as he was the only batsman on the side who scored with any freedom from the fine bowling of Dennett, Huggins and Mr Jessop, the home side were in serious danger of defeat until he was dismissed at 92.

He was third out, but so well did Gloucestershire do afterwards that the innings closed for 152 in spite of the careful defence shown by Mr G N Foster. Several remarkable catches were made and the ground work was brilliant.

The match was in a fairly even state in the morning, for Gloucestershire, with eight wickets in hand, were 48 ahead. Mr Brown, by an unusually patient display, did much to strengthen their position. He played sound cricket and received splendid support from Board and Mr Jessop. The last-named scored 43 out of 53 in 35 minutes. Still there were many failures, for the Worcestershire bowling was always good, although their fielding could not always be depended upon.

Gloucestershire have never had so successful a fortnight at Bristol, for they have won three matches and drawn the other.

11 August: HAMPSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6582.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6582.html))

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

The first day's play in this match at Southampton yesterday was considerably interfered with by rain, a start not being possible until after 3 o'clock. Hampshire won the toss and began well on the wet wicket.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

After making a good start in this match at Southampton on Thursday, Hampshire collapsed yesterday morning, and afterwards Leicestershire, by getting a large score, quickly left off in practically a winning position.

When play was continued the six remaining Hampshire wickets fell for the addition of only 29 runs, chiefly owing to some fine bowling by Gill. The feature of the Leicestershire innings was the batting of King, who, helped by Whitehead and Knight, was chiefly responsible for the large total.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

Leicestershire, at Southampton, on Saturday, gained an easy victory over Hampshire by an innings and 95 runs.

11 August: M.C.C. AND GROUND v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6583.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6583.html))

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

Owing to the weather no play was possible yesterday . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

Rain had prevented any play in this match at Lord's on Thursday, but yesterday a good deal of progress was made. The day's cricket went very much in favour of the South Africans, for after getting out the M.C.C. and Ground cheaply they finished up with a lead of 103 runs.

It is perhaps doubtful if the M.C.C. and Ground gained any advantage by going in first. The wicket was slow, but not really difficult, and it certainly seemed to improve during the afternoon. In the M.C.C. and Ground innings no one except Mr Page and Mr Weigall could do much with the bowling, and the side were all out before luncheon.

The South Africans started fairly well, and afterwards the majority of the batsmen got runs. Mr Mitchell, who went in second wicket down and carried his bat, played a fine innings. Mr White and Mr Schwarz both made some good hits, and later Mr Horwood helped Mr Mitchell to put on 46 for the ninth wicket.

Certainly the bowling did not look very difficult, but it was satisfactory to see the South Africans batting well on a slow wicket. Mr Higson made the ball turn a good deal from the off, and one or two of the side were out by playing forward to him and not getting to the pitch when it looked as if they would have been able to play back quite easily.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

The South Africans, after gaining a good lead on the first innings on Friday, won this match at Lord's on Saturday by ten wickets.

11 August: NOTTINGHAMSHIRE v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6584.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6584.html))

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

Nottinghamshire started well in their match with Middlesex at Trent-bridge yesterday. The match has been set apart for the benefit of Wilfred Flowers, and it was unfortunate that heavy rain up to noon affected the attendance.

A start was not possible until half-past 1, and then Mr Jones and Iremonger began well, putting on 83 for the first wicket. Iremonger was third out at 218, after batting for just over three hours. Mr MacGregor managed the bowling very judiciously, and four of the wickets that fell were claimed by Mr Bosanquet, whose leg-breaks kept the batsmen mainly on the defensive.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

At the end of yesterday's play in this match at Trent Bridge, Middlesex could claim a great advantage, as they held a lead of 151 runs with two wickets in hand. The Nottinghamshire total was passed with only two wickets down; but the visitors were greatly aided by bad fielding, an unusual number of chances being missed and overthrows also being frequent.

Mr Warner and Mr Douglas opened the Middlesex innings, after the last four home batsmen were out for another 43 runs. The pair remained together for nearly three hours and put on 306 before being separated, thus beating Mr Jones's and Iremonger's record for the first wicket at Trent Bridge by three runs. Mr Warner batted finely, although he gave several chances. Mr Palmer, who played in the Uppingham eleven, made a most successful first appearance for his county.

Mr Bosanquet and Hearne divided the last four Nottinghamshire wickets, the former thus taking altogether six wickets. J Gunn bowled well for the home side, and in getting out Mr Wells he claimed his 100th wicket, thus being the first cricketer this year to achieve that distinction as well as getting 1,000 runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

This match ended at Trent Bridge on Saturday in an easy win for Middlesex by eight wickets. The cricket, however, was somewhat uninteresting, with the home county playing for a draw.

Middlesex added 22 to their total on Saturday, the ninth wicket altogether having put on 63. Nottinghamshire were 173 behind and, on going in to bat a second time, Mr Hemingway played with great steadiness and Iremonger stayed in for two hours and a half for his runs.

Middlesex had 54 to get to win, and lost Mr Douglas's and Mr Palmer's wickets. The fielding of both sides was again rather poor. A collection was made for Wilfred Flowers, who will receive the profits of the match.

11 August: SOMERSET v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6585.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6585.html))

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

Although it was impossible owing to heavy rain during the early morning to begin this match at Taunton until 2 o'clock, considerable progress was made, the bowlers being able to get a great deal of work on the ball on the drying pitch.

Mr Woods won the toss, and his policy of putting his opponents in appeared perfectly justified, nine Kent wickets falling for 80 runs. Up to this stage Hearne and Mr Blaker were the only batsmen able to cope in any degree with the difficulties of the wicket, the professional having obtained half of the runs scored when he was out fifth wicket down, while Mr Blaker hit up 28 out of 33 for the sixth wicket.

Blythe and Fairservice, however, made the bowling appear quite simple, and they added 98 for the last partnership. The former scored very rapidly and, necessarily taking risks, he ought to have been caught by Mr Johnson off a straight drive before he had made 20. Considering the forcing character of his play, his batting was singularly free from mistake.

Somerset at the beginning of their innings fared even worse than their opponents, as after Mr Palaret left with 12 scored and Mr Johnson had thrown away his wicket at 34, Braund, Mr Phillips and Lewis were all out at the same total.

Mr Woods rose to the occasion with characteristic resolution. His first two balls he off drove to the boundary, and hitting at nearly everything he got 25 runs off Mr Mason in two consecutive overs. Robson also batted soundly, and when stumps were drawn the two had scored 75 runs in half an hour.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

Mr Mason's fine all-round cricket did much to place Kent in the strong position which they held at Taunton yesterday when stumps were drawn. Going on to bowl when the game was continued, Mr Mason in eight overs and a ball secured four of the five remaining Somerset wickets at a cost of six runs each, while his batting came at a critical time when his side were having none the better of the game.

He started cautiously, his first 50 taking an hour and a half, but afterwards his cricket was marked by much freedom and variety of strokes. The only chance which he gave was a very hard return to Robson.

After lunch the wicket had quite recovered from the rain of Thursday, and Hearne, Mr Day and Mr Marsham, in addition to Mr Mason, availed themselves of the changed conditions. A Hearne, who went in first, when the wicket still helped the bowlers, was two hours making his runs, but his sound defence was combined with hard hitting.

Mr Day gave a brilliant display with hard cutting and daring pulls, and got his runs in less than an hour and a half. Mr Marsham was lucky, for Mr Johnson, usually a very safe catch, missed him off an easy chance to slip when he had scored 12. Afterwards Mr Marsham played finely, his cuts off Mr Palairet and Cranfield being admirable. The not out batsmen at the close had added 137 runs in an hour and 40 minutes, Kent being 347 runs ahead with five wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

The danger of putting in the opposing side was again exemplified when Kent, who lost the loss, eventually had all the best of the wicket, and on Saturday, at Taunton, won the match by 210 runs.

On Friday the visitors had left off with a lead of 347 with five wickets to fall in the second innings, and when play was continued Mr Mason, who had batted two hours and a half, was caught in the slips without any addition to his total, while Mr Marsham, the other not out, increased his score by six only. The remaining Kent batsmen, with the exception of Hubble, who made several good drives, got out in forcing the game, Somerset being left with 418 to get to win in four hours and three-quarters.

The home side's chances of saving the match were destroyed at the outset of their innings by Mr Mason's fine bowling. He kept a good length at his fastest pace and, pitching on the off stump, made the ball break the width of the wicket. His first delivery hit Mr Phillips's leg stump, and with Mr Johnson and Robson bowled in the same manner three good batsmen were out for 18 runs, while two runs later Lewis was dismissed.

At this stage Mr Palairet and Braund made a great effort. Both played fine cricket, the amateur, who had most of the bowling, scoring much the faster. The partnership realized 116 in an hour and a half before Mr Palairet was caught at the wicket. Subsequently Braund for an hour and a half showed strong defence, but his endeavours to save the game were unsuccessful, the last wicket falling 25 minutes before the time arranged for drawing stumps.

11 August: SURREY v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6586.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6586.html))

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

Owing to the weather no play was possible yesterday . . .

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

The Oval had not fully recovered from the rain on Thursday, and the batsmen yesterday had to work hard for their runs. Surrey did not profit much by batting first, their innings, which lasted until 20 minutes past 4, being finished off for under 200 runs.

Hayward, adding one more to his long list of good scores this season, played very finely indeed, his defence during a stay of nearly three hours and a quarter being scarcely ever at fault. He went in first and was ninth out, scoring his runs out of 148. He found his best partner in Mr J N Crawford, who helped to put on 43 for the fourth wicket. Holland, who assisted in carrying the score from 73 to 107, had the good fortune to be missed by Mr Fry in the deep field.

Surrey seemed likely to be out for 150 or so, but Nice and Stedman added 46 for the last wicket, both playing well, although Stedman was missed at deep square-leg just after he went in. The Sussex fielding, apart from the missed chances, was extremely good. Cox brought off a couple of brilliant catches from his own bowling, and Mr Fry caught Abel finely at point.

Up to a certain time Sussex did not do well, for Vine and Killick were out in one over with the score at 19, and at 49 K S Ranjitsinhji lost his wicket. After this, however, there came a great change. Mr R B Heygate joined Mr Fry, and without further loss the score was increased to 134 before the drawing of stumps.

Mr Fry finished up in first-rate form, but the early part of his innings was marred by several uncertain strokes through the slips, and he was missed in the long field when he had made 45. As the game stands Sussex are only 60 behind with seven wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

The match between these counties at the Oval on Saturday ended in a draw. So little progress had been made up to Friday evening that no other result appeared probable, and in consequence the closing stage lost much of its interest.

When Sussex continued their innings they were only 60 runs behind their opponents, with seven wickets in hand. The total was taken to 157 before the next wicket fell, when Mr Fry was bowled. His partnership with Mr Heygate had realized 108 in an hour. Mr Latham then helped Mr Heygate to put on 77 in as many minutes.

Afterwards the Sussex batting broke down against the bowling of Nice and Lees, and the last five wickets fell for the addition of 31 runs. Had Surrey made the most of their opportunities in the field on Friday there was not the slightest reason why they should not have had a lead on the first innings, but, although mistakes helped [considerably to] increase their total, Sussex ought to have done much better.

When Surrey went in a second time three hours were still left for play, by Hayward and Davis by putting on 63 for the first wicket made a draw inevitable. Hayward made a bad stroke in the slips at the beginning of his innings, while he was badly missed at 88 in the deep field by Mr Smith, but otherwise his play was free from fault. In the last hour the cricket was not taken very seriously, as the regular bowlers, with the exception of Killick, who went on just before the close, were given a rest.

11 August: YORKSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6587.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6587.html))

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

Rain caused considerable delay in this match at Huddersfield yesterday. Warwickshire made a poor start against the bowling of Hirst and Myers, losing the wickets of Kinneir and Charlesworth for 12 runs. Mr Fishwick batted steadily for half an hour, before being finely caught in the slips off Myers.

The last-named dismissed four more batsmen in quick succession, always keeping a capital length. He bowled so well that at one stage of the game he had the excellent analysis of five wickets for 32

runs. The best batting performance of the day was done by Santall. His off-drives were beautifully timed and he invariably hit with great power. He and Moorhouse added 71 for the eighth wicket in an hour and ten minutes.

Yorkshire had only just over half an hour's batting, and made anything but a promising start against the bowling of Field and Santall. Field bowled at a great pace, dismissing Rudston, Denton and Hunter in succession. At the close of play, Yorkshire were 130 runs behind, with seven wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 13 August, page 11)

The feature of a remarkable day's play in this match at Huddersfield yesterday was the bowling of Field. He had taken three Yorkshire wickets on Thursday evening for 14 runs, and he claimed four more wickets before the innings closed. He kept up a fine pace throughout, and at times he made the ball get up awkwardly.

Grimshaw played the best innings on the Yorkshire side, being at the wickets just over two hours for 39 runs. He was, however, twice missed. Half the Yorkshire side were got rid of for 62, and in just over two hours the innings closed.

Warwickshire held the useful lead of 48 runs, but on going in again they started badly by losing Mr Fishwick's wicket before a run had been scored. In the last hour of the day they lost five wickets, Kinneir and Quaife being the only batsmen to reach double figures, and they alone faced the Yorkshire bowled with any degree of confidence.

Play was only possible for three hours on account of the sodden wicket, but during that time 12 wickets fell for 130 runs. The game is left in a most interesting position, Warwickshire being 96 runs ahead with five wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 15 August, page 9)

Yorkshire suffered their second defeat of the season at Huddersfield on Saturday, Warwickshire beating them by six runs. This is the first victory that Warwickshire have scored over Yorkshire since the institution of the county championship. The game was very close throughout, and it remained anybody's match right up to the finish.

When play was continued on Saturday Warwickshire, with five wickets down for 48, were 96 runs ahead. The wicket always favoured the bowlers, and Rhodes and Haigh captured the remaining five wickets in 35 minutes for 34 runs, three batsmen being dismissed with the score at 75.

With 131 runs to make Yorkshire fared badly against the bowling of Hargreave and Field. Denton and Rudston were both missed, but were quickly got rid of afterwards, the former at 19 and the latter ten runs later. Hirst was soon out leg-before-wicket to Hargreave, and with Tunnicliffe and Rhodes both out at 59 Yorkshire had lost six of their best wickets for that total.

Subsequently the struggle became most exciting. Mr Smith and Haigh, by putting on 48 for the seventh wicket, appeared to have placed victory within the grasp of the home county. Yet the Warwickshire bowlers never relaxed their efforts, and when Hargreave got Haigh caught in the long field Yorkshire still required 11 runs to win with two wickets in hand, but Hunter ran himself out and Myers was clean bowled by Hargreave, and thus Warwickshire won as stated.

The honours of the match were undoubtedly with Field and Hargreave, who bowled splendidly. In the match Field had the excellent record of 11 wickets for 119 runs, while Hargreave got eight wickets for 72.

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

Most in Not

	Innings	Runs	an inns	out	Average
K S Ranjitsinhji	26	1724	207*	5	82.09
Tyldesley	32	2083	225	4	74.39
Mr C B Fry	34	2318	226	2	72.43
Mr A O Jones	33	1788	187	5	62.07
Iremonger	32	1903	272	1	61.54
Hayward	49	2673	203	5	60.75
Quaife	34	1657	200*	5	54.72
Mr P Perrin	28	1382	343*	3	54.48
Hirst	33	1836	157	3	52.45
Mr R H Spooner	33	1472	215	3	49.06
Mr L Tancred	24	1084	113	2	47.00
Knight	30	1220	203	4	46.92
The Hon F S Jackson	22	807	158	2	45.25
Mr B J T Bosanquet	31	1191	146	4	44.11
Mr P F Warner	26	965	163	4	43.88
Mr J E Raphael	33	1489	201	0	43.60
King	41	1585	186	4	42.85
Hallows	27	973	137*	4	42.30
Sharp	27	845	107*	7	42.25
Mr H K Foster	32	1302	118	0	40.88
Mr A C S Glover	27	1011	124	2	40.44
Denton	42	1571	105	3	40.28
Mr L C H Palairet	29	1167	203	0	39.89
Mr M Hathorn	28	1032	180	1	38.22
Kinneir	32	1103	152	3	38.03
Mr C McGahey	38	1280	225	2	37.05
Hayes	48	1700	273*	2	36.85
Tunnicliffe	48	1601	139*	2	36.80
Mr F Mitchell	29	910	102*	4	36.00
Mr C J B Wood	40	1326	110	3	35.83
Humphreys	33	1143	131	1	35.71
Mr C A Ollivierre	35	1230	229	1	35.68
Mr L G Wright	35	1218	140	0	34.80
Vine	41	1274	169	4	34.44
Mr L O S Poidevin	30	958	153	1	34.41
J Gunn	36	1117	100	3	33.84
Rhodes	35	1147	196	2	33.73
Bowley	35	1112	153	2	33.69
Carpenter	29	976	199	0	33.65
Mr A C MacLaren	31	908	186	4	33.62
Coe	34	971	103	5	33.48
James Seymour	34	1017	138*	3	32.80
Mr E M Sprot	24	747	118	1	32.47
Mr T S Fishwick	34	1045	103	1	31.68
Cuttell	24	633	128	4	31.65
Mr G W Beldam	23	693	141	0	30.13
Mr W A Shalders	28	782	81	2	30.07
Whitehead	34	928	82	3	29.87
Mr G L Jessop	31	911	206	0	29.38
Relf	38	959	154	3	29.06
Mr R O Schwarz	20	581	102	0	29.05
Mr C H B Marsham	33	900	101*	2	29.03
Whittle	28	693	104	4	29.00
Sewell	35	946	181	2	28.68
Mr F L Fane	32	811	128	0	28.40
Abel	30	520	87	1	28.27
Mr G C White	21	536	115	2	28.21
Mr W B Burns	25	671	165	1	27.96
Storer	34	826	110	4	27.86
Haigh	34	830	138	4	27.85
Dr W G Grace	22	605	106	0	27.50
Dr E M Ashcroft	31	796	100	2	27.44
Mr J F Byrne	32	835	83	1	26.93
Webb	28	700	162*	2	26.92

Lewis	27	695	101	1	26.73
Mr R P Keigwin	32	783	118	2	26.10
Mr W L Murdoch	22	674	140	0	26.09
G Gunn	29	702	143	2	26.00
Wrathall	32	811	88	0	25.34
Lord Hawke	27	862	100*	2	25.30

[Also listed: Arnold average 24.96, Wheldon 24.96, Mr G Curgenvin 24.87, Pearson 24.75, A Hearne 24.70, Mr E A Halliwell 24.70, Mr A H Hornby 24.56, Howell 24.47, Mr W Newham 24.00, Lilley 23.83, Mr F E Thomas 23.80, Mr V F S Crawford 23.68, Robson 23.16, Mr F M Lee 23.16.

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	182.5	22	672	44	15.27
Mr J J Kotze	626.5	128	1905	108	17.63
J T Hearne	974	291	2316	129	17.94
Hallows	780.2	250	1778	65	18.71
Cuttell	911.1	310	1844	93	18.81
Haigh	732	194	1932	100	19.32
Dennett	800.4	227	2045	100	20.15
Myers	459.2	94	1330	66	20.15
Mr G G Napier	476.2	121	1370	66	20.75
Mr W Brearley	503.4	97	1862	89	21.14
Tate	360.1	88	1084	51	21.25
Mr J H Sinclair	627.5	108	1835	86	21.33
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	604	139	1835	85	21.68
Mr J R Mason	352	164	976	45	21.68
Rhodes	921.2	276	2127	93	21.70
Blythe	741.1	203	1948	82	21.88
Warren	711.1	121	2410	110	21.90
Kermode	483.5	139	1340	61	21.96
Huggins	655.3	223	1507	70	22.58
Arnold	767.3	163	2278	101	22.55
Hirst	774.1	165	2054	90	22.32
Santall	403.4	91	945	41	23.04
Wass	888.5	185	2683	114	23.09
Cox	1033.4	294	2478	107	23.15
Fielder	565.3	102	1854	80	23.17
Gill	385.1	71	1263	54	23.88
Allsopp	505.2	119	1556	66	23.57
Mr B J T Bosanquet	526.5	40	2108	88	23.85
Mr H C McDonell	479.2	118	1228	51	24.03
Relf	628	279	2131	68	24.21
Mr W W Odell	925	253	2503	103	24.30
J Gunn	943.4	248	2618	105	24.93
Reeves	752.5	164	2460	96	25.52
Fairservice	409.2	117	1201	47	25.55
Lees	1070.4	279	2717	108	25.63
Trott	626.4	124	2011	78	25.78
Bestwick	764.1	187	2232	85	25.95
Cranfield	552.4	90	1750	67	26.11
Braund	800.5	123	2608	101	26.41
Hargreave	917.4	266	2181	82	26.71
G Wilson	520	57	1783	64	27.86

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	22	15	0	7	15	100.00

Yorkshire	23	8	2	13	6	60.00
Kent	16	8	3	5	5	45.45
Nottinghamshire	19	7	4	8	3	27.27
Sussex	20	5	3	12	2	25.00
Leicestershire	16	6	4	6	2	20.00
Middlesex	14	6	4	4	2	20.00
Warwickshire	16	5	4	6	1	11.11
Gloucestershire	15	5	5	5	0	0.00
Derbyshire	17	5	7	5	-2	-16.66
Worcestershire	15	3	7	5	-4	-40.00
Somerset	15	4	10	1	-6	-42.85
Surrey	23	4	10	9	-6	-42.85
Essex	18	2	10	6	-8	-66.66
Hampshire	14	1	11	2	-10	-83.33

15 August: DERBYSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6588.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6588.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 9)

Cricket at Derby yesterday was in progress for less than two hours, showers causing three interruptions and a heavier downpour cutting the game short soon after 4 o'clock.

In the time available the South Africans completed their first innings. They gave a poor display, as there was nothing in the state of the ground to account for their collapse. Early in the day, however, a strong cross wind helped the bowlers. Up to a certain point the innings promised well, but at lunch time six wickets had fallen for 106, and the last few batsmen could do nothing.

Mr Shalders and Mr Hathorn, who put on 30 for the second wicket, were both missed, but, apart from these two blunders, the Derbyshire fielding was excellent. Warren, to whom the present season has brought a great increase of reputation, took five wickets at a cost of 12 runs each. Mr Mitchell was out to a brilliant catch at the wicket on the leg side.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 5)

Derbyshire outplayed the South Africans at Derby, yesterday, and left off in a strong position, the visitors losing three wickets in their second innings and still requiring 73 to avoid a single innings defeat.

Monday's cricket, which was considerably interfered with by rain, resulted in the South Africans being cheaply dismissed, and yesterday, on a pitch which was never really difficult, Derbyshire gained a good lead. Mr Wright and Mr Ollivierre made 44 for the first wicket, and the former and Storer put on 62 for the second, Storer being third out at 134. The brightest display of the afternoon was given by Dr Ashcroft. He obtained his runs in two hours without making any mistake, his driving, cutting and leg-placing being admirable.

Having to face a lead of 163, the visitors lost two wickets for 15, and they should have had a third down cheaply, but Mr Tancred profited by an escape, and he and Mr Mitchell put on 67 before the latter was out off the last ball of the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible in three matches yesterday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

15 August: HAMPSHIRE v SUSSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6589.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6589.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 9)

Although Sussex at Portsmouth yesterday held at the close of play a reasonably safe position, their batting was somewhat disappointing, runs during a great part of the day coming slowly.

Mr Fry changed his order, Killick going in first with Vine, but after four overs had been delivered rain stopped play for an hour. Subsequently the two professionals put on 93, and then Vine and Mr Heygate carried the score to 147. Mr Fry put some brightness into the game by making three drives and a pull to the boundary in quick succession, but after he was out the cricket again became uninteresting.

Mr Latham was nearly an hour in scoring his first 12 runs, but towards the end of the day he hit well to the off. Relf, with some hard drives, also improved the rate of scoring, and the two not-out batsmen increased the total during their partnership by 95 in a little over an hour. Mr Hesketh-Prichard and Baldwin kept a capital length, but the remainder of the Hampshire bowling was feeble. The fielding, however, was throughout up to a high standard.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 5)

The batting at Portsmouth yesterday was in marked contrast to that of Monday, 405 runs being scored during the 5 hours and 40 minutes that play was in progress. Mr Latham failed to add to the overnight total of 216, but on K S Ranjitsinhji joining Relf the Hampshire bowling was completely mastered.

In an hour and ten minutes the score was increased by 103 runs, K S Ranjitsinhji displaying all his customary variety of stroke, while Relf drove and hit to leg with great power. The professional, beaten by the pace of a slow ball when he appeared almost certain to get to three figures, was the first out; while K S Ranjitsinhji was caught from a high return 25 runs later. During the last 50 minutes before lunch Leach hit the bowling all over the field, and then Mr Fry declared the Sussex innings closed.

Afterwards, Hampshire started their innings most disastrously, Captain Richards, Webb and Major Poore being dismissed with nine runs scored, but Mr Sprot and Mr Hill gave a delightful exhibition of free hitting. The latter made some fine on-drives, while Mr Sprot hit hard to leg and timed several late cuts beautifully. Ninety-one runs were scored for the fourth wicket in 35 minutes before Mr Hill was bowled off his pads by a ball which he did not attempt to play, while immediately afterwards Mr Sprot was smartly thrown out by Mr Heygate from mid-off.

Subsequently Llewellyn drove finely, while towards the finish Stone displayed unusual freedom; but at the close Hampshire, with two wickets in hand, still required 144 runs to save the follow-on.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible in three matches yesterday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

15 August: MIDDLESEX v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6590.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6590.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 9)

The Middlesex and Lancashire match, which was begun at Lord's yesterday, may be considerably specially interesting from the fact that Lancashire, as an unbeaten eleven, are meeting opponents who, at full strength, are as likely as any side in England to extend them thoroughly. The first day's play was occupied with the innings of Middlesex; and, at the close of play, they had gained a strong position, although, as has been several times proved this season, a score of over 300 at the present day is not in itself sufficient to secure a side from defeat.

The cricket yesterday was not particularly attractive, but it was interesting from the fact that the batsmen had to play hard for their runs. With Mr Brearley and Hallows away, the Lancashire bowling was not at full strength; but Kermode, Cuttell, Sladen and Heap formed a strong quartet of bowlers; and Sladen, when he had found his length in the morning, bowled especially well from the Pavilion end with the wind behind him.

Mr Warner and Mr Douglas made a good start, putting on 53 for the first wicket, although Mr Warner was lucky in being missed at mid-off fairly early in his innings. After he was out, Mr Douglas and Mr G W Beldam carried the score to 76, Mr Douglas in many respects playing the most polished innings of the day; and then came a stand by Mr G W Beldam and Mr E A Beldam, which turned the game in favour of the batting side. The absence of scoring strokes in front of the wicket on the off-side makes the methods of both these batsmen in many ways unattractive to watch, but they both played steady cricket, showing sound back play and making a number of good strokes on the leg side.

After Mr E A Beldam was out, the bowlers for a time had the best of matters, getting rid of two such dangerous batsmen as Mr Bosanquet and Mr Wells cheaply; and the only other stand of any length was made by Mr Beldam, who went on batting very steadily, and Mr Palmer. Mr Palmer, who played in the Uppingham eleven this year, is a dashing cricketer, possessed of a number of good strokes. He is not

perhaps thoroughly sound at present, but he seems to get well across to the ball and he has a beautiful off-drive past extra-cover.

Lancashire missed one or two catches, but as a whole they maintained their reputation as a fine fielding side, and one may be inclined to think that their keenness in the field has helped them considerably in winning matches this season. Mr Spooner at cover-point, Tyldesley, Mr Poidevin and Mr Hornby were all excellent, while Mr Findlay kept wicket in his best form throughout the day.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 5)

The second day's play of the Middlesex and Lancashire match at Lord's produced some remarkable cricket, and Middlesex left off with an excellent chance of victory, for at the close their opponents had lost Mr MacLaren and Mr Spooner for 42 runs in their second innings, and were still 147 runs behind. Tyldesley, however, is not out, and he, like Mr Jackson and K S Ranjitsinhji, is a batsman of such possibilities that Lancashire may possibly save the game to-day.

Except during the early part of the morning the scoring yesterday was never fast, but the cricket was always interesting, for it was a case of good bowling meeting with its due reward; for the features of the day were the bowling of Trott and, in a lesser degree, of Mr Wells, and the dismissal of a side as strong as Lancashire are in batting on a good wicket for under 200 runs.

When play was continued Mr MacGregor and Hearne added 57 to the Middlesex score, Mr MacGregor playing a really good innings and Hearne once again showing that he is a most useful batsman for the 11th place; and Lancashire at about a quarter to 1 had to go in against a formidable total.

Mr G W Beldam and Mr Bosanquet opened the bowling, and with 21 scored Mr Spooner was stumped in playing forward to Mr Bosanquet. Mr MacGregor then put on Trott instead of Mr Beldam, and with 26 added Trott clean bowled Tyldesley with a beautiful ball. With Mr Poidevin and Mr MacLaren together 37 were put on, and then Trott got Mr MacLaren, who had been batting very steadily and looked like staying, caught at the wicket; and thus the three great Lancashire batsmen were out for 74.

After this the bowlers as a whole held the upper hand, no one except Heap staying very long with Mr Poidevin; and when Mr Wells went on at the pavilion end instead of Hearne the innings was soon finished off. Mr Poidevin, who was ninth out, played very slow cricket, but he made a great effort for his side and deserves every credit for his batting.

With the exception of a few overs Trott was on throughout the innings for the nursery end, and he has not bowled so well for some time past. His numerous tricks always make him likely to get wickets, but generally he is rather expensive. Yesterday, however, he kept the runs down as well as taking wickets, and in bowling more than 30 overs for 59 runs and getting six wickets he did a remarkable performance.

The Middlesex fielding was sound throughout, and Mr Palmer showed that he is a good fieldsman as well as a good bat. In getting rid of Sladen he made a difficult catch of what should have been an easy one in the deep field, and then caught it brilliantly. Lancashire were 189 behind, and Mr MacGregor decided to make them go in again.

Mr MacLaren and Mr Spooner again started to Trott and Mr Wells. At 18 Mr MacLaren was out, and at 33 Mr Wells bowled Mr Spooner with a very good ball. Just after 5 o'clock there was a delay owing to bad light, and then after about a quarter of an hour's play the game had to be stopped for the same reason at about a quarter to 6.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 5)

The weather saved Lancashire from the danger of defeat at Lord's yesterday, for play was impossible until past 5 o'clock, and then only nine overs were bowled before the rain set in again and the match was abandoned as a draw. The end of the game left Lancashire 142 runs behind with eight wickets in hand in their second innings.

15 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6591.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6591.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 9)

Yesterday's cricket at Worcester went all in favour of Kent, who left off at the drawing of stumps only two runs behind with seven wickets in hand. For the position in which they found themselves at the close Kent were almost entirely indebted to some exceptionally fine bowling by Fielder and the splendid batting of Humphreys and Mr Mason.

Seven of the Worcestershire batsmen succeeded in getting into double figures, the best form being shown by Mr Caldwell, but none of them were at all comfortable with the Kent bowling. Fielder was so deadly after lunch that he took four wickets at a cost of only 12 runs. He received valuable aid from Huish, the Kent wicket-keeper making four good catches.

Kent on going in started so badly that they did not look like leaving off with the better of the game, three of the best batsmen on the side being out for 25 runs. However Humphreys and Mr Mason played fine cricket, first wearing down the bowling and then hitting freely.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 5)

Following up in splendid style the advantage which they had gained on Monday, Kent were in a very strong position when play ended at Worcester, yesterday, Worcestershire with only seven wickets in hand still requiring 111 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Overnight Kent had scored 151 for three wickets, and it was not until the total had been increased to 269 that the innings came to an end. This was mainly the work of Humphreys, Mr Marsham and Mr Blaker, all of whom forced the game very well. Chief honours belonged to Humphreys who played all the bowling with confidence and, during the four hours over which his innings extended, he did not make a mistake. Mr Marsham, who assisted Humphreys to put on 147 in an hour and 35 minutes for the fifth wicket, drove with great power, and Mr Blaker scored his runs in an hour.

On Worcestershire going in a second time, 267 runs behind, Bowley and Wheldon made a very promising start, their partnership for the first wicket yielding 114. Bowley was seen to advantage, his play on the off side being especially good. Wheldon, who was third out at 117, also batted well.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 5)

At Worcester yesterday Kent gained a remarkable victory over Worcestershire by nine wickets. Rain interfered considerably with the cricket, and Mr Foster batted so finely that at 5 o'clock, when Worcestershire's score was 300 for five wickets, there seemed little chance of the game being brought to a definite conclusion. After Mr Foster was out, however, the last four men were got rid of for 44 runs, and Kent had three-quarters of an hour in which to get 81 runs to win.

The wicket helped the bowlers in some degree, but Mr Blaker and Mr Day forced the game so effectively that in 16 minutes they scored 47. On Mr Mason's joining Mr Day the remaining runs were soon hit off, 82 being actually obtained in 29 minutes. The batsmen took many risks, attempting to score off almost every ball, but the way in which they won the game for their side was most brilliant.

15 August: YORKSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6592.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6592.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 16 August, page 9)

There was an unusually small attendance at Leeds, yesterday, to witness the return match between Yorkshire and Essex, not more than 2,000 people being present. Yorkshire won the toss and batted first on a wicket that was affected in some degree by the rain. For their good score they were largely indebted to the mistakes of their opponents in the field. Seven chances were missed during the day, the majority of them being off Reeves's bowling.

Essex began well by getting the wickets of Rudston, Mr Jackson and Denton for 43 runs. Then Tunnicliffe was missed in the slips by Carpenter off the first ball which he received, and afterwards he and Hirst put on 70 for the next wicket. Rhodes was subsequently missed at cover-point when he had made 36, and before he and Hirst were separated 114 runs were added for the fifth wicket.

Hirst played perfect cricket until he had completed his hundred; he was then missed three times in making the next 40 runs, first by Buckenham at long-on, than at the wicket, and afterwards by Mr Turner at cover-point. Hirst played vigorously, scoring 51 in three-quarters of an hour.

Essex gave a trial to Benham, a fast bowler from Beckton. He kept a good length and took five wickets fairly cheaply.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 17 August, page 5)

The Essex eleven found the Yorkshire bowling very difficult at Leeds yesterday. They were dismissed in three hours and a quarter, and being 175 runs behind on the first innings they had to follow on. When they went in a second time they were again unable to cope with the bowling. Mr Perrin batted finely but, in spite of his efforts, Essex at the close of play were in danger of suffering an innings defeat.

Early in the day Hirst's swerving bowling resulted in the first four wickets falling for 28 runs. He was, however, ineffective afterwards. Mr Turner and Mr Keigwin, who became partners when five wickets had fallen for 38, added 62 runs before the sixth wicket fell. Myers then dismissed Mr Keigwin and Reeves with successive deliveries.

Mr Turner was ninth out, being brilliantly caught at short slip by Tunnicliffe. When he had made 38 he should have been caught in the same position, but this was the only mistake he made during his two and a quarter hours stay at the wicket. Benham indulged in some hard hitting before the last wicket fell, and he scored 27 out of 34 in 10 minutes.

When they followed on Essex had Carpenter splendidly caught behind the wicket in Hirst's first over, and two wickets were down for 14. Essex in the end lost six of their wickets in two hours, and four of these were obtained by Rhodes for 12 runs. As the game now stands, Essex, with four wickets to fall, require 57 runs to save an innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 18 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible in three matches yesterday, which were in consequence abandoned . . .

Wednesday 17 August, page 5

The sub-committee, appointed by the Advisory County Cricket Committee, met yesterday at Lord's and passed a resolution recommending that, in view of the probable visit of the Australians next year, further consideration of the promotion scheme should be deferred to the end of next season.

They also recommend that the M.C.C. be asked to include Northamptonshire among the first-class counties, provided that the county makes itself qualified under the rules governing the county championship.

18 August: KENT v HAMPSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6593.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6593.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

The bowlers had matters nearly all their own way at Tonbridge yesterday, and a fine performance was done by Blythe, who had a record for the day of 15 wickets for 76 runs. The pitch was made very

treacherous by the sun, and Blythe was very difficult to play; he was unchanged in the two Hampshire innings, and his length and break were wonderful.

Hampshire's double failure was relieved in some degree by the steadiness of Mr Johnston in the first innings and by a really fine piece of hitting by Bowell in the second. Bowell has something of a reputation as a forcing batsman, and when five wickets were down in the second innings for 14 he made 42 out of the next 46 in half an hour, hitting one ball from Blythe out of the ground for six.

When Kent went in Baldwin proved very deadly; his length was good and he made the ball do its work very quickly. Hampshire fielded well, and there was a remarkable catch at mid-on which got out Humphreys, Mr Katinakis stopping the ball from a hard drive and holding it at the third attempt. The end of the day found Kent with an innings to play and 63 runs to make to win.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

Kent beat Hampshire, yesterday at Tonbridge, by eight wickets. They had only 63 to make in the last innings; and, although Humphreys was soon caught at short leg, the task was accomplished quickly, Mr Day hitting particularly well.

18 August: LANCASHIRE v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6594.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6594.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

This match was begun at Old Trafford yesterday on a wicket which was soft after the rain. Lancashire batted first and made a fairly good start, but at 41 Mr MacLaren was bowled.

Mr Spooner and Tyldesley made the best stand of the innings. They were favoured by some luck, but the professional's wicket was sacrificed through Mr Spooner's attempting a third run for a hit by Tyldesley. Whereas 100 had been made for the loss of Mr MacLaren, five wickets were down for 136. Mr Spooner played fine cricket, but he ought to have been caught and bowled by John Gunn when he had made 33. Mr Hornby drove with great power and got his runs in an hour.

When Nottinghamshire went in, Mr Jones ran himself out at 41, but Iremonger and John Gunn made a useful stand. At times, however, their batting was slow and uninteresting, and they were seldom masters of the bowling. At the close of play Nottinghamshire were 107 runs behind, with eight wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

At Old Trafford yesterday the wicket was very soft after the heavy rain during the night, and only 40 minutes' cricket was possible before lunch.

Iremonger was the first to leave, after staying two hours and three-quarters, in the course of which he gave one chance at 63. He played sound but very slow cricket, making his runs mostly by on-drives. George Gunn followed the example of Iremonger and acted almost entirely on the defensive. The only free-scoring batsman on the side was Mr Branston, who got his runs out of 47 for the seventh wicket in 35 minutes.

Nottinghamshire eventually got a lead of 48. For the first time in county cricket Heap showed some of his form as a bowler, as he secured six wickets for just under 12 runs each.

When Lancashire batted a second time, Mr MacLaren was again bowled by John Gunn; but Mr Spooner and Tyldesley remained together until the close, when the home county were 12 runs behind, with nine wickets to fall.

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

Although this match at Old Trafford ended in a draw on Saturday, some interesting cricket was seen on the last day, when the wicket played fairly well.

Mr Spooner was caught at mid-off in the third over, but Tyldesley and Mr Poidevin scored 115 for the third wicket in two hours before Wass, at the second attempt, held a hard return from Tyldesley. Mr Poidevin stayed in until the innings was declared closed. He played patient cricket for over four hours, but he ought to have been caught at cover-point by John Gunn when he had only made three.

Nottinghamshire batted for an hour, but Mr Jones, having again injured his right hand, was unable to go in.

18 August: LEICESTERSHIRE v ESSEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6595.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6595.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

Having the good fortune to win the toss, Leicestershire made excellent use of the opportunity at Leicester yesterday, staying in until close upon 5 o'clock. In the absence of sunshine the pitch never became at all difficult.

The feature of an interesting day's cricket was the batting of Knight. Going in at the fall of the third wicket at 96, he got his 100 in just over two hours. At 58 he might have been caught at deep square-leg, had not Benham misjudged the flight of the ball, but this was his only mistake. As usual he made most of his runs by clean hard cutting.

King scored very slowly, but by sound defence he rendered his side valuable assistance, and with Knight he added 101 runs for the fourth wicket. Mr McGahey bowled his leg-breaks exceedingly well, and was unlucky in having two catches missed off him.

Seventy minutes remained for play when Essex went in, but a shower curtailed the time by a quarter of an hour. Mr Fane was bowled with the total at seven, and then Carpenter and Mr Perrin stayed together until the close.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

When an interesting day's play came to an end at Leicester yesterday evening, Essex held a distinct advantage, Leicestershire with six wickets down in their second innings being only 96 runs ahead. Overnight Essex, against their opponents' total of 314, had lost Mr Fane for 45 runs, and, when an innings on each side had been completed, the visitor were in a minority of only 17 runs.

In doing so well Essex were almost entirely indebted to Mr McGahey and Mr Turner, who, coming together at the fall of the third wicket at 53, put on 189 runs in two hours and 35 minutes. Mr McGahey was batting for two hours and three-quarters, and during the whole of his innings he did not make a single mistake. Watching the ball well, he at times hit hard, his driving being especially good.

Mr Turner, like Mr McGahey, gave no chance, and the feature of his innings was his clean, hard cutting. Gill bowled with great effect after lunch, sending down 12 overs and a ball for 34 runs and five wickets.

When Leicestershire went in for a second time, Mr De Trafford and Mr Wood scored 41 together for the first wicket; but after this the batting completely broke down.

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

Essex gained a victory over Leicestershire, at Leicester, on Saturday, by nine wickets, the match coming to an end at 4 o'clock.

From the position in which the game had been left on Friday evening it did not seem at all likely that Essex would be set a heavy task, Leicestershire, with six wickets down in their second innings,

being only 96 runs ahead. As it happened, however, the last few batsmen gave a good deal of trouble, and in 75 minutes 107 more runs were scored. Gill hit with great power, making some brilliant drives, and he and Whitehead together put on 49 for the seventh wicket, while Mr Odell and Allsopp added 41 for the ninth.

Essex were left with 204 to get to win, and by lunch time Mr Fane and Carpenter had scored 89 of the number. In half an hour afterwards they added 44, the partnership for the first wicket putting on 133 runs. After Mr Fane left Mr Perrin and Carpenter, by free cricket, hit off the remaining 71 runs in 40 minutes.

18 August: MIDDLESEX v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6596.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6596.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

The match between Middlesex and Surrey, at Lord's, was left in an interesting position at the close of play yesterday, Surrey, who had got four of their opponents' wickets down and still held a lead of 110, having perhaps slightly the better of the game.

As a whole, the bowlers held the upper hand throughout the day, for the wicket after the rain never played easier and nearly all the batsmen found a good deal of difficulty in getting the ball away. Surrey went in first, and in the circumstances a score not far short of 200 runs was a fairly creditable performance against the good bowling.

The side started badly, and at lunch time they had lost six wickets for 107. Afterwards Montgomery and Hayes stayed together for some time, putting on 34 runs, but then Hearne got out Hayes, Lees and Montgomery in one over with the score at 141. Nice and Stedman, however, made a most useful stand and added 38 for the last wicket. Hearne bowled very well, taking full advantage of his opportunities and keeping a beautiful length.

Middlesex went in just before half-past 4, and the batsmen found Mr Crawford, who bowled from the pavilion end, and Lees difficult to play. Mr Warner, Mr Douglas, Mr Beldam and Mr Field were out with only 57 scored, but then Mr Wells and Mr Bosanquet stayed together until stumps were drawn at a quarter past 6. Neither batsman made much attempt to get runs; but they played the right game at a rather critical time, for had Middlesex lost another wicket or two last night they would have been in a serious position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

The second day's play of the Middlesex and Surrey match, at Lord's, went greatly in favour of Surrey, and at the close Middlesex had lost four of their best batsmen in the last innings of the game and still required 197 runs to win.

From their strong position Surrey were in a large degree indebted to the bowling of Mr Crawford. In the morning he and Lees were mainly responsible for the dismissal of the last six Middlesex batsmen very cheaply, and, when the home side went in again at about half-past 4, he got out Mr Douglas, Mr Field and Mr Bosanquet.

Certainly the wicket gave Mr Crawford some help, but on his performance of yesterday he shows great promise of becoming a really good bowler. Bowling from the Pavilion end, he kept a good length, made the ball come back considerably and varied his face skilfully. Lees also bowled very well, and in the first innings he got out five men for eight runs apiece.

When play was continued, Middlesex had four wickets down for 69 runs; but the innings was finished off for an addition of 40, Mr Wells alone playing the bowling with confidence. Surrey thus had a most useful lead of 70, and they never lost the advantage, which they had gained, throughout the day.

They went in again soon after 1 o'clock. Davis was out at 14, but then Mr Raphael, who had the good luck to be missed off an easy return to Trott early in his innings, and Hayward made runs steadily. At lunch time the score was 56, and afterwards 22 more runs were added before Hayward was out.

Subsequently, Mr Bosanquet's bowling got out the majority of the batsmen, while Mr Wells got three wickets at the end very cheaply. Hayes again played a dashing innings, which was invaluable to his side, but no one stayed with him very long. Middlesex made one or two rather serious mistakes in the field, but Mr Palmer, at square-leg, and Mr Douglas, in the deep field, both made very fine catches.

Middlesex were left with the task of getting 250 to win in the last innings; and they lost Mr Douglas and Mr Warner before a run was scored. Mr Field was out at 19 and Mr Bosanquet at 21; but then Mr Wells again came to the rescue of his side, and he and Mr G W Beldam stayed together until the close.

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

After an exciting finish, Middlesex, at Lord's on Saturday, gained a remarkable victory over Surrey, winning the match by two wickets, after they had gone in late on Friday with 250 runs to get to win, and at one time had lost four good wickets for 21 runs. Then Mr Wells joined Mr Beldam; the two played out time, and on Saturday morning carried the score to 109 before they were separated.

Then came another good stand by Mr Beldam and Mr MacGregor, who added 80 runs, and with four more wickets to fall Middlesex had only 61 runs to get. Then the game turned in favour of Surrey again, for Mr Palmer and Mr More were soon out; but then Trott stayed with Mr MacGregor, and just after 4 the winning hit was made.

It was a most interesting match all through; for after Surrey, chiefly perhaps owing to some really good bowling by Mr Crawford and Lees, had gained a great advantage, on the first two days, Middlesex played a fine uphill game, and Mr Beldam, Mr MacGregor and Mr Wells deserve every credit for their determined batting on the last day of the game.

18 August: SUSSEX v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6597.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6597.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

Although somewhat slow, the play in this match at Brighton yesterday never became uninteresting; and there was every reason for the playing of a steady game, as the wicket was distinctly in the bowlers' favour.

Yorkshire made anything but a promising start, losing the wickets of Mr Wilkinson and Grimshaw with only 20 runs scored. Denton and Tunnicliffe afterwards added 75 runs, but Yorkshire had lost three wickets for 29 runs at the interval, and subsequently half the side were got rid of for 122.

The feature of the afternoon's play was the batting of Hirst, who turned the game in favour of his side. The Sussex fielding was at times somewhat loose, Killick during the day having four possible chances missed off his bowling. Hirst should have been caught at cover-point at 25 by Mr Heygate, a blunder which proved most expensive for the home county.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

This match was continued at Brighton yesterday. Yorkshire, who left off with a score of 254 for seven wickets on Thursday evening, added 38 runs yesterday. Hirst played by far the best innings on the Yorkshire side. His batting was not quite as vigorous as usual, for he was at the wickets for three hours and 20 minutes, being the last man out.

Sussex made a capital start with Mr Fry and Vine, who scored 73 in an hour before luncheon, and the two altogether put on 185 before Vine was out. Mr Fry was still not out at the close, having been at the wickets for about four hours. Sussex are now 61 runs behind with nine wickets to fall.

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

There was never any prospect of a definite result being arrived at on Saturday in the match between Sussex and Yorkshire at Brighton. On a wicket that was always slightly affected by rain, the play

was slow and generally speaking uninteresting, two individual batting performances, one by Hirst for the visiting team and the other by Mr C B Fry, being the features of the match.

The Sussex captain played patient and painstaking cricket, although at times he certainly displayed undue caution. He was batting altogether for six hours and ten minutes. The remaining batsmen on the Sussex side could do very little with the bowling of Myers.

When Yorkshire went in a second time only an hour and a half remained for play, it having been arranged to draw stumps half an hour earlier than usual, unless there was any chance of a finish. Yorkshire quickly lost Mr Wilkinson's wicket, but Denton and Grimshaw scored 52 in an hour, and when three wickets were down for 86 runs stumps were drawn.

18 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v GLOUCESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6598.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6598.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 19 August, page 9)

Worcestershire, who lost the toss, went in first at Worcester yesterday, and accomplished a good batting performance. Early in the day they did not look like making a large score, for in spite of some capital batting by Bowley and a useful innings by Mr Foster five men were out for 158.

At this stage Arnold, who had begun in far from promising style, found a useful partner in Mr Burns. The sixth wicket added 67 in an hour, and Arnold afterwards went of playing very sound cricket. Spry was the most successful of the Gloucestershire bowlers. The ground fielding of the visiting side was rather slack, but their catching was excellent.

In the last 25 minutes of the day Wrathall and Mr Barnett scoring freely, and at the close Gloucestershire, with all their wickets in hand, were 283 behind.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 20 August, page 9)

Gloucestershire gave such a good display, at Worcester, yesterday, that they passed their opponents' total with only seven men out and finished the day leading by 67 runs with two wickets in hand. Their batting, on the whole, was not quite so bright as usual, but it was particularly sound.

The feature of the day was the exceptionally patient innings by Mr Barnett. Going in first, he was the fourth man out with the total at 232. He got his runs in polished style, but he certainly seemed to lack scoring power.

Wrathall and Mr Champain also did well; the former scored his runs out of 83 put on for the first wicket in an hour and a quarter. He played by far the most dashing cricket of the day, for Mr Champain was much more careful than usual. The Worcestershire fielding was good as a whole; but the bowling did not appear to be deadly, although Pearson always kept a good length.

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

There was never much prospect of the game between Worcestershire and Gloucestershire being brought to a definite close at Worcester on Saturday, for the teams had not completed an innings each and the wicket was still in excellent order.

Gloucestershire, who had secured a lead of 67 with two wickets in hand, were unable to increase their advantage to any appreciable extent. Mr Champain, who had done so much to place his side in a good position, was unfortunately delayed on his journey from Cheltenham, and the innings was over before he reached the ground.

The second innings of the home side opened in most promising style, 64 being put on for the first wicket in 40 minutes. Bowley again gave an admirable display, but the rate of scoring at the start was not maintained. Mr Foster was an hour and a half making his runs, while Arnold was batting for two hours and 20 minutes. Apart from these three men, no one did much, and the last five wickets fell for 33 runs.

Gloucestershire were 258 runs behind, and they only had 40 minutes' batting in their second innings.

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	24	15	0	9	15	100.00
Yorkshire	25	8	2	15	6	60.00
Kent	18	10	3	5	7	63.84
Middlesex	16	7	4	5	3	27.27
Nottinghamshire	20	7	4	9	3	27.27
Sussex	22	5	3	14	2	25.00
Warwickshire	15	5	4	6	1	11.11
Leicestershire	17	6	5	6	1	9.09
Gloucestershire	16	5	5	6	0	0.00
Derbyshire	17	5	7	5	-2	-16.66
Somerset	15	4	10	1	-6	-42.85
Worcestershire	17	3	8	6	-5	-45.45
Surrey	24	4	11	9	-7	-46.66
Essex	20	3	10	7	-7	-53.84
Hampshire	16	1	12	3	-11	-84.61

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
K S Ranjitsinhji	28	1823	207*	5	79.28
Mr C B Fry	36	2563	229	2	75.38
Tyldesley	36	2238	225	5	72.19
Mr A O Jones	34	1756	187	5	60.55
Iremonger	34	1983	272	1	60.09
Hayward	51	2720	203	5	59.13
Hirst	40	2097	157	3	56.67
Quaife	34	1587	200*	5	54.72
Mr P Perrin	32	1486	343*	4	53.07
Mr J R Mason	18	749	138	3	49.93
Mr W H B Evans	19	861	115	1	47.83
Mr L J Tancred	26	1093	113	3	47.52
Knight	32	1328	203	4	47.42
Mr R H Spooner	37	1575	215	3	46.32
The Hon F S Jackson	23	928	158	2	44.19
Mr H K Foster	38	1539	119	0	42.75
Mr J E Raphael	35	1494	201	0	42.68
Hallows	27	973	137*	4	42.30
King	43	1534	156	4	41.89
Mr B J T Bosanquet	34	1221	145	4	40.70
Mr P F Warner	29	1015	163	4	40.60
Mr A C S Glover	27	1011	124	2	40.44
Sharp	30	879	107*	8	39.95
Mr L C H Palaret	29	1157	203	0	39.89
Denton	45	1683	105	3	39.69
Hayes	50	1808	273*	2	37.66
Kinneir	33	1085	152	3	37.41
Mr C McGahey	39	1375	225	2	37.16
Humphreys (Kent)	36	1300	143	1	37.14
Vine	43	1438	169	4	36.87

Mr L O S Poidevin	34	1140	153	3	36.77
Tunnicliffe	42	1467	139*	2	36.67
Mr M Hathorn	30	1052	130	1	36.27
Mr C A Ollivierre	36	1235	229	1	35.28
Mr G W Beldam	26	914	141	0	35.15
Bowley	39	1299	153	2	35.10
Mr C J B Wood	42	1368	110	3	35.07
Mr F Mitchell	30	911	102*	4	35.03
Carpenter	33	1121	199	1	35.03
Mr L G Wright	36	1250	140	0	34.72
Rhodes	38	1213	196	2	33.69
Mr E M Sprot	25	798	118	1	33.25
J Gunn	38	1160	100	3	33.14
Mr T S Fishwick	34	1063	103	3	32.21
Coe	36	987	103	5	31.83
James Seymour	37	1028	136*	3	31.70
Mr A C MacLaren	35	958	168	4	30.90
Relf	38	1074	154	3	30.68
Mr G L Jessop	32	963	206	0	29.78
Mr C H B Marsham	35	978	161*	2	29.63
Dr E M Ashcroft	32	869	111	2	29.63
G Gunn	31	797	143	4	29.51
Cuttell	28	646	128	4	29.36
Storer	35	899	110	4	29.00
Whittle	28	696	104	4	29.00
Mr W A Shalders	30	806	81	2	28.78
Arnold	38	1003	111	3	28.65
H Whitehead	36	943	82	3	28.57
Mr R O Schwarz	21	593	102	0	28.23
Sewell	38	946	181	2	27.82
Haigh	37	913	138	4	27.66
Dr W G Grace	22	605	166	0	27.50
Mr G C White	22	547	115	2	27.35
Mr F L Fane	38	980	126	0	27.22
Mr J F Byrne	32	835	83	1	26.93
Abel	32	830	87	1	26.77
Lewis	27	695	101	1	26.73
Wrathall	33	871	88	0	26.39
Leach	22	500	86	3	26.31
Mr W L Murdoch	22	574	140	0	26.09
Mr R N R Blaker	18	442	66	1	26.00
Mr R P Keigwin	35	809	116	3	25.28
Wheldon	39	878	103	4	25.03
Mr W B Burns	31	750	165	1	25.00
Mr A H Hornby	29	700	114	1	25.00

[Also listed: Mr E A Halliwell average 24.94, Mr G Curgenvin 24.87, Webb 24.72, Mr W Newham 24.40, Bowell 24.28, Lilley 23.93, Mr F E Thomas 23.80, Mr V F S Crawford 23.66, Pearson 23.59, Mr C L A Smith 23.55, A Hearne 23.42, Bird 23.25, Robson 23.16, Mr F M Lee 23.16, Killick 22.19, Mr J H Sinclair 21.61, LLevellyn 21.59, Mr L D Brownlee 21.11.]

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	196.5	22	758	45	16.84
J T Hearne	1028	303	2395	134	17.87
Mr J J Kotze	649.5	134	1978	110	17.98
Hallows	780.2	250	1778	95	18.71
Myers	507.1	106	1445	75	19.26
Cuttell	885.1	339	1992	100	19.92
Haigh	782	210	2042	102	20.01
Blythe	842.2	236	2161	107	20.19
Mr G G Napier	976.2	121	1370	66	20.75
Dennett	890.3	249	2233	106	21.06
Mr W Brearley	593.4	97	1882	89	21.14

Tate	393.1	83	1084	51	21.25
Mr J H Sinclair	527.5	108	1835	86	21.33
Warren	740	129	2480	115	21.65
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	660.4	157	1999	92	21.72
Rhodes	1015.5	314	2290	104	22.01
Mr J R Mason	387	115	1059	48	22.06
Fielder	623.3	122	1978	88	22.47
Hirst	830.1	174	2226	98	22.71
Gill	429.2	77	1410	62	22.74
Santall	403.4	91	945	41	23.04
Mr B J T Bosanquet	589.1	49	2231	96	23.23
Cox	1117.3	323	2697	116	23.25
Kermode	550.5	160	1512	65	23.26
Arnold	878.1	203	2518	107	23.53
Wass	949.5	209	2789	117	23.66
Mr H C McDonell	479.2	118	1226	51	24.03
Huggins	713.3	237	1740	72	24.16
Relf	1053	300	2251	92	24.46
Allsopp	525.2	125	1624	68	24.60
Mr W W Odell	951	257	2590	104	24.90
Trott	727.2	154	2228	89	25.03
Lees	1137.3	309	2817	112	25.15
J Gunn	1034	274	2803	110	25.48
Bestwick	791.1	194	2301	89	25.85
Cranfield	532.4	90	1750	67	26.11
Reeves	862.2	186	2774	106	26.16
Hayes	412	83	1102	42	26.23
Braund	800.5	123	2668	101	26.41
Bird	404.5	72	1196	45	26.55
Hargreave	917.4	266	2191	82	26.71

#### THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AVERAGES

Nottinghamshire finished their season on Saturday with a drawn game against Lancashire at Old Trafford. At present they are equal with Middlesex in the county championship, with seven wins against four defeats, but their record shows rather a large proportion of drawn games.

There have been many good points about Nottinghamshire cricket this season, the most satisfactory in some respects being the high standard of the fielding. In batting Mr Jones and Iremonger have been the mainstays of the side and Wass and John Gunn have bowled exceedingly well. The success of the team depended largely on these four men.

There can be few better batsmen to go in first than Mr Jones and Iremonger, but Nottinghamshire had a tail, and if these two and John Gunn failed the side were very likely to collapse. In the same way in bowling there was not sufficient variety of attack to back up the two first bowlers, as Hallam has been comparatively ineffective.

John Gunn has been the best all-round player of the team, and George Gunn has batted well on occasions and shows great promise, but some of the young players can hardly have fulfilled expectations.

Mr Jones and Iremonger come close together at the head of the batting averages, and the former is much to be congratulated on his fine batting and his able captaincy of the team. The averages are given below . . .

Played 20, won 7, lost 4, drawn 9.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs: Mr A O Jones 1648 at 61.03, Iremonger 1812 at 60.40, J Gunn 1051 at 36.24, G Gunn 618 at 28.86.

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets: Wass 90 at 23.69, J Gunn 105 at 24.70, Hallam 31 at 28.61.]

#### THE ESSEX AVERAGES

After a fairly good season in 1903, Essex, who finished their season on Saturday with a win over Leicestershire, have this year been unsuccessful, but it must be admitted that they have been decidedly unlucky. They have only won three matches, their best performance being their victory over Sussex at Leyton in June, by an innings and 204 runs.

In batting Mr Gillingham, who is a great acquisition to the side, has the best average, but Mr Perrin has been the mainstay of the eleven, and has shown his best form. Mr McGahey, Carpenter and Mr Fane have all done fairly well, but the batting as a whole has not been consistent.

In bowling Reeves and Buckenham have done most of the work. Reeves certainly is a much improved bowler, while Buckenham has proved difficult to play when he has found a wicket to suit him. Essex, however, have not a sufficient variety of bowling to get good sides out cheaply, and to this, as much as anything, the failure of the side has been due. The averages are given below: -

Played 20, won 3, lost 10, drawn 7.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs: The Rev F H Gillingham 550 at 55.00, Mr P Perrin 1421 at 52.62, Mr C McGahey 1199 at 37.15, Carpenter 1121 at 35.03, Sewell 644 at 25.75, Mr F L Fane 814 at 24.68

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets: Reeves 106 at 26.16, Buckenham 66 at 30.78, Mr C McGahey 24 at 31.25, Mr J W H T Douglas 26 at 35.50.]

22 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6599.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6599.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

Cricket was played at Cheltenham, yesterday, in most unfavourable conditions. Rain fell heavily all night, and when it stopped a cold wind sprang up. This continued for the rest of the day, and with rain coming on again at 4 o'clock play was limited to three hours.

In that time the Yorkshire first innings was completed for a small total on a slow wicket. The side failed completely against the admirable bowling of Dennett, who accomplished a very fine performance. He bowled unchanged and got out six batsmen for just over ten runs each. Rhodes played him with far more confidence than any one else, and his innings was the best of the day. Most of the batsmen who tried to hit Dennett were caught on the off-side from a ball which went away quickly.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

Unpleasant weather again prevented at Cheltenham yesterday, but the cricket proved most interesting. Rain seriously interfered with the progress of the game, play being limited to three hours and 35 minutes. The wicket, however, always favoured the bowlers, with the result that 18 men were dismissed for a total of 170 runs, and Yorkshire finished with a lead of 150 with two wickets in hand.

The home side did very well for the first 50 minutes of the morning, as they scored 63 with only one man out. Then Haigh was tried in place of Hirst, and he and Rhodes bowled so well that the remaining nine wickets fell in the course of three-quarters of an hour for 21. Haigh and Rhodes both made

splendid use of the assistance given them by the wicket. Mr Jessop, Wrathall and Mr [Barnett] batted with great skill, but the rest of the side failed completely.

Yorkshire, who led by 64, started their second innings in a most disastrous fashion, five men being out for 26 runs. Then a shower fell, and afterwards, with the wicket playing more easily, Grimshaw and Lord Hawke advanced the total to 86 for eight wickets, when a heavy storm burst over the ground and caused play to be abandoned for the day at 5 o'clock. So far, Dennett has secured six wickets for 45 runs, so he shared the bowling honours of the day with Haigh and Rhodes.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

Play at Cheltenham yesterday was limited to an hour and a half, and that time proved just sufficient to bring the second innings of Yorkshire to a close. Then two thunderstorms broke over the ground in rapid succession. The rain was so heavy that the wicket was thoroughly saturated, and early in the afternoon the match was abandoned.

22 August: LANCASHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6600.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6600.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, it was found impossible to make a start with the following matches yesterday: - Liverpool. - Lancashire v Leicestershire . . .

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

Owing to heavy rain, there was no play in this match on Monday, and only 50 minutes' cricket was possible yesterday.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

This match was left drawn at Liverpool yesterday. With the wicket slow and easy early in the day Leicestershire did fairly well.

Five wickets had fallen for 88 when Coe joined Mr Wood, and some lively hitting followed. Eventually Coe was caught in the slips, having made his runs out of 111 for the sixth wicket in 80 minutes. Mr Wood carried his bat through the innings, which lasted three hours and a quarter.

The Lancashire batting, even admitting that the cricket was not taken very seriously and that the hitting was rather reckless, was not strong.

22 August: LONDON COUNTY v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6601.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6601.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

Except for an hour in the afternoon, the rain did not interfere with yesterday's cricket on the Crystal Palace ground, and the pitch was always easy. Warwickshire came out well in their batting on the day; but at one time they seemed likely to make only a moderate score. This was when Mr Montezuma went on to bowl with the score at 96 and got four wickets very cheaply. The 100 had gone up with one man out, but seven wickets were down for 151.

In the last hour and a half, however, there was some fine hitting by Whittle, Moorhouse and Field, and 174 runs had been added for the loss of two more batsmen when stumps were drawn. The best feature of the London County fielding was the high one-handed catch by Mr Murdoch at mid-off, which dismissed Hargreave.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

For the greater part of the cricketing hours at the Crystal Palace, yesterday, it was a keen struggle by the London County side to save the follow-on. The task was eventually accomplished with three wickets in hand, but at one stage of the game London County had six men out for 101.

Sewell has often been seen to advantage at the Crystal Palace, and yesterday it was mostly his fine forcing cricket that got his side out of their difficulties. Some of his cuts were very brilliant, but as usual the drive was his chief stroke. Except that Sewell was missed in the slips when he had made five, the Warwickshire fielding was excellent.

Warwickshire have begun their second innings and are now 107 ahead with eight wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

This match, at the Crystal Palace, was left drawn yesterday, London County at the finish wanting 78 to win with seven wickets left.

In the early part of the day John Gunn bowled splendidly; but Warwickshire were rescued from a bad position by the sound batting of Kinneir, who went in seventh wicket down at 118. In the last two hours there was a splendid forcing innings by Mr C McGahey.

22 August: MIDDLESEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6602.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6602.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

The first day's play of the Middlesex and Kent match at Lord's was considerably interfered with by the weather, for rain came on in the luncheon interval and no cricket was possible in the afternoon.

In the morning Kent made an excellent start on a wicket which was slow but not difficult. Alec Hearne and Humphreys, who played a dashing innings, put on 71 for the first wicket and then Seymour stayed with Hearne while 32 were added. Mr Day, who came next, never seemed comfortable with Trott's bowling, but after he was out Mr Mason and Hearne stayed together until lunch time.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

The end of the second day's play in the Middlesex and Kent match at Lord's left the game in a fairly even position, but owing to the weather very little progress has been made, and with only three wickets down in the second innings of the game there seems little prospect of a finish to-day.

The wicket yesterday was slow but, although several of the bowlers seemed to be able to make the ball turn at times, it never could be called difficult, and as a whole the batsmen held the upper hand. It was never easy to get the ball away, however, and for the most part the cricket was not particularly interesting.

On Monday Kent had made 139 for three wickets, and when play was continued Mr Mason was out almost at once. Then Alec Hearne and Mr Blaker, who played a most useful innings and did nearly all the scoring, put on 67 runs. Mr Marsham stayed for some time, but with the total at 243 he and Huish were out in the same over just before luncheon.

Afterwards Alec Hearne, who had played a sound, if very slow, innings, got his 100, and then rain stopped the game for a short time. During the interval the Kent innings was declared closed, and Middlesex went in at about a quarter past 3.

The feature of the Middlesex innings was the batting of Mr Warner. He made a number of good strokes and played all the bowling with confidence. Mr Douglas and Mr Beldam were both in with him for some

time, and before rain put an end to cricket for the day at about half-past 5 he and Mr Bosanquet put on 50. At the close Middlesex were 155 behind with seven wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

After a great fight and a wonderful finish, Middlesex gained a victory over Kent at Lord's yesterday by one wicket. The first two days of the match, which were considerably interfered with by rain, were rather uneventful, and on Tuesday evening Middlesex, with three wickets down in their second innings, were 155 runs behind.

The third day was in great contrast to the other two, and in many ways the cricket was as remarkable and as full of incident as any seen this year. First one side and then the other held the upper hand, and right up to the end it was anybody's match. When play was begun there appeared to be very little chance of a finish, but the sun made the wicket difficult, and the game was over just after half-past 5.

In the morning Middlesex finished their innings for 229, leaving their opponents with a lead of 51. Mr Warner was soon run out from a wonderful return by Mr Blaker, and the rest of the innings was chiefly remarkable for a fine innings by Mr Bosanquet, who got runs quickly just when they were wanted.

Kent went in for about an hour's batting before lunch, and the side failed completely. Perhaps the wicket was more difficult than at any other time of the day, and certainly J T Hearne, Trott and Mr Bosanquet bowled very well; but on the whole the batting was rather feeble and it looked as if Kent ought to have got more runs.

In the early part of the innings no one except Humphreys stayed very long, and at lunch time six wickets were down for 61. Afterwards Mr Marsham was run out and Fairservice bowled by Mr Bosanquet without any addition to the score. Blythe, however, made some good hits, and the last two wickets added a valuable 22 runs.

Mr Bosanquet accomplished a wonderful bowling performance, getting five men out for just over four runs each. He made the ball do a great deal and none of the batsmen played him with much confidence.

Middlesex went in just after 3 wanting 135 to win, and this last innings was most exciting. Blythe, from the pavilion end, and Mr Mason started the bowling. With eight scored Mr Douglas was beautifully stumped by Huish, and at 11 Mr Warner was out to a well-judged catch in the deep field.

Then Mr Beldam was joined by Mr Field, and the score crept slowly up against some very good bowling. Mr Field was missed in the slips off a difficult chance. Afterwards he made a number of fine cuts, while Mr Beldam played his usual steady game. Fairservice and Fielder were tried; but it was not until Mr Mason went on again that Mr Beldam was bowled with the score at 68.

At this point Middlesex seemed to have the game well in hand, but both Mr Bosanquet and Mr Field were out shortly afterwards. Mr Wells was missed at slip, and just afterwards he sent an easy return to Blythe, who dropped the catch. The batsmen were running, however, and Huish, getting the ball, ran Trott out, and six wickets were down for 84.

Mr Palmer and Mr More were both got out by Blythe with only six runs added, and Kent again had much the better of matters. Mr Payne at this point joined Mr Wells. Mr Payne seems to be a batsman possessed of a wonderful nerve, and he has before yesterday shown himself capable of rising to an occasion. He played with great determination, and gradually runs were put on until the match was a tie.

Then Fielder, who had again gone on at the nursery end, got out Mr Payne, Huish, who was standing up, making a really fine catch, and J T Hearne came in. Mr Wells in the next over was missed off Mr Mason in the slips, and the batsmen managed to get across and the match was won.

Mr Field, Mr Beldam, Mr Payne and Mr Wells, who, however, was very lucky in being dropped several times, deserve great credit for their plucky batting. Huish kept wicket in his best form and the Kent bowlers worked untiringly; but the last innings once more gave a striking illustration of the way in which missed catches may be responsible for the loss of a match.

22 August: SOMERSET v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6603.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6603.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, it was found impossible to make a start with the following matches yesterday: -  
. . . Taunton. - Somerset v Surrey.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

Considerable progress was made in the match between Somerset and Surrey at Taunton yesterday. In spite of the complete loss of Monday through rain, there now seems every prospect of a definite result. In the course of four hours and three-quarters' cricket 20 wickets fell for 289 runs.

Surrey gained a decided advantage in winning the toss, for the pitch became more difficult as the ground dried. They did none too well in losing seven wickets before lunch for 100 runs, but as events proved their total was a very useful one.

Hayward and Mr Raphael scored 44 runs for the second wicket, and Mr R E H Baily and Lees 45 in 35 minutes for the eighth. To these four men belonged the chief honours. Hayward's display was not one of his best, but Mr Raphael and Lees hit hard, and Mr Baily, who is making his first appearance in county cricket, showed promising form.

Somerset fared so disastrously against the bowling of Lees and Mr Crawford, who bowled throughout the innings, that the whole side were out in an hour and a half. Keeping a splendid length, Mr Crawford got a great deal of work on the ball and came out with a fine record.

Going in a second time with a good lead, Surrey in the last 35 minutes of the day scored 64 runs without loss, and thus left off 151 ahead.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

Somerset gained a brilliant victory over Surrey at Taunton yesterday by seven wickets.

When the game was continued in the morning Surrey held a great advantage, as, with 64 runs scored without loss in their second innings, they were 151 ahead. However, Robson and Braund bowled so well on a pitch which was made difficult by a heavy dew that the ten wickets fell for an addition of only 91 runs.

Hayward and Davis, the not-outs, were separated at 71, and after the latter left the bowlers always held the mastery. A few good hits were made by Hayward and Mr Raphael, and later by Lees and Mr McDonnell, but that was all. Still, Somerset were left with 243 to get to win.

As it happened, the wicket rolled out well, and by scoring 141 together in just over two hours for the first wicket Lewis and Mr Daniell made victory possible. Mr Johnson was dismissed at 150, but Mr Palairet hit freely, making his runs out of 71 in 40 minutes. Lewis had a large share in the success of his side, but he was very lucky. He gave two chances at the wicket, and in addition he made a number of bad strokes which fell out of harm's way.

22 August: SUSSEX v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6604.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6604.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 23 August, page 5)

Owing to the weather, play at Brighton, yesterday, was limited to an hour and 20 minutes, but during that time the cricket was bright and interesting. Each of the four batsmen who went in showed a thorough mastery over the bowling.

Vine, playing with unusual freedom, cut Mr Kotze several times brilliantly, and with Mr Fry put on 56 for the first wicket in 40 minutes. Afterwards Killick assisted in adding 40 in 20 minutes, while K S Ranjitsinhji also got runs quickly.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 24 August, page 5)

A great batting performance by K S Ranjitsinhji at Brighton yesterday placed Sussex in such a good position that, before 4 o'clock, they were able to declare their innings closed.

Overnight the home side had scored 141 for the loss of Vine and Killick, and when play was continued, K S Ranjitsinhji at once got a complete mastery over the bowling. Mr Fry was bowled off his pads after batting for nearly two hours, and subsequently Mr Heygate helped to put on 165 runs. Mr Heygate showed good defence, but he was fortunate in being missed at point and twice at the wicket.

The South Africans had batted for 25 minutes when rain fell and stopped further play for the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 25 August, page 9)

With the wicket at Brighton yesterday afternoon giving the bowlers little assistance no result but a draw ever appeared possible, and at a quarter past 5 stumps were pulled up.

For a short time the visitors fared badly, Mr Shalders, Mr Tancred and Mr Mitchell being dismissed for an addition of 52 to the overnight score, but subsequently runs were always easy to obtain. Llewellyn and Mr Hathorn put on 44 for the fourth wicket, and after the former was out Mr Hathorn and Mr Sinclair completely mastered the bowling. In half an hour before lunch the two added 67, while altogether they put on 142 in a little over an hour. Mr Sinclair drove with great power, one of his hits landing out of the ground, and Mr Hathorn made a number of beautiful strokes just in front of point.

With Mr White in the free scoring continued, 94 being added for the sixth wicket before Mr Hathorn was out.

Thursday 25 August, page 9: THE SCARBOROUGH FESTIVAL

The match which was to have been played at Scarborough on Monday week, September 5, between the M.C.C.'s Australian team and Mr C I Thornton's England eleven, has fallen through, Mr Warner having found it impossible to get the M.C.C.'s side together. A North v South match will be substituted.

THE LONDON COUNTY AVERAGES

London County, who finished their season with a drawn game against Warwickshire yesterday, come out with a record of four wins against seven defeats. As usual, a great number of players have taken part in the games. The averages are given below . . .

[Note: the only batsman to reach 500 runs was Dr W G Grace, 602 at 26.17, while Braund took the most wickets, 32 at 17.21.]

25 August: GLOUCESTERSHIRE v SURREY

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6606.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6606.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

Surrey had so much the better of the game at Cheltenham yesterday that they were left with the valuable lead of 127 runs on the first innings. On a wicket which always favoured the bowlers they did very well indeed to make over 200.

Most of the runs were got by four men. Hayward and Nice, who became partners when two men were out for 11, put on 98, while later in the day, after eight wickets had fallen for 135, Lees and Mr Baily added 64 in 35 minutes.

Hayward gave a very sound display, making his runs in an hour and a half. Nice combined excellent defence with vigorous hitting, while Lees made some magnificent drives, the ball pitching over the ropes on four occasions. These men punished Dennett severely, but his figures are creditable considering that he had to do most of the work.

When Gloucestershire went in Mr McDonnell bowled so well that the whole side were out in an hour and 40 minutes. Mr Barnett was the only batsman who played Mr McDonnell with any confidence. He went in first and was the last to leave.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

Surrey beat Gloucestershire, at Cheltenham yesterday, by 119 runs. Their victory was chiefly due to the remarkable bowling of Mr Crawford and Mr McDonnell. These two bowlers shared the attack throughout the two innings of the home side. They each captured ten wickets, the former coming out with slightly the better average.

On his recent performances, Mr Crawford must be considered the best boy bowler since Mr Charles Townsend. Greatly as the pitch assisted him - and yesterday, under the influence of continuous sunshine, it was more difficult than on the opening day - Mr Crawford still displayed great judgment in making full use of his opportunities, and he varied his pace and break with marked skill.

An innings a side had been completed on Thursday, Surrey having secured a lead of 127. Going in a second time in the morning, before the sun had had time [seriously to] affect the turf, they were all out in an hour and three-quarters for under 100. Dennett was not seen at his best, but Mills, a young professional who has been tried occasionally without much success, got six wickets for under seven runs each. Nice alone played him with any confidence, and he forced the game in capital style.

Gloucestershire wanted 210 to win, but, on the treacherous pitch, they were in a hopeless position from the start.

25 August: HAMPSHIRE v WARWICKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6607.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6607.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

The Bournemouth festival opened yesterday in pleasant conditions, but the day's cricket was on the whole rather unattractive, Mr Sprot's innings standing out as the one bright feature.

Bowell and Webb had been dismissed very cheaply when Mr Sprot went in, and before being third out he scored his runs, out of a total of 101 put on for the wicket, in an hour and three-quarters. The rest of the side found runs difficult to obtain, although the wicket gave the bowlers little assistance. Major Poore was batting for an hour and 20 minutes and Mr Johnson a little over an hour.

After the latter had left Stone and Langford remained together for the eighth partnership for an hour and a quarter, while the total was increased by 59 runs. Stone was altogether at the wickets for nearly two hours. He made several good drives, but his batting generally was marked by excessive caution. The Warwickshire fielding was admirable, Hargreave and Quaife, on the off side, being especially good.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

At Bournemouth yesterday Hampshire had considerably the better of the day's play. In Warwickshire's innings Field and Hargreave were dismissed with 18 scored, but Quaife showed fine defence, varied with an occasional leg hit, and when he was out seventh, after batting nearly an hour and a half, he had been instrumental in saving the follow-on.

Apart from the difficulties of the pitch, the dead state of the outfield had made runs difficult to obtain; but, with the ground drying under the influence of a strong wind, Lilley and Whittle, when they came together, availed themselves of the improved conditions. For the eighth wicket they added 57 in three-quarters of an hour; but Hampshire at the close of Warwickshire's innings held the useful lead of 81.

The home side again did badly at the beginning of their second innings, Webb and Bowell being soon out, but again Mr Sprot retrieved the bad start. Chiefly with vigorous leg hits off Santall and well-timed drives off Moorhouse, he got his 50 in as many minutes, but subsequently did not score so fast.

After Mr Sprot's determined batting the cricket which followed became very dull by comparison, but Stone made several good strokes; and at the close Hampshire, with four wickets in hand, were 253 runs ahead.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

Saturday's play at Bournemouth was extremely interesting, the fortunes of the match fluctuating to a considerable extent. At one period a win for Warwickshire appeared certain, but subsequently the game underwent a great change, and in the end the visitors were beaten by 40 runs.

25 August: KENT v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6608.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6608.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

Kent had the better of the wicket at Canterbury yesterday. The wicket gave the bowlers some help and the ball always wanted watching.

In the circumstances Kent got their runs very quickly, and the play during the partnerships of Hearne and Humphreys and of Mr Mason and Captain Livesay was particularly brilliant. Captain Livesay is rarely seen now in the Kent side, but yesterday his driving and placing were as good as ever, and he got his first 50 runs in 40 minutes. Towards the close of his innings he did not play quite so well, and he was missed twice in the slips. The South Africans' ground fielding was excellent, but several catches were dropped.

In a bad light, the South Africans had 40 minutes' batting against Blythe and Fielder, and, having lost four wickets, they left themselves with an uphill game to play to-day. The stumping of Mr Tancred by Huish was one of the best pieces of cricket in the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

Yesterday's cricket at Canterbury was remarkably keen and interesting; but the South Africans, after several times during the day getting on fairly even terms with their opponents, finished in the weaker position, for with two wickets down in their second innings they want 250 more runs to win. The wicket was never easy, and nearly all the bowling on both sides was difficult to play.

Two brilliant innings were played in the day. Mr Schwarz got his runs in great style, mainly by off-driving, and Mr Day, after Kent had started badly, played most dashing cricket. The fielding on both sides was excellent and there was some very good bowling.

Humphreys was put on when the South Africans were going well, and quickly got four of the last five wickets. Then in the Kent innings, Mr White, after getting out Mr Day and Mr Mason with successive balls, continued his effective work at a later stage by finishing the innings with the "hat trick," getting out Mr Marsham, Blythe and Fielder with successive balls.

The South Africans had 40 minutes' batting before the close.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

Kent beat the South Africans, at Canterbury, on Saturday by 104 runs. With the wicket badly worn the South Africans never had a real prospect of getting such a big score as 294 in the fourth innings of the match against the good Kent bowling, and the side would have been out for many fewer than 189 had not several easy catches been dropped.

It was through a bad miss at cover-point that Mr Kotze and Mr Horwood were able to make a good stand for the last wicket, and so free was the hitting then that they added 59 in 16 minutes. Blythe bowled splendidly, and Seymour had the distinction of making six catches in the slips.

25 August: LANCASHIRE v DERBYSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6609.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6609.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

Lancashire began their last match in the county championship at Old Trafford, yesterday, when they batted first against Derbyshire on a wicket which had not quite recovered from the rain.

With the total at 11, Mr MacLaren was well caught at point and two runs later Mr Spooner was leg before. Tyldesley and Mr Poidevin offered great resistance, however, and scored freely. Just before lunch Tyldesley completed his 100, but shortly after the interval he was caught at the wicket. In spite of one or two bad strokes he played most polished and attractive cricket.

After lunch Lancashire wickets fell rapidly, for whereas only two were down for 176 at lunch, the next four fell for 30 runs.

When Derbyshire began their innings, in a rather bad light, Mr Wright and Mr Ollivierre found scoring difficult against the bowling of Hallows and I'Anson. The first wicket fell at 25, but Mr Wright, who played most correct cricket, and Storer made a useful stand, and at the close the game was left in a fairly even position.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

A full day's cricket was seen at Old Trafford, yesterday, and at the close the home county were 273 runs ahead with one wicket to fall.

Storer soon left, but Dr Ashcroft played remarkably well. He hardly made a bad stroke and showed a great variety of strokes. Eventually Lancashire gained a lead of 69 on the first innings. After lunch Hallows bowled well, but the Lancashire attack was not as effective as usual.

Lancashire at first did very badly when they went in again. Mr MacLaren was caught at the wicket at 29 and Tyldesley bowled with a fine ball before another run had been scored. Mr Poidevin ran himself out at 35, and with three of their best batsmen out Lancashire were in a bad position; but Mr Spooner and Hallows came to the rescue and added 131 before they were parted, Mr Spooner then being brilliantly caught by Bestwick at mid-on.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

Lancashire beat Derbyshire at Manchester on Saturday by 131 runs. The Lancashire innings was quickly finished off and Derbyshire were left with 295 to get to win.

They started fairly well and at lunch time had scored 99 for two wickets. Afterwards Hallows and I'Anson bowled well, and the rest of the side were out for 64 more runs.

25 August: SOMERSET v YORKSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6610.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6610.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

At Taunton, yesterday, Yorkshire had the better of the game against Somerset. Having won the toss, Mr Woods sent his side in first. Somerset lost three wickets in three-quarters of an hour for 43 runs and, having been supported by excellent work in the field, Hirst and Myers had dismissed seven of their opponents for 102 at lunch time.

Rhodes bowled instead of Myers after the interval, and in 20 minutes the Somerset innings came to an end. Hirst, who made the ball swerve a great deal, took six wickets for under 11 runs each.

The feature of Yorkshire's batting was the innings of Haigh. He played in excellent style, his driving and cutting being always well timed. He and Grimshaw scored 55 for the first wicket, and subsequently with Denton 91 were added. At the fall of the second wicket rain put an end to play.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

Although rain interfered with play in this match at Taunton, yesterday, considerable progress was made, and Yorkshire came very near to winning. With eight wickets in hand Yorkshire were 37 runs ahead when play was continued, and again they had all the better of the play.

They gave one of their finest batting exhibitions of the season. Denton and Tunnicliffe added 122 runs for the third wicket, and then Hirst and Tunnicliffe put on 86. Tunnicliffe was batting for two hours, but Hirst, scoring fast, made his runs in an hour. Yorkshire held a lead of 363 runs when Lord Hawke declared their innings closed.

The early part of the Somerset second innings was remarkable only for the fine batting of Mr Palairet. Later, Mr Poyntz and Mr Lee defied the Yorkshire attack for half an hour, adding 42 runs before stumps were drawn for the day. Somerset, however, are in a hopeless position, as with two wickets to fall they require 204 runs to save the innings defeat.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

Yorkshire won this match at Taunton on Saturday by an innings and 152 runs.

25 August: SUSSEX v MIDDLESEX

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6611.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6611.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

Until late in the afternoon at Brighton yesterday the Middlesex batsmen found run-getting a difficult matter, but after appearing likely to be dismissed for quite a moderate total they kept the Sussex team in the field for the whole of the day. Except that they missed one or two difficult chances, the Sussex men worked very smartly in the field. Butt kept wicket particularly well, and Mr Latham, when he dismissed Mr MacGregor, brought off a most brilliant catch.

Mr Douglas and Mr Warner gave their side a fair start by putting on 47 for the first wicket, but there were four men out for 111 at lunch time. After the interval Mr Bosanquet and Mr Wells added 54 by bright cricket, but seven wickets had fallen for 189 when Mr More joined Mr MacGregor. Some good hitting followed, and altogether the partnership produced 103 runs in 65 minutes.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

Against the bowling of Mr Bosanquet the Sussex team fared so badly at Brighton yesterday morning that they were all out in an hour and 50 minutes. Some rain had fallen in the early morning, but there was nothing in the condition of the wicket to excuse such a poor score. Mr Bosanquet got out seven batsmen for just over six runs each.

Sussex, 228 runs behind, had to follow on, and began in most promising fashion. In little more than an hour Mr Fry and Vine raised the score to 75, but then Vine was run out. Mr Fry, at 78, brought

his own innings to a close by pulling a ball, wide of the wicket, hard but straight into the hands of Mr Douglas at long on.

K S Ranjitsinhji and Killick strove hard to improve the position of the game, and put on 74; but, after Mr More had got out K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr Bosanquet went on again and caused such a collapse that, with seven men out, the total was only 180. However, Killick then hit away brilliantly, and with Leach added 73 in 35 minutes. The innings defeat was saved, and when the last wicket fell no time remained for Middlesex to go in again.

Altogether Mr Bosanquet took 14 wickets during the day for 190 runs - a remarkable achievement, especially considering the small amount of success which attended the other bowlers. At the drawing of stumps Middlesex were left with an innings to play and 39 runs to get to win.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

After Relf had bowled Mr Warner first ball, Mr Douglas and Mr Beldam hit off the 39 runs necessary for victory in 20 minutes at Brighton on Saturday, Middlesex winning the match by nine wickets.

25 August: WORCESTERSHIRE v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6612.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6612.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 26 August, page 5)

The match which began at Worcester yesterday is the last of Worcestershire's fixtures this season. Rain on Tuesday night followed by a heavy dew in the morning made the wicket slow, and there was little advantage in having first innings. Mr H K Foster, however, on winning the toss for Worcestershire decided to go in, and as the result of some rather uneven batting a total of over 200 was obtained.

Bowley and Pearson made a good start, scoring 58 together for the first wicket, but afterwards matters went badly for the side and eight men were out for 150. Except for Pearson indeed the side might have fared very badly. That batsman has perhaps never played better cricket. He was rarely in difficulties with the bowling and his defence was most patient and watchful.

Mr Burns and Wilson by fine hitting added 59 runs for the ninth wicket. Gill bowled very well and fully deserved his success.

When Leicestershire went in Mr de Trafford unluckily slipped down and was run out, but Mr Wood and Mr Joyce by excellent cricket carried the total from five to 57 without being separated.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 27 August, page 5)

In the course of yesterday's cricket at Worcester, Leicestershire increased their overnight score of 57 for one wicket to 296, and so secured a lead of 76 on the first innings. When, however, Worcestershire went in for the second time Bowley and Pearson batted so finely that they raised the score to 109 before a leg-break dismissed Pearson.

Towards the close of the day Bowley and Mr Caldwell threw away a chance of placing their side in a strong position, taking more than half an hour to score 13 runs. As it was, the drawing of stumps found the game in a very even state, Worcestershire, with nine wickets in hand, being 46 runs to the good.

Day 3 (report from Monday 29 August, page 9)

The wicket remaining in good condition, very slight prospect existed of a definite finish at Worcester on Saturday; Mr Foster did not declare the innings closed until his side were quite safe, and the match ended in a draw.

Bowley batted finely for three hours and 40 minutes. Mr Foster, after beginning slowly, hit splendidly on the off side, while Mr Burns showed great dash, getting his runs in 35 minutes.

Only two hours remained for cricket when Leicestershire were sent in wanting 300 for victory, and Mr de Trafford and Mr Wood made a draw certain by scoring 42 for the first wicket. Mr de Trafford, who was second out at 90, as usual hit hard, and Mr Joyce also played a bright, forcing game; when stumps were pulled up only five wickets had fallen.

Monday 29 August, page 9: THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
K S Ranjitsinhji	31	2054	207*	6	82.16
Mr C B Fry	39	2704	229	2	73.00
Tyldesley	39	2349	225	5	69.08
Mr A O Jones	34	1758	187	5	60.65
Iremonger	34	1883	272	1	60.09
Hayward	55	2850	203	5	57.00
Hirst	43	2185	167	3	54.62
Mr P Perrin	32	1488	343*	4	53.07
Quaife	38	1689	200*	5	51.18
Mr S H Day	18	715	152*	4	51.07
Mr R H Spooner	40	1702	215	3	46.00
The Hon F S Jackson	23	923	153	2	44.19
Knight	35	1355	203	4	43.70
Mr L J Tancred	29	1130	113	3	43.46
Mr H K Foster	38	1635	119	0	43.02
Mr J R Mason	22	806	138	3	42.42
Mr B J T Bosanquet	37	1361	145	4	40.93
Hallows	30	1068	137*	4	40.89
Mr A C S Glover	27	1011	124	2	40.44
Denton	48	1796	111	3	39.91
Mr M Hathorn	33	1271	139	1	39.71
King	46	1663	186	4	39.51
Mr J E Raphael	39	1541	201	0	39.51
Mr C McGahey	41	1477	225	3	38.85
Mr P F Warner	33	1126	163	4	38.82
Kinneir	36	1242	152	4	38.81
Mr L C H Palairet	33	1268	203	0	38.42
Mr C J B Wood	45	1564	123	4	38.14
Sharp	33	938	107*	8	37.52
Bowley	41	1435	153	3	36.79
Humphreys	40	1425	143	1	36.63
Tunnicliffe	45	1557	139*	2	36.20
Mr E M Sprot	27	940	118	1	36.15
Mr L O S Poidevin	37	1219	153	3	35.85
Vine	46	1504	169	4	35.80
Hayes	54	1827	273*	2	35.13
Carpenter	33	1121	199	1	35.03
Mr L G Wright	38	1328	140	0	34.78
Mr F Mitchell	33	960	102*	5	34.28
Mr C A Ollivierre	38	1268	229	1	34.27
Mr G W Beldam	30	984	141	1	33.93
Rhodes	41	1287	196	3	33.88
Coe	33	1039	103	5	32.39
J Gunn	40	1179	100	8	31.86
Mr T S Fishwick	38	1121	113	1	30.29
Whittle	32	812	104	5	30.07
Dr E M Ashcroft	34	962	111	2	30.05
Lewis	31	861	118*	2	29.68

James Seymour	41	1126	136*	3	29.60
G Gunn	31	797	143	4	29.51
Cuttell	26	605	128	4	29.36
Mr G L Jessop	35	1020	206	0	29.14
Mr R O Schwarz	23	670	102	0	29.13
Mr A C MacLaren	38	990	166	4	29.11
Relf	40	1075	164	3	29.05
Sewell	38	1039	161	2	28.58
Storer	37	949	110	4	28.75
Mr H Whitehead	39	1006	92	4	28.74
Mr C H B Marsham	39	1047	161*	2	28.29
Haigh	40	1012	138	4	28.11
Arnold	40	1017	111	3	27.48
Mr F L Fane	36	980	126	0	27.22
AHearne	34	777	100*	5	26.79
Mr W A Shalders	33	823	81	2	26.54
Leach	24	552	86	3	26.28
Santall	20	315	52*	8	26.25
Mr R N R Blaker	20	498	68	1	26.21
Dr W G Grace	24	629	155	0	26.20
Mr W B Burns	33	832	166	1	26.00
Pearson	35	876	106	1	25.78
Mr W L Murdoch	23	585	140	0	25.43
Mr R P Keigwin	35	809	116	3	25.28
Lord Hawke	30	657	100*	4	25.25
Mr F M Lee	31	652	79*	5	25.07

[Also listed: none this time)

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Mr R O Schwarz	238.5	25	831	52	17.90
J T Hearne	1079.3	332	2493	138	18.06
Hallows	885.3	277	2021	103	18.71
Mr J J Kotze	709	149	2167	114	19.00
Haigh	601	218	2075	109	19.03
Myers	533.1	115	1493	78	19.14
Blythe	938.1	252	2438	125	19.50
Dennett	1018.4	282	2541	129	19.69
Cuttell	858.5	339	1992	100	19.92
Mr G G Napier	478.2	121	1370	66	20.75
Warren	780	189	2687	124	20.94
Rhodes	1058.1	320	2402	114	21.07
Mr W Brearley	503.4	97	1883	89	21.14
Mr B J T Bosanquet	640.4	57	2520	118	21.25
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	712.4	171	2128	99	21.48
Santall	480.2	125	1103	51	21.73
Mr H C McDonell	519.2	128	1329	61	21.78
Mr J R Mason	432.3	172	1188	54	22.00
Mr J H Sinclair	566.5	114	1983	89	22.28
Fielder	658.3	131	2100	94	22.43
Hirst	885.1	182	2427	108	22.47
Gill	484.4	85	1563	69	22.50
Wass	947.5	209	2769	117	23.68
Kermode	563.5	185	1542	65	23.72
Cox	1178.1	347	2904	122	23.80
Arnold	918.1	211	2639	110	23.99
Huggins	743.3	248	1792	74	24.21
Relf	1105.1	313	2407	97	24.81
Mr W W Odell	993	264	2719	109	24.94
Lees	1171.4	316	2913	118	25.11
Trott	800.2	173	2291	95	25.16
J Gunn	1070	283	2963	117	25.32

## THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	26	16	0	10	16	100.00
Yorkshire	27	9	2	16	7	63.63
Kent	19	10	4	5	6	42.35
Middlesex	18	9	4	5	5	38.48
Nottinghamshire	20	7	4	8	3	27.27
Sussex	23	5	4	14	1	11.11
Leicestershire	19	6	5	8	1	9.09
Warwickshire	16	5	5	6	0	0.00
Gloucestershire	18	5	6	7	-1	-9.09
Derbyshire	18	5	8	5	-3	-23.07
Somerset	17	5	11	1	-6	-37.50
Surrey	26	5	12	9	-7	-41.17
Worcestershire	18	3	8	7	-5	-45.45
Essex	20	3	10	7	-7	-53.84
Hampshire	17	2	12	3	-10	-71.42

## THE LANCASHIRE AVERAGES

Lancashire had a week ago made themselves safe for the County Championship, and they finished their season on Saturday as an unbeaten side with a record of 16 wins out of 26 matches played.

There can be little doubt that the Lancashire eleven have this year been decidedly the best county side. At the beginning of May some doubt must have been felt as to the bowling strength; but Hallows and Cuttell have proved themselves equal to taking advantage of difficult wickets, Mr Brearley has been in his best form, and Kermode, who became qualified in June, has added just what was lacking.

At the same time the batting has been brilliant and consistent. Tyldesley must be ranked as a player in a class with Mr F S Jackson and K S Ranjitsinhji; Mr Spooner has played many brilliant innings, and though Mr MacLaren has not been in his best form he is always a power to be reckoned with. Mr Poidevin forms a great addition to the side; and besides these four there are a number of useful players all capable of making 100 on occasion, and there was no tail.

The fielding, too, has been perhaps as sound as that of any other side, Mr Spooner, Mr MacLaren, Mr Hornby, Tyldesley and Sharp being exceptionally good. The whole eleven have fitted into their places, and individually and collectively Lancashire have been a great side. Their all-round cricket enabled them to win match after match early in the season, and only Yorkshire, at Leeds, and Middlesex, at Lord's, even showed any likelihood of defeating them.

In the batting averages Tyldesley comes easier first, while no fewer than six of the regular members of the side average over 30. In bowling, Hallows, the best all-round cricketer in the team, and Cuttell have been the most successful. The averages are given below: -

Played 26 - won 16, lost 0, drawn 10.

## BATTING

[500 or more runs: Tyldesley 2237 at 69.90, Mr R H Spooner 1664 at 48.94, Hallows 1058 at 40.69, Sharp 808 at 39.04, Mr L O S Poidevin 885 at 34.80, Mr A C MacLaren 947 at 31.58, Cuttell 640 at 29.36, Mr A H Hornby 718 at 23.16.]

[20 or more wickets: Hallows 108 at 18.71, Cuttell 100 at 19.92, Mr W Brearley 77 at 21.20, I'Anson 22 at 22.22, Kermode 65 at 23.72.]

## THE MIDDLESEX AVERAGES

Like Gloucestershire and Kent, Middlesex are a very different side early and late in the season. If they can get through their earlier matches fairly successfully, they should have little fear for the month of August, when their full talent is available. This year some of the regular members of the team were not in form early just when it was most necessary that they should be, and it was during that time that the county suffered the majority of its defeats.

After the beginning of August without doubt Middlesex were a very strong side, likely to beat any county, and they had the distinction of outplaying Lancashire at Lord's. Their full record for the year shows nine wins against four defeats, and at present they are fourth in the County Championship.

J T Hearne has bowled splendidly throughout, his perfect length and economy always enabling him to keep down runs even when he was not getting wickets. Trott was not at his best early, but he accomplished some fine performances in August.

Mr Bosanquet, however, has, perhaps, been the most dangerous bowler on the side. He seems to be able to get the best of batsmen out on all wickets, but especially when other bowlers fail, and more than once he has been chiefly responsible for the victory of his side. He has, too, a fine batting record, and he must fairly be considered as one of the most useful all-round players in England.

Early in the year Hearne, Mr Bosanquet and Trott did most of the work; but Mr Wells was invaluable in August, and Mr More and Mr Napier have proved useful at times.

In batting Mr G W Beldam has, perhaps, been the most consistent player on the side, and, though somewhat unattractive to watch, he is a most difficult man to get out. Mr Douglas in August played in his best form; and Mr Warner, Mr E A Beldam, Mr Wells and Mr MacGregor have several times rendered invaluable assistance. The averages are given below: -

Played 18 - won 9, lost 4, drawn 5.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr J Douglas 572 at 40.85, Mr B J T Bosanquet 928 at 38.68, Mr P F Warner 1008 at 38.65, Mr G W Beldam 917 at 36.63.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - J T Hearne 83 at 16.07, Mr C M Wells 27 at 20.00, Mr B J T Bosanquet 79 at 21.88, Trott 68 at 24.33.]

#### THE YORKSHIRE AVERAGES

Yorkshire in 1904 have been a side that were able to save themselves from defeat rather than to win matches. They have recovered their wonderful power of getting out of difficulties and of rising to an occasion at the critical point, but they seem to have lost the faculty of getting out opponents cheaply.

Their record for the season, which finished on Saturday, shows nine wins against two losses, while no fewer than 16 games have been drawn. Their two defeats came from Middlesex in June and from Warwickshire in August, after a most exciting finish. On the whole, however, they have been a very strong side, perhaps, second only to Lancashire.

In batting the team has been strong all through, the later batsmen showing themselves wonderfully capable of retrieving a bad start, and nearly all the side were able to get runs. The eleven have on several occasions collapsed in the first innings, and then have not only got out of a tight corner in the second, but have finished up with something in hand.

Their fielding has been good, if not quite up to the level of their three great years; and one is driven to think that their weak point was their bowling. Hirst, Rhodes and Haigh are a wonderful trio of all-round cricketers, but they have lost their power in some degree of getting out sides regularly for a small score, and on fast wickets they are less formidable than before.

Myers certainly gives considerable promise of developing into a really fine bowler, but some of the others have been rather disappointing. Hirst has once more shown himself the great player of the side, for in addition to getting over 100 wickets, he easily heads the batting averages.

Mr Jackson, who unfortunately is not always available, has played some beautiful innings; and Denton, Tunnicliffe, Rhodes and Haigh have all proved very sound. Owing to illness J T Brown has hardly played at all, and has now definitely retired from first-class cricket. The averages are given below: -

Played 27 - won 9, lost 2, drawn 16.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Hirst 1848 at 51.28, the Hon F S Jackson 741 at 43.58, Denton 1509 at 41.25, Tunnicliffe 1425 at 35.62, Rhodes 1062 at 32.78, Haigh 979 at 29.65, Lord Hawke 510 at 23.18, Myers 520 at 17.03, Mr H Wilkinson 627 at 17.91.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Rhodes 104 at 19.90, Haigh 93 at 20.05, Myers 65 at 21.04, Hirst 105 at 21.81, Ringrose 23 at 28.60.]

#### WARWICKSHIRE AVERAGES

Warwickshire, who lost their last match against Hampshire at Bournemouth on Saturday, have been in 1904 rather a featureless side, but a side of considerable strength. Their record shows five wins and five losses, and perhaps their most notable performance was their victory over Yorkshire by six runs.

The batting was consistent rather than brilliant. Warwickshire were a difficult side to get out, and their place in the championship was in some degree due to this, for with Hargreave not at his best the bowling was not sufficiently strong to get good batting sides out cheaply. In batting Quaife has much the best average, while Kinneir, Mr Glover, Mr Fishwick and Lilley have all done useful service.

Hargreave, Santall and Moorhouse have done the greater part of the bowling, while Lilley has once again kept wicket in his best form. Warwickshire have discovered no new player of note, but Whittle seems likely to develop into a useful all-round player. The averages are given below: -

Played 16 - won 5, lost 5, drawn 6.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Quaife 1398 at 63.64, Kinneir 1007 at 40.28, Mr A C S Glover 633 at 33.25, Mr T S Fishwick 793 at 29.37, Lilley 677 at 28.20, Whittle 508 at 25.40, Mr J F Byrne 575 at 23.00.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Santall 47 at 20.48, Mr J F Byrne 23 at 21.21, Hargreave 66 at 26.37, Moorhouse 32 at 27.62.]

#### THE WORCESTERSHIRE AVERAGES

After playing very good cricket in 1903 Worcestershire, considering the number of good players which they have on the side, were this year rather disappointing, and they finish their season with three wins against eight defeats.

In bowling, Arnold in certain conditions is as difficult to play as any one in England, while G Wilson and Bird have both done good service for the side.

Bowley and Mr H K Foster have batted extremely well; but there was often rather a tail to the eleven, and for some reason or other Worcestershire were not a side who could win many matches. Neither

Captain W L Foster nor Mr R E Foster has been available, but Mr G N Foster, the fifth brother of the family, batted once or twice in most promising form. The averages are given below: -

Played 18 - won 3, lost 8, drawn 7.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Bowley 1631 at 39.14, Mr H K Foster 1205 at 38.87, Arnold 869 at 27.15, Pearson 811 at 26.16, Wheldon 791 at 25.51, Mr W B Burns 564 at 20.88.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Arnold 92 at 24.38, Bird 44 at 25.46, G Wilson 60 at 30.96.]

#### THE DERBYSHIRE AVERAGES

There has been some slight improvement in the cricket of Derbyshire this season, but they cannot be called a strong side. They have two or three really good batsmen, but the side is not sound all through, while in bowling there was not a sufficient variety of attack to back up the first two.

Warren's bowling has, perhaps, been the feature of their season, and he is now certainly one of the best fast bowlers before the public. Bestwick, too, has done well at times, but the lack of good slow bowling was most noticeable.

In batting, Mr Ollivierre and Mr Wright - the first pair - both did very well, while Dr Ashcroft has played some most useful innings. The averages are given below: -

Played 18 - won 5, lost 8, drawn 5.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr C A Ollivierre 1099 at 36.63, Mr L G Wright 1074 at 34.64, Dr E M Ashcroft 802 at 29.70, Storer 647 at 25.89, Mr G Curgenvin 691 at 23.62, Cadman 614 at 21.17.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Warren 101 at 22.18, Bestwick 71 at 27.47, Cadman 29 at 42.24.]

29 August: HAMPSHIRE v SOMERSET

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6613.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6613.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 5)

Somerset have been weak in bowling all the year, but never quite so weak as was the case at Bournemouth yesterday, when in their last match of the season they were without Lewis and Cranfield. In the circumstances they did as well as could be expected, for at the close of play their opponents, with eight wickets in hand, were 181 behind.

The visitors, on a good, fast wicket, were dismissed in three hours and a half. They gave a most unequal display and the failures outnumbered the successes, yet the men who did themselves justice batted excellently. Major Hedley's was the best innings he has played for several seasons. It was practically free from fault, his runs being made out of 119 in an hour and 50 minutes.

Robson hit out more freely and found a capital partner in Mr Martyn, who was rather more cautious than usual. The Hampshire fielding was up to a high standard, and Mr Johnston met with considerable success as a bowler.

The home side only had 80 minutes' batting, but they made good use of the time. Mr Sprot's hitting was one of the best features of the day. He got his runs in 40 minutes and plainly demonstrated the weakness of the Somerset attack.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 August, page 5)

Owing to heavy rain in the morning there was less than two hours' play at Bournemouth yesterday. During that time Hampshire greatly strengthened their position, as they added 142 to their score for the loss of two more batsmen. Consequently, with six wickets in hand, they are now only 39 runs behind.

Mr Hill, who went in with Webb when play was continued, gave a dashing exhibition. The ground was too soft to help the bowlers much, so the conditions exactly suited a batsman of his forcing powers. He started quietly, but later hit out and scored very quickly. He hit 16 fours and never gave a chance. Captain Wynyard failed' but Mr Johnston stayed with Webb, who batted very steadily until the end of the day.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible yesterday in three of the four matches, and they were in consequence abandoned . . .

29 August: SURREY v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6614.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6614.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 5)

In the opening day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday Surrey had slightly the better of the cricket, for at the close the South Africans were 102 runs behind with only four wickets in hand. A mistake in the field by the South Africans immediately Stedman came in enabled Surrey to more than double their score for the last wicket, and thus they were able to finish the day in the better position.

Surrey started very badly, and the batsmen, with the exception of Mr Raphael, were not at all comfortable with the fast bowling of Mr Kotze and Mr Tancred. Mr Raphael, who was fourth out at 90, played sound cricket, but after he left five wickets fell for another 17 runs. At this point Stedman joined Goatly. When the latter had scored only a single both batsmen were at one end, but a bad return prevented a certain wicket, a mistake which proved most serious for the visitors.

The score was raised to 141 at the luncheon interval, and when the game was continued both batsmen played brilliant cricket; and by the ease with which runs came it was difficult to account for the failure of the majority of the side. The partnership realized 129 in less than an hour and a half, while after the interval 95 were added in 55 minutes.

The batting of both was singularly free from fault, and they made their runs by really sound cricket. Goatly early in his innings had one piece of luck, as Mr Kotze hit his wicket without removing the bails, but apart from this he always appeared to be master of the bowling. Mr Halliwell as usual kept wicket really well, but the ground fielding generally was not very sound.

The South Africans had two hours' batting before the close, but they, too, started very badly, losing four of their best wickets for 39. Mr Sinclair, however, by some fine hitting considerably improved the prospects of his side, while after he left Mr White and Mr Snooke by steady play put on 48 without being separated. Mr Sinclair made his 41 out of 50 in half an hour, and the severity of his play can best be judged when it is stated that he hit one five and eight fours.

The Surrey fielding was very keen, and the return by Goatly which enabled Stedman to run out Mr Shalders was a very good piece of work.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 August, page 5)

The Surrey eleven followed up the good start which they had made on the opening day at the Oval yesterday by considerably adding to their advantage, and at the close of play they were left in a position which ought to assure them of a win.

The feature of an interesting day's cricket was the batting of Hayward; and the value of his innings to his side cannot well be over-estimated. Considering the pace at which he scored - he was only batting about three hours - he naturally ran some risks; but he made very few bad strokes, and his play generally was marked by all his well-known precision. His driving, especially on the off side, and his placing to leg were most attractive to watch.

When he went in he required 141 to bring his aggregate for the season up to 3,000, but when once he had accomplished this feat he hit out brilliantly, and in one over from Mr White he scored 22 runs, by five fours and one two, while he made his last 97 in a little over an hour.

Overnight the South Africans had made 134 for six wickets; and when play was continued yesterday a quarter of an hour's cricket proved sufficient to bring the innings to a close, the four outstanding wickets going down for another five runs. This collapse was chiefly due to Mr McDonell, who dismissed three batsmen in four balls for two runs. Surrey thus held a useful lead of 97 on the first innings.

They went in a second time shortly after 12 o'clock; and from the first runs came freely, although Mr Kotze, who bowled very short at times, gave the batsmen some trouble. The score was taken to 50 before Mr Raphael was out, and then Hayes helped Hayward to add 81 for the second wicket; but the former did not shape very well against Mr Kotze.

After he left there was a brilliant partnership by Hayward and Goatly, who put on 81 in an hour and 35 minutes, when Hayward was bowling in attempting to turn a straight ball to leg. Afterwards the batting was tame by comparison; and when four more wickets had fallen for another 51 runs Mr Raphael declared his innings closed about 5 o'clock, evidently in the hope of getting a wicket or two before the close.

But after Mr Tancred and Mr White had made 17 in the South Africans' second innings, bad light caused play to be abandoned for the day at 20 minutes to 6. When stumps were drawn the visitors still required 444 to win with all their wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible yesterday in three of the four matches, and they were in consequence abandoned . . .

29 August: SUSSEX v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6615.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6615.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 5)

Kent, having the good fortune to win the toss in this match at Hastings yesterday, remained at the wickets for the whole of the time that cricket was in progress. The pitch appeared to be in good order, but the players had to work hard for their runs and, owing to the shadows crossing the wicket, stumps were pulled up at 20 minutes to 6.

Alec Hearne showed the best cricket of the day, and in being run out, through no fault of his own, he was distinctly unlucky. For the most part he played a thoroughly sound and correct game, driving clean and making some neat leg glances. Humphreys helped him to put on 45 for the first wicket, and Mr Dillon, staying for nearly an hour, assisted to make 55 for the third.

Hearne and Mr Mason then added 60, and later on Captain Livesay and Seymour hit up 53. There were nine wickets down for 256, three men having just before been dismissed for nine runs. Mr Marsham and Fielder scored 30 in the last quarter of an hour, and were still together at the drawing of stumps.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 August, page 5)

The Sussex batting proved very unequal at Hastings, yesterday; and, although Mr Fry and Vine put on 85 in an hour, half the side were out for 112, and the innings closed for just over 200, after being in progress three hours and 40 minutes.

Runs were surprisingly difficult to get after the excellent first-wicket partnership, and Kent did very well to dismiss their opponents for such a moderate score. Mr Fry, who was out to a smart catch in the slips by Mr Mason, played perfectly until making the stroke that caused his dismissal. He drove with great power and placed the ball skilfully on the leg side.

Relf showed the greatest freedom on the fast pitch, getting his runs quickly. He and Mr Smith added 40 in 25 minutes. This stand stopped the collapse, but no one else stayed with Mr Smith, who was ninth out at 183. The innings should have closed for 206, Mr Dillon then missing Butt at slip. Altogether the last wicket realized 37, Butt and Cox both playing carefully. In catching K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr Marsham split his hand very badly, the wound having to be stitched up.

Hearne and Humphreys started Kent's second innings capitally, and when they were separated stumps were drawn for the day. Holding a lead of 137 with nine wickets in hand Kent are in a commanding position, but it is feared that Mr Marsham will not be able to bat. Kent fully deserve the advantage which they have gained, the consistent batting on Monday being followed by good bowling and smart fielding.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 5)

Owing to the weather, no play was possible yesterday in three of the four matches, and they were in consequence abandoned . . .

29 August: YORKSHIRE v M.C.C. AND GROUND

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6616.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6616.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 30 August, page 5)

The 28th festival had a successful opening yesterday. The weather was brilliantly fine and a large company was present. A strong team representing the M.C.C. and Ground met Yorkshire, and the county side, winning the toss, batted all day.

Mr Jackson and Mr Wilkinson began by scoring 100 in the first hour, and their full partnership realized 146. Mr Wilkinson and Denton were together at the luncheon interval, when 177 runs had been scored for the loss of one wicket. Mr Wilkinson did not play well while making his first 50, but afterwards his driving and off-side play were admirable.

Denton batted well, and there was also a big innings by Hirst, but it was not a good display of cricket. He was missed three times and, besides, made a number of bad strokes early in his innings.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 31 August, page 5)

There was an excellent attendance at Scarborough yesterday at the match between Yorkshire and the M.C.C. and Ground. The cricket went largely in favour of Yorkshire.

In the morning their tenth wicket yielded 40 runs in the first quarter of an hour. In the innings there were 31 byes, most of them being off Mr Bosanquet, whose bowling appears to be very difficult to take.

Mr Spooner, Mr Warner and Mr Townsend batted well for the M.C.C. and Ground. The first pair scored 62 for the first wicket, and Mr Warner was second out at 129. Mr Townsend, who went in at the fall of the first wicket, was fifth out at 178. He should have been caught when he had made 14 by Myers at cover point, and Mr Warner was also missed at 20 by Haigh in the slips. The play of the other batsmen was disappointing and the last five wickets only added 56 runs. Haigh bowled brilliantly and he got seven wickets - six clean bowled - very cheaply.

The M.C.C. and Ground were 241 runs behind and had to follow on. Mr Spooner and Mr Warner scored 53 without being separated, and when play ended the batting side were 188 runs behind.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 1 September, page 5)

The M.C.C. and Ground Eleven made a brilliant recovery in their match with Yorkshire at Scarborough yesterday. They had been compelled to follow on 241 runs behind and had scored 53 without loss at the drawing of stumps on Tuesday. Yesterday they kept Yorkshire in the field until half-past 5, and they had then scored 471 for eight wickets, and the match was drawn with the M.C.C. and Ground leading by 280 runs with eight wickets still to fall.

Mr Spooner and Mr Warner had a brilliant first-wicket partnership. They were together an hour and 40 minutes and scored 154 runs. Mr Spooner was then caught at short slip. He had batted brilliantly and he gave no chance. Mr Warner, who was fifth out, clean bowled by Haigh, also played a fine innings.

Later in the afternoon, when it was obvious that the match would be drawn, Lord Hawke relieved his regular bowlers and put on Denton and Tunnicliffe. Mr MacLaren and Mr Leveson-Gower punished the bowling so severely that 118 were scored for the sixth wicket in 50 minutes. Mr MacLaren, who was twice missed, made his runs in an hour and a half.

Thursday 1 September, page 5: THE SUSSEX AVERAGES

Sussex, who finished their season yesterday with a drawn game against Kent, were in 1904 much what they have been for the past two or three years - a strong but not a good match-winning side. While their two great batsmen are in form Sussex must always be hard to beat, but they have not sound enough batting all through or strong enough bowling to be a great side.

At present they occupy sixth position in the County Championship, with a record of five wins against four defeats. Last year they only lost two matches, and the increased number of defeats may, perhaps, be attributed to the fact that, when both or even one of the great batsmen failed, the side were rather likely to collapse.

In bowling, no new talent of great merit has been discovered, while Tate, although still a wonderful bowler for his age, has not always been effective. In these circumstances the great part of the work has fallen on Relf and Cox, who have both bowled exceedingly well at times, Cox especially having a fine record; but as a whole the bowling of the side certainly needs strengthening.

The batting of K S Ranjitsinhji and Mr Fry has, of course, been the dominating feature of Sussex cricket. Both have been in wonderful form and their averages are, of course, a long way ahead of anyone else's in the eleven. K S Ranjitsinhji has not played all through the year, but Mr Fry has had 32 innings and only very few failures. Vine makes an excellent partner to go in first with Mr Fry, and seems to be a much improved batsman, while his fielding at third man and in the deep field would alone make him a useful man in an eleven.

Of the other regular players, Mr Smith, Leach and Killick have all done useful service, and Relf, the all-round man of the team, has played a number of good innings. The averages are given below: -

Played 24 - won 5, lost 4, drawn 15.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr C B Fry 2376 at 79.20, K S Ranjitsinhji 1330 at 73.88, Vine 1189 at 35.03, Relf 822 at 28.34, Killick 758 at 22.58.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Tate 46 at 20.26, Relf 85 at 23.37, Cox 112 at 23.50, Vine 23 at 25.39, Killick 34 at 32.36, Leach 21 at 36.00.]

## SOMERSET AVERAGES

In one respect Somerset have not kept up their reputation in 1904, for they have no victory to record against one of the leading counties; but whatever happens they are always sporting, and one cannot but wish that a side which plays cricket so purely for the love of the game should be more successful. Their record for the season shows five wins against 11 defeats, the victories being gained against Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Hampshire, and Surrey on two occasions.

Perhaps the chief cause of the weakness of the side is the want of bowling. Braund and Cranfield have a hard task, and when they are collared there is not very much to follow. In batting Mr Palairet heads the averages and many times he has shown his best form. Lewis appears to be a much improved batsman, and Robson also has done good service. Mr Johnston has not, unfortunately, been always available, but at the beginning of the year he made several useful scores.

The great all-rounder of the team, Braund, has had for him a disappointing season; but the value of such a man to the side cannot in any way be judged from his position in the averages. Mr Woods has made a welcome improvement on his form of last year, and Mr Martin, though he has not been at his best with the bat, has kept wicket splendidly.

A pleasing feature of Somerset cricket this year is that out of the 18 matches played only two have been drawn. Somerset, at present, cannot be called a strong side, but if they could only find another capable bowler or two there might be a great improvement. The averages are given below: -

Played 18 - won 5, lost 11, drawn 2.

### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr L C H Palairet 1271 at 39.71, Lewis 828 at 33.12, Robson 740 at 24.66, Mr F M Lee 559 at 21.50, Mr S M J Woods 642 at 21.00, Braund 534 at 19.77, Mr H Martyn 592 at 19.73.]

### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Cranfield 71 at 25.18, Lewis 28 at 28.67, Braund 63 at 28.73, Robson 33 at 32.98.]

## THE HAMPSHIRE AVERAGES

Hampshire, whose last match with Somerset yesterday was spoiled by rain and ended in a draw, once again occupy last place in the championship, their only two victories being gained against Derbyshire and Warwickshire in August.

In bowling they have been weak, with one really good fast bowler in Mr Hesketh-Prichard, who, except in a few matches, has had very poor support, while their batting has been far from consistent. Mr Sprot, Mr Hill, Mr Johnston and Webb have all played some good innings, but Hampshire, with a decided tail, could not be expected to make a large score against good bowling.

In bowling, Langford, who did so well in a few matches late last season, has not fulfilled expectations, and Llewellyn has unfortunately not done himself justice. His bowling has not often been difficult to play, and he seldom got many runs. There can be no doubt that his loss of form has handicapped the side a good deal.

Perhaps the most promising player is Mr Johnston, who, if he should be able to play at all regularly, should be invaluable to the side. He has a number of good scoring strokes all round the wicket, while his defence has much improved, and he is in addition a safe field. Major Poore has played in a good many matches, but he has quite failed to reproduce the form of his great year. The averages are given below: -

Played 18 - won 2, lost 12, drawn 4.

### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr A J L Hill 632 at 48.61, Mr E L Sprot 916 at 38.84, Webb 782 at 26.66, Howell 553 at 21.26.]

BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Mr H Hesketh-Prichard 62 at 24.51, Baldwin 33 at 26.45, LLevellyn 40 at 37.15, Langford 27 at 40.92.]

1 September: GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v PLAYERS OF THE SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6617.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6617.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 September, page 5)

The third match of the Bournemouth Festival was begun yesterday upon the Dean-park Ground, but the strong eleven of Gentlemen did badly against the good bowling of the Players. The winning of the toss was a doubtful advantage, as the wicket played badly through the Gentlemen's innings, Trott in particular being able to make the ball turn and get up quickly, while, when the Players went in, the pitch, although never easy, had considerably improved.

The start of the Gentlemen's innings was most disastrous, Dr Grace, Mr Beldam, Mr Jessop and Mr More being all out before lunch with only 48 runs scored. After the interval the disasters continued until, with Captain Wynyard and K S Ranjitsinhji dismissed, six wickets were down for 58. At this point Mr Fry and Mr Johnson made the only good stand of the innings, adding 54 in 40 minutes before Mr Johnson left.

Subsequently Mr Johnson made several good forcing strokes, but Mr Fry, who was eighth out, alone displayed any real command over the bowling. He had some good fortune, Llewellyn missing him at square leg off Trott when he had made 25, while a minute later Webb might have caught him at short leg in Relf's first over. The strength of his back play was admirable, while when he drove his accurate timing made the ball travel over the dead ground at a good pace. Trott bowled finely, as, in addition to the assistance which he got from the pitch, he was always puzzling the batsmen with numerous changes of pace and length.

The Players had a little over an hour's batting, and, with an improvement in the wicket, Wrathall and Sewell, after Vine was out in the second over, established a strong position for their side. The two scored 84 in 40 minutes, chiefly by driving and hitting to leg. Towards the close the shadows on the wicket made the flight of the ball difficult to judge, but Sewell, although he scored more slowly, continued to bat well. With the fall of his wicket stumps were pulled up for the day.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 September, page 9)

At Bournemouth yesterday a fine bowling performance by Mr Brearley completely discounted the good start made by the Players on Thursday. He kept an accurate length at his fastest pace, but his success was attained by an occasional ball which came back quickly. In less than an hour the seven remaining batsmen were dismissed for an addition of 54 to the overnight total, Mr Brearley's five wickets being obtained at a cost of 25 runs.

On going in a second time the Gentlemen of England again scored a moderate total, Mr Beldam and Mr Jessop alone playing with confidence. The former, who went in first with Mr Fry, was fourth out after batting an hour and a half. During the early part of his innings while he was in with Mr Jessop he exercised great restraint, his score at one time being increased by a single only in 20 minutes. The Gloucestershire captain batted with greater caution than usual, and he occupied nearly an hour in getting his runs. After Mr Jessop left the remaining batsmen collapsed before Llewellyn's bowling.

The bowlers maintained the upper hand when the Players batted again, three wickets falling in the 40 minutes left for play.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 September, page 10)

Rain delayed play at Bournemouth until after lunch on Saturday, but when once a start was practicable the match was quickly finished, Vine and Butt, the overnight not-outs, being the only batsmen to reach double figures. While they were in the bowling was easy on the wet wicket, but subsequently the hot sun made the pitch treacherous.

Vine, who went in first and was out eighth, made several capital drives and big hits, and was batting altogether an hour and three-quarters. With the wicket giving considerable assistance Mr Jessop and Mr More bowled with great success, and between them they took the last five wickets for 13 runs. In the end the Gentlemen of England won by 94 runs.

1 September: SURREY v KENT

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6618.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6618.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 September, page 5)

Owing to the weather and the state of the ground, it was found impossible to make a start in this match at the Oval yesterday.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 September, page 9)

Although no play had been possible at the Oval on Thursday so much progress was made yesterday that there seemed good prospects of bringing the match to a definite result. During the day 21 wickets fell for 274, or an average of about 13 runs a wicket. The bowlers received considerable assistance from the state of the pitch, but in the absence of sun the wicket did not play so badly as the score would indicate.

Kent might perhaps have received some slight help from winning the toss, but their bowling was better than that of their opponents, and the Surrey batsmen did not adapt themselves well to the existing conditions, for several of them preferred to play entirely defensive cricket instead of trying to force matters, which would probably have been the right game in the circumstances.

From the start it soon became apparent that runs would be difficult to get, and Kent lost Seymour and Mr Day with only 16 scored. Afterwards they did better, but there were no long partnerships. Humphreys, who played very steadily throughout, was batting an hour and three-quarters for his runs, while Mr Mason and Hearne both made some good strokes.

At lunch time the score was 139 for six wickets, but when play was continued there was a collapse, the four remaining wickets going down for another 15 runs. This was chiefly due to the bowling of Smith, who got out Mr Blaker, Huish and Blythe without a run being scored from him.

Surrey went in at 20 minutes past 3, and Hayward at once began to force matters; but with the total at 18 he was out to a good catch in the long field. Hayes was out to a hard drive at 32, while half the side were dismissed for only 45. Davis, who was missed at long off when he had made one, played a forcing game with some success; but the rest of the side could do little against the bowling of Blythe, who kept a good length and was frequently puzzling the batsmen. The Kent fielding, with the single exception of the chance referred to, was very good, while Huish was in fine form behind the wicket.

Having a useful lead of 52 on the first innings, Kent went in again at half-past 5, but play was stopped by bad light at five minutes to 6. As the game now stands Kent are 70 runs ahead with five wickets in hand.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 September, page 10)

Owing to the weather no play was possible at the Oval on Saturday, and in consequence the match was abandoned . . .

1 September: YORKSHIRE v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6619.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6619.html))

Day 1 (report from Friday 2 September, page 5)

There was another excellent day's cricket at Scarborough yesterday. As in their first match with the South Africans, at Hull, Yorkshire placed their full strength in the field, and they established a great advantage during the day's play.

Rain had made the wicket difficult in the morning, but the South Africans, on winning the toss, decided to go in. They lost the first two wickets to Hirst's bowling for eight runs. Mr Tancred, who was first out, was bowled by a swerving ball which he did not attempt to play. Rhodes took the next four wickets and six men were out in the first hour for 44 runs.

Mr White played a fine innings; he made a drive out of the ground off Haigh's bowling and another off Rhodes, but in spite of his efforts, the side were all out before lunch. Hirst bowled splendidly, and he took five wickets for just over five runs each.

Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair bowled well at the beginning of the Yorkshire innings, and Mr Sinclair got the wickets of both Mr Wilkinson and Mr Jackson, the score when the latter left being 61. Denton and Tunnickliffe then kept together for an hour and three-quarters. Denton was bowled at three minutes to 6, and play then ended for the day.

The cricket shown by Denton was very fine, his cutting and strokes to leg being the leading features of his innings. Yorkshire are now 140 runs ahead and have seven wickets in hand.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 3 September, page 9)

In contrast to the cricket on Thursday the play at Scarborough yesterday between Yorkshire and the South Africans was dull and disappointing. The weather too was gloomy, and at a quarter past 5 stumps had to be drawn owing to the bad light.

Yorkshire were 140 runs ahead when play was continued and they increased their lead to 285. Tunnickliffe, who had made 64 overnight, was bowled by Mr Schwarz after adding 16 runs. He was missed when he had made 37 by Mr Shalders at slip, but otherwise he made no mistake. Hirst batted fairly well but the best cricket of the day on the Yorkshire side was shown by Myers, who was last out. The Yorkshire innings closed ten minutes before the luncheon interval.

Mr Tancred batted steadily for the South Africans in the afternoon, and when play was stopped for the day, he had scored his runs out of 115 without giving a chance. The South Africans are now 170 runs behind and have eight wickets to fall.

Day 3 (report from Monday 5 September, page 10)

The Yorkshire eleven concluded their season's engagements at Scarborough on Saturday, when their return match with the South Africans was drawn. Rain prevented play from being continued until ten minutes to 3.

Mr Tancred and Mr Mitchell, who were not out overnight, stayed together for an hour and a quarter. Mr Tancred should have been easily caught at mid-on by Mr Jackson when he had made 87, but with this exception his innings was without mistake. It was Mr Mitchell, however, who really saved the match; he was batting for three hours and a quarter, and carried out his bat. Mr Mitchell stated on Saturday that he expects to play regularly with the Yorkshire eleven next season.

Friday 2 September, page 5: THE M.C.C. AND GROUND AVERAGES

The M.C.C. and Ground averages are given below: -

Played 12 - won 3, lost 6, drawn 3.

BATTING

[200 or more runs: Tarrant 419 at 32.23, Capt E G Wynyard 403 at 31.00

BOWLING

[10 or more wickets: J T Hearne 40 at 16.92, Thompson 18 at 21.61, Mr B J T Bosanquet 17 at 21.64, Tarrant 25 at 25.78, Trott 10 at 31.80.]

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND DIVISION

Northamptonshire are once again at the head of the second-class counties, with ten victories out of 12 matches played. Wiltshire come second, with Glamorgan and Durham not far behind. The position of the counties is as follows: -

	Played	Won	On 1st		Points		Percentage
			inns	Drawn	Poss.	Obt.	
Northamptonshire	12	10	0	0	36	30	83.33
Wiltshire	12	6	1	1	33	19	57.57
Glamorgan	10	5	2	0	30	17	56.66
Durham	8	4	1	0	24	13	54.16
Yorkshire 2nd XI	8	4	0	0	24	12	50.00
Hertfordshire	12	4	4	1	33	16	48.48
Staffordshire	12	5	0	1	33	15	45.45
Oxfordshire	8	3	0	1	29	9	42.85
Bedfordshire	12	3	5	1	33	14	42.42
Bucks	10	3	1	0	30	10	33.33
Cambridgeshire	10	2	3	1	27	9	33.33
Devon	10	3	1	0	30	10	33.33
Northumberland	8	2	1	1	21	7	33.33
Suffolk	8	2	0	1	21	8	28.57
Monmouthshire	10	1	4	0	30	7	23.33
Norfolk	8	1	2	0	24	5	20.83
Surrey 2nd XI	8	1	1	1	21	4	19.04
Berks	8	1	1	0	24	4	16.66
Cornwall	8	0	2	2	18	2	11.11
Dorset	10	0	1	1	27	1	3.70

Monday 5 September, page 10: THE KENT AVERAGES

Kent have been one of the strongest and perhaps the most attractive side in the county championship. They started the season with good prospects, they finish with a fine record, and during the latter part of the year their cricket has often been most brilliant. They have won ten matches against four defeats, and occupy third position in the list.

Perhaps the secret of Kent's success lies in the fact that they are an all-round side. They could get runs against the best of bowling, and their own bowlers often were capable of pressing an advantage home, while Huish again proved himself an excellent wicket-keeper, and the fielding has been generally sound.

The team were at their best in August, when Mr Mason, Mr Day and Mr Blaker were able to play regularly, and in this time Kent were perhaps the best match-winning side. There were at least six batsmen who could get runs quickly when required, which in these days is often no small factor in winning a match, and Mr Mason added just what was lacking to the bowling.

Blythe, who has strong claims to be considered the best left-hander of his pace, Mr Mason, bowling in his best form, Fielder and Humphreys, with Fairservice and A Hearne as well, formed an attack as strong and as varied perhaps as that of any side.

One may be inclined to think that the most striking features of Kent cricket this year have been the success of the young professionals from the Tonbridge nursery, the all-round cricket of Mr Mason, who has seldom been in better form, and the batting of Mr Day. When the Tonbridge nursery was started hardly any one could have expected it to achieve such brilliant results in so short a time, yet five of the most useful members of the team have been produced from it.

Seymour and Humphreys promise to be batsmen of the highest class. Both play attractive cricket, their chief fault at present, perhaps, being an inclination to hit rather too soon. The bowling of Blythe, Fielder and Fairservice has also gone a long way to place Kent in the prominent position which is now held by them among the counties. The success of the nursery has been most gratifying to those who have taken so much trouble in the cause of Kent cricket.

Mr Burnup has, unfortunately, been unable to play at all, and in his absence Mr Marsham has captained the team. Mr Marsham cannot be considered more than a useful cricketer, but he has worked untiringly and unselfishly in the interests of the side, and their success is in no small measure due to him.

Played 21 - won 10, lost 4, drawn 7.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr S H Day 689 at 47.78, Mr J R Mason 814 at 42.84, Humphreys 1462 at 38.21, Seymour 1150 at 31.08, A Hearne 723 at 28.92, Mr R N R Blaker 513 at 25.85, Mr C H B Marsham 637 at 22.75.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Humphreys 26 at 17.61, Blythe 121 at 19.38, A Hearne 21 at 19.42, Mr J R Mason 54 at 21.72, Fielder 84 at 23.07, Fairservice 48 at 27.36.]

#### THE AVERAGES

The leading averages are given below: -

BATTING [Note: averages of 25 and over]

	Innings	Runs	Most in an inns	Not out	Average
K S Ranjitsinhji	34	2077	207*	6	74.17
Mr C B Fry	42	2824	229	2	70.80
Tyldesley	39	2349	225	5	69.08
Mr A O Jones	34	1758	187	5	60.55
Iremonger	34	1983	272	1	60.09
Hayward	58	3068	203	5	57.88
Hirst	45	2308	157	3	54.95
Mr P Perrin	32	1488	343*	4	53.07
Quaife	38	1689	200*	5	51.18
Mr R H Spooner	42	1826	215	3	48.82
Mr S H Day	20	735	152*	4	45.93
The Hon F S Jackson	25	1037	158	2	45.08
Mr L J Tancred	33	1251	113	4	43.13
Mr H K Foster	38	1635	119	0	43.02
Mr P F Warner	35	1330	163	4	42.90
Denton	50	1980	119	3	42.12
Knight	37	1382	203	4	41.87
Mr A J L Hill	18	698	117	1	41.05
Hallows	30	1068	137*	4	40.89
Mr J R Mason	24	853	138	3	40.81
Mr A C S Glover	27	1011	124	2	40.44
Mr B J T Bosanquet	39	1371	145	4	39.17
Mr J E Raphael	42	1636	201	0	38.95
Mr C McGahey	41	1477	225	3	38.86
Kinneir	36	1242	152	4	38.81
King	48	1684	186	4	38.27
Mr C J B Wood	45	1564	123	4	38.14
Mr L C H Palairet	34	1277	203	0	37.65
Sharp	33	938	107*	8	37.52
Mr M Hathorn	36	1294	139	1	36.97
Bowley	41	1435	153	3	36.79
Mr E M Sprot	28	991	118	1	36.70
Tunnicliffe	47	1650	139*	2	36.66
Humphreys	44	1524	143	2	36.28
Mr L O S Poidevin	37	1219	153	3	35.85
Mr F Mitchell	35	1021	102*	6	35.20
Vine	49	1579	169	4	35.03
Carpenter	33	1121	199	1	35.03

Mr L G Wright	38	1322	140	0	34.78
Mr C A Ollivierre	38	1268	229	1	34.27
Hayes	57	1866	273*	2	33.92
Mr G W Beldam	32	1040	141	1	33.54
Rhodes	43	1332	196	3	33.30
Coe	36	1069	103	5	32.39
J Gunn	40	1179	100	8	31.86
Mr A C MacLaren	40	1124	166	4	31.22
Mr T S Fishwick	38	1121	113	1	30.29
Whittle	32	812	104	5	30.07
Dr E M Ashcroft	34	962	111	2	30.06
Lewis	31	861	118*	2	29.68
Mr G L Jessop	37	1098	206	0	29.67
G Gunn	31	797	143	4	29.51
Cuttell	26	646	128	4	29.26
A Hearne	37	907	100*	6	29.25
Mr C H B Marsham	40	1070	161*	3	28.90
Storer	37	949	110	4	28.75
H Whitehead	39	1006	92	4	28.74
James Seymour	44	1166	136*	3	28.43
Sewell	40	1060	181	2	28.42
Relf	43	11123	154	3	28.07
Arnold	40	1017	111	3	27.48
Mr R O Schwarz	26	682	102	1	27.28
Mr F L Fane	36	980	126	0	27.22
Haigh	42	1031	138	4	27.13
Mr W B Burns	33	832	165	1	26.00
Pearson	35	876	106	1	25.78
Mr W A Shalders	36	868	81	2	25.52
Wrathall	38	969	88	0	25.50
Abel	34	839	87	1	25.42
Dr W G Grace	26	635	166	0	25.40
Leach	25	568	86	3	25.38
Mr R P Keigwin	35	809	116	3	25.28
Mr F M Lee	32	677	79*	5	25.07
Mr G C White	29	626	115	4	25.04

[Also listed: Mr J F Byrne average 24.71, Wheldon 24.67, Webb 24.60, Lilley 24.29, Mr G Curgenvin 24.17, Mr F E Thomas 23.80, Lord Hawke 23.78, Mr V F S Crawford 23.66, Mr A H Hornby 23.16, E Robson 22.94, Killick 22.65, Bowell 22.42, Stone 22.42, Mr J H Sinclair 22.28, Mr G MacGregor 22.12, Mr C L A Smith 22.08.

#### BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J T Hearne	1096.3	328	2551	139	18.35
Hallows	885.3	277	2021	103	18.71
Mr R O Schwarz	287.5	30	1101	58	18.98
Blythe	984.1	281	2569	134	19.17
W C Smith	372.1	93	1070	55	19.45
Haigh	863.1	225	2301	118	19.50
Dennett	1018.4	282	2541	129	19.69
Mr J J Kotze	766	162	2346	119	19.71
Cuttell	965.5	339	1992	100	19.92
Myers	572.5	119	1592	78	20.41
Mr W Brearley	613	100	1947	95	20.49
Warren	780	139	2597	124	20.94
Mr H C McDonell	534.3	134	1375	64	21.48
Mr B J T Bosanquet	675	58	2630	122	21.55
Mr G G Napier	498.2	125	1447	67	21.59
Rhodes	1138.1	341	2628	121	21.71
Mr J R Mason	436.5	122	1206	55	21.91
Mr H Hesketh-Prichard	755.4	175	2308	105	21.95
Hirst	951.2	196	2575	115	22.39
Fielder	689.3	138	2200	98	22.44

Gill	484.4	85	1553	69	22.50
Wass	949.5	209	2769	117	23.68
Cox	1249.1	339	3007	127	23.67
Kermode	582.5	185	1642	65	23.72
Mr J H Sinclair	615.5	118	2217	93	23.83
Trott	844.3	183	2518	105	23.90
Arnold	918.1	211	2639	110	23.99
Huggins	743.3	248	1792	74	24.21
Mr W W Odell	993	264	2719	109	24.94
Lees	1171.4	316	2913	116	25.11
Allsopp	578.2	135	1796	71	25.29
J Gunn	1070	283	2963	117	25.32
Relf	1160.1	325	2574	100	25.74
Braund	893.5	142	2966	115	25.77
Reeves	862.2	186	2774	108	26.16
Bestwick	832.1	202	2424	92	26.34
Cranfield	597.4	101	1978	74	26.72

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The present position of the counties is given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	28	18	0	10	16	100.00
Yorkshire	27	9	2	16	7	63.63
Kent	21	10	4	7	6	42.35
Middlesex	18	9	4	5	5	38.48
Nottinghamshire	20	7	4	9	3	27.27
Sussex	24	5	4	15	1	11.11
Leicestershire	19	6	5	8	1	9.09
Warwickshire	18	6	6	6	0	0.00
Gloucestershire	18	5	6	7	-1	-9.09
Derbyshire	18	5	8	5	-3	-23.07
Somerset	18	5	11	2	-6	-37.50
Surrey	27	5	12	10	-7	-41.17
Worcestershire	18	3	8	7	-5	-45.45
Essex	20	3	10	7	-7	-53.84
Hampshire	18	2	12	4	-10	-71.42

5 September: NORTH v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6620.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6620.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 September, page 5)

The last match of the Scarborough Festival began yesterday. The North side is a strong one, but the South is deficient in batting.

The North won the toss and went in first, but their batting was of moderate quality throughout. Mr Wilkinson played fairly good cricket for his runs and was at the wicket an hour and three-quarters. Denton, Tyldesley and Mr Ernest Smith also batted fairly well, but the others gave a weak display and were nearly all out to bad strokes.

Mr Bosanquet took five wickets, but his bowling was erratic. He got John Gunn's wicket with a full-pitched ball and Haigh's with a ball that pitched half way down the wicket of the off side.

The South team's batting, with the exception of that shown by Mr Townsend, was also of poor quality. Four wickets went down in an hour for 57 runs. Gunn took the wickets of Vine, Mr Warner and Mr Bosanquet in three successive maiden overs. Relf gave Mr Townsend useful assistance, and when play ended the South were 144 behind with six wickets to fall.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 September, page 9)

A level day's cricket was seen at Scarborough yesterday, in the concluding match of the festival. The South on Monday evening had scored 97 for four wickets, and yesterday the North's score was headed by five runs.

Mr Townsend and Relf were the most successful Southern batsmen. They were at the wickets together for an hour and a quarter, and they took the score from 57 for four wickets to 163 for five. Mr Townsend was then out to a fine catch at mid-on, Rhodes having to run back some distance to reach the ball. Relf should have been caught at short leg by Mr Spooner at 61. This was the only mistake in his innings, for which he was batting two hours. A magnificent catch by Tyldesley brought the South's innings to an end at half-past 1.

The rest of the day's play was taken up with the North's second innings. In this the chief features were the batting of Denton and Hirst. Rhodes and Hirst put on 79 in the last 40 minutes of play. The North are now 255 runs ahead and have four wickets to fall.

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

A thunderstorm brought the Scarborough Festival to a premature close yesterday. Play was possible until half-past 1, when the storm broke over the ground. Shortly before 3 o'clock it was agreed to abandon the match.

When play was continued Hirst and Rhodes, who had made 84 and 43 overnight, forced the game so well that 71 runs were added in 40 minutes. With the total 331 for nine wickets, the North's innings was declared closed.

On the South going in Hirst bowled Humphreys with his first delivery. Then Mr Warner and Mr Townsend took the score to 42, when the match was abandoned.

5 September: SOUTH v SOUTH AFRICANS

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6621.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6621.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 September, page 5)

Interesting cricket was played at the opening day of the first match of the Hastings festival, but the feature which stood out prominently was the brilliant forcing batting of Mr Jessop. It came at a time when the South of England looked like being all out for less than a hundred runs, and so characteristic was his hitting that in three-quarters of an hour the game had undergone a remarkable change.

The rains of the previous week and a heavy morning dew made the wicket play badly at the start. A Hearne, Braund and Mr Day were dismissed for 18, when Mr Jessop came in, while when the seventh batsman was out with 80 scored, he had made only 36 in three-quarters of an hour. It was at this stage that the turning point of the innings began. In the three-quarters of an hour which followed Mr Jessop added 91 while Cox was scoring 11, the two being together at the luncheon interval.

Afterwards his rate of scoring decreased and his full innings occupied just over two hours. When he had made 23 Seymour came out to run for him, but throughout his innings he displayed great quickness upon his feet. He ran down the pitch to Mr Kotze and in one over scored 17 off him. Altogether he hit 26 fours. The defence of Cox proved valuable and the eighth wicket increased the total by 125.

The South Africans also made a poor start, only four runs having been scored when Mr Tancred and Shalders were out. Mr Mitchell and Mr Hathorn put on 41 for the third wicket, and the former and Mr Sinclair 37 for the fourth, but the batsmen were generally in difficulties with Braund's leg-breaks. Mr Sinclair twice jumped out and hit Braund out of the ground, but he was eventually caught in front of the bowlers' screen just before the close.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 September, page 9)

Less than an hour's play was possible at Hastings yesterday, but in that time the South Africans greatly improved their position, and when rain soon after 1 stopped the game for the day the visitors, with four wickets in hand, were only 33 runs behind. Llewellyn, the overnight not-out, was joined by Mr White, and the pair by sound cricket added 86 to the total in 55 minutes.

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

The ground at Hastings had sufficiently recovered from the rain of Tuesday to allow of a start being made at the time fixed, but after an over had been bowled by Trott a heavy storm delayed further cricket until 2 o'clock.

Under the influence of the sun, the pitch played treacherously, with the result that wickets fell rapidly. The not-outs, Llewellyn and Mr White, added eight to the overnight total, the former being first out, finely caught in the slips. Mr White was caught in front of the bowler's screen, and the innings was then quickly finished off.

The South of England with in a second time 18 behind. While the effects of the heavy roller remained, it was considered advisable to force the game, so Trott and Wrathall opened the innings. The former was taken at slip in the first over, but Mr Day, Wrathall and Braund made some good forcing strokes, 55 having gone up in a little over half an hour when the fourth wicket fell. Mr Payne subsequently hit well, and eventually, with six wickets down, the South of England side were in a position to declare.

The South Africans' task of making 108 runs to win was practically impossible in the time left for play. With only a draw in sight, restraint marked their 50 minutes' batting.

5 September: SURREY v LEICESTERSHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6622.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6622.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 6 September, page 5)

The opening day's play between Surrey and Leicestershire at the Oval yesterday, the last county match of the season, enabled the home side to establish a strong position. The wicket was a trifle slow at the start, but it improved in pace as the day advanced, and runs came with great freedom.

The feature of the cricket was the batting of Davis. He is a player who possesses a good number of scoring strokes and is seen at his best in a forcing game, and yesterday he treated all the bowlers with equal severity and, considering the pace at which he scored, he was seldom at fault in timing the bowling. Baker also played well and, although getting his runs quicker than is usual with him, he was much steadier in his methods. When he and Davis were together 174 were added for the sixth wicket in an hour and three-quarters.

In the morning Mr Raphael showed good form, but Hayward rather erred on the side of caution. At lunch time the total was 127 for two wickets. After the interval two more wickets quickly fell. Then Nice and Mr J N Crawford, who were both missed early in their innings, put on 59 in 40 minutes before the former ricked his back and had to retire. Mr Crawford did not stay long afterwards, being out at 217.

At this point Davis and Baker became partners and by fine cricket they made the Leicestershire bowling look very simple.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 7 September, page 9)

Owing to rain, no play was possible in this match at the Oval yesterday . . .

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

The county cricket season was brought to a close at the Oval, yesterday, when Surrey beat Leicestershire by an innings and 206 runs. Although no play had been possible on Tuesday, there was

ample time yesterday to bring the match to a definite result, and the game was over by 20 minutes to 4.

On a wicket damaged by rain the Leicestershire batsmen could do little against the bowling of Smith and Mr J N Crawford, and it was in a large degree due to them that Surrey were able to gain such an easy victory. Although the wicket gave the bowlers a good deal of assistance, Leicestershire ought to have done better; but the batsmen generally had a tendency to try to hit, and as Leicestershire could only hope at the best for a draw, these methods proved of no advantage to the side.

Leicestershire started their first innings at 25 minutes to 12, but from the first wickets fell fast, and it soon became apparent that they would experience great difficulty in saving the game. There was little in the batting worthy of comment. Knight, who discarded his usual careful game for hitting, made some good strokes, while Whitehead and Gill also hit hard. Knight was missed off Mr Crawford's bowling before he had scored and, profiting by this piece of luck, he made all his runs from him.

Following on 273 behind, Leicestershire did even worse in their second innings than they had done in their first. At luncheon they had made 24 for one wicket, but when play was continued, with only four runs added, Mr Joyce, Mr Wood and Knight all left at the same total. Afterwards Whitehead played a fine game, scoring his 32 out of 35 in about half an hour, but the rest did nothing. So badly did Leicestershire fare, that nine of the side only scored eight runs between them.

Thursday 8 September, page 9: THE SURREY AVERAGES

It cannot be denied that Surrey, who finished their season yesterday with a victory over Leicestershire, have been disappointing. With a few exceptions there has been but little merit in their play, and Surrey cricket from a variety of causes is at a low ebb.

To meet with much success a side and those connected with the management of it must work well together. This has not always been the case with Surrey in 1904; but it is much to be hoped, and not without reason, that there will be an improvement, and Surrey may, in a few years, come near to their former level of excellence.

The record for the season shows six wins against 12 defeats, and the side occupy a very low position in the championship. Towards the close of the year the eleven were somewhat unlucky, as once or twice they gained a great advantage and then just failed to win.

The great feature of Surrey cricket has been the magnificent batting of Hayward, and he has never perhaps been in better form. Considering the amount of work he has had to do and the poor support which he has received on many occasions, his record is wonderful and his value to the side cannot be over-estimated.

Besides Hayward, Hayes and Mr Raphael have been the most useful batsmen. Mr Raphael is a great acquisition to the side, and Hayes, if he has not been consistent, has played several fine innings and is an interesting cricketer.

In bowling Lees has been the mainstay and Nice has done well at times; but as a whole the attack has generally been unequal to getting out good sides. On wet wickets W C Smith has proved difficult to play, but otherwise he has been comparatively ineffective.

Late in the season Mr J N Crawford came into the eleven and proved himself a most useful all-round cricketer. His bowling performances on one or two occasions show him to be a bowler much above the average, and if he should be able to play regularly he should be invaluable to the side.

Strudwick has not been at his best behind the wicket, possibly owing to staleness, but when occasion required Stedman was an able understudy.

Throughout the year there has been no regular captain to the side, and this necessarily proved a handicap. The averages are given below: -

Played 28 - won 6, lost 12, drawn 10.

BATTING

[500 or more runs - Hayward 2074 at 50.58, Hayes 1545 at 35.93, Mr J E Raphael 603 at 28.71, Abel 689 at 23.06, Holland 630 at 19.68, Lees 689 at 18.39.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Mr J N Crawford 44 at 16.25, W C Smith 62 at 16.95, Hayes 35 at 22.91, Lees 83 at 27.55, Nice 48 at 29.20, Gooder 22 at 41.26.]

#### THE LEICESTERSHIRE AVERAGES

Leicestershire, who finished their season at the Oval yesterday, have had to rely practically on the same players as last year; but their record shows a great improvement, as they have won six matches and lost six, as against only one win and ten defeats in 1903, and instead of being bracketed last with Hampshire, they now share the seventh position with Warwickshire.

Their increased success has been due to an improvement at all points, the batting as a whole has been more consistent, their bowling more effective and their fielding fairly safe. Knight and King, of the professionals, have again rendered valuable service, but Mr Wood has supplanted Knight at the top of the averages. Unfortunately Knight's injury in Gentlemen v Players at Lord's kept him out of some of the matches. He played many fine innings and seems as consistent as ever.

Perhaps the most improved batsman was Coe, who secured a regular place in the side, though he is apt to be reckless at times. Among the others Whitehead, Mr V F S Crawford and Mr R T Crawford have done fairly well.

Mr Odell and Gill have borne the brunt of the bowling, and in a batsman's year their figures come out very creditably. The left-hand bowling of Allsopp and King was often effective also, although rather expensive. The averages are given below: -

Played 20 - won 6, lost 6, drawn 8.

#### BATTING

[500 or more runs - Mr C J B Wood 1233 at 39.77, Knight 876 at 35.04, Coe 790 at 31.60, King 908 at 29.29, Whitehead 884 at 28.51, Mr V F S Crawford 674 at 24.07, Mr C E de Trafford 623 at 19.46.]

#### BOWLING

[20 or more wickets - Gill 62 at 23.64, Mr W W Odell 70 at 27.62, Allsopp 47 at 31.21, King 47 at 32.29, Coe 21 at 34.28.]

#### THE SOUTH AFRICANS' AVERAGES

The tour of the South Africans, which began at the end of May and has just concluded with their match against the South of England at Hastings, has proved a decided success - in fact, they possess a record of which they may justly feel proud, seeing that they have won 13 matches and only lost three. They were considered by good judge of the game to be a much stronger side than the team which came over in 1901, and this has been fully borne out by results.

The members of the side readily adapted themselves to the different pace of our turf wickets, although the majority of the team have had experience of them before, and throughout their tour they have been a good run-getting eleven. Some of the counties did not treat their matches with the South Africans quite seriously and did not play full strength against them; but this was rather underrating their abilities, as they proved themselves able to extend to the full the strongest of the counties - in fact, only has only to recall their brilliant victory over a strong England side at Lord's to show their undoubted skill.

On their arrival it was thought by some that they did not possess sufficient bowling for a hard season's work. Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair had proved their worth in England before, but it seemed doubtful if any of the others would be of sufficient class to render them much assistance. Mr

Schwarz, however, with his leg-breaks, at times bowled with much success, and he supplied just what was wanted - a good change bowler.

In a good batting side Mr Tancred has shown the greatest advance by those who were over here before by coming out at the top of the averages, and he has proved himself to be an invaluable man to go in first. Although his style is cramped, his usefulness cannot be denied, as he combines good scoring powers with a very sound defence.

Mr Hathorn, too, has played remarkably well, and for style and finish he is, perhaps, the best batsman on the side. Mr Mitchell, who has captained the team, has also been in good form, but his play is too well known in England to need comment.

Of the others, Mr Shalders, Mr White, Mr Schwarz and Mr Halliwell have all done well, while several of the other members of the team have shown themselves capable of getting runs at times; but Mr Sinclair, who is a natural hitter, although playing several good innings, has not done so well as was expected of him.

In bowling Mr Kotze and Mr Sinclair have borne the brunt, and considering the amount of work which has fallen on them they have done remarkably well. Mr Kotze bowls at a tremendous pace, and it is astonishing how he has been able to keep up his end time after time without any appreciable diminution.

Mr Sinclair is a bowler of an entirely different stamp, as, while making the most of his height, he varies his bowling with great skill. Mr Schwarz has also proved very useful at times, while Mr White and several of the others have shown that they could get wickets when occasion required.

Mr Halliwell has kept wicket splendidly, and the way in which he can not only stand up to the fastest bowling but take in with ease is indeed remarkable, and it can safely be said that there has been no more brilliant wicket-keeper in England this season than he.

Towards the end of the season the South Africans did not do so well, and there is no doubt that some of them were a little stale; but this is hardly to be wondered at considering the length of their fixture list. The averages are given below: -

Played 26 - won 13, lost 3, drawn 9, tied 1.

#### BATTING [all matches]

[500 or more runs - Mr L J Tancred 1640 at 48.23, Mr F Mitchell 1009 at 37.37, Mr M Hathorn 1339 at 37.19, Mr G C White 037 at 30.22, Mr W A Shalders 948 at 28.33, Mr R O Schwarz 737 at 25.41, Mr E A Halliwell 514 at 23.36, Mr J H Sinclair 713 at 21.60.]

#### BOWLING [all matches]

[20 or more wickets - Mr R O Schwarz 98 at 14.81, Mr J J Kotze 117 at 19.34, Mr J H Sinclair 100 at 22.85, Mr G C White 56 at 23.68, Mr J Middleton 36 at 24.97.]

[Note: full first-class averages can be found at [http://cricketarchive.com/Archive/Events/1/South\\_Africa\\_in\\_British\\_Isles\\_1904/Team\\_Averages.html](http://cricketarchive.com/Archive/Events/1/South_Africa_in_British_Isles_1904/Team_Averages.html)]

#### THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The competition for the County Championship was finished yesterday with the decision of Surrey v Leicestershire at the Oval. The final positions are given below: -

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Lancashire	28	18	0	10	16	100.00
Yorkshire	27	9	2	16	7	63.63
Kent	21	10	4	7	6	42.35
Middlesex	18	9	4	5	5	38.48
Nottinghamshire	20	7	4	9	3	27.27
Sussex	24	5	4	15	1	11.11
{Leicestershire	20	6	6	8	0	0.00

{Warwickshire	18	6	6	6	0	0.00
Gloucestershire	18	5	6	7	-1	-9.09
Derbyshire	18	5	8	5	-3	-23.07
Surrey	28	6	12	10	-6	-33.33
Somerset	18	5	11	2	-6	-37.50
Worcestershire	18	3	8	7	-5	-45.45
Essex	20	3	10	7	-7	-53.84
Hampshire	18	2	12	4	-10	-71.42

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "One point shall be reckoned for each win; one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which during the season shall have in finished matches obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

8 September: NORTH v SOUTH

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6623.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6623.html))

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

Strong elevens have been selected for the second match of the Hastings Festival, but the rain during the morning so saturated the wicket that a start yesterday was impossible. Play to-day, weather permitting, will begin at 11 o'clock.

Day 2 (report from Saturday 10 September, page 12)

At Hastings, yesterday, the North established an advantage, their opponents at the close of play, with three wickets down, being 258 behind.

The ground had recovered remarkably from Thursday's heavy rain. A start was made in the match shortly after 11 o'clock, and in the absence of sun the wicket never became really difficult. At the beginning, however, J T Hearne and Arnold bowled so finely that Mr Smith, Denton and Tyldesley were out with 26 scored. Although Tunnicliffe and Hirst put on 46 for the fourth wicket in a little over half an hour, six of the side were out for 89 runs.

The batting of King and Rhodes completely altered the position of the game. Both took risks, but on the whole King gave an admirable display, his accurately-timed straight drives travelling over the slow ground at a good pace. In an hour and 35 minutes the two put on 147 runs. Lilley also forced the game to advantage by helping to add 69 runs in a little over half an hour for the eighth partnership. Altogether the last four wickets increased the total by 230 runs.

The South started well, Mr Bosanquet and Hayward scoring 50 in half an hour, when the change of Hirst for Rhodes met with remarkable success. Mr Bosanquet in the fast bowler's first over put up a lofty catch to the wicket-keeper; at 55 Hayward was caught at short leg, and with 60 scored Mr Day was bowled. Hirst, in six overs, obtained his three wickets for two runs.

Day 3 (report from Monday 12 September, page 10)

Although a start could not be made in this match at Hastings until Friday morning, a definite result was arrived at on Saturday, the North winning by ten wickets. On the opening day the North had the advantage of batting on a wicket rendered soft by rain, and at the close of play they had dismissed three of their opponents for 61 runs.

Strong sunshine on Saturday morning had made the pitch difficult when play was continued, and it at once became apparent that the South would have great difficulty in avoiding the follow-on. Several batsmen showed good defence, Braund batting over an hour; but Hirst and Haigh were irresistible, and the seven outstanding wickets fell in an hour and ten minutes for an addition of 59 to the overnight total.

Going in a second time 209 behind, the South, in spite of a bright spell of batting by Mr Jessop and a masterly innings by Braund, never looked like saving the match. Hayward was run out in the first over and A Hearne, Mr Day, Mr Beldam and Mr Bosanquet dismissed before 100 runs had been scored.

The association of Mr Jessop with Braund brought an improvement. The former drove and pulled in characteristic style, and put on his runs out of a total of 79 added for the sixth wicket. He was batting 37 minutes and his principal strokes were ten fours. Relf left at 190, but Mr Payne and Braund saved the innings defeat, the two increasing the score by 45 for the ninth wicket. Braund was last out after two hours' batting.

The North had 35 minutes in which to obtain the 32 runs set them to win, and Mr Smith and Tunnicliffe easily accomplished the task.

12 September: REST OF ENGLAND v LANCASHIRE

(See scorecard at Cricket Archive, [www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6624.html](http://www.cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Scorecards/6/6624.html))

Day 1 (report from Tuesday 13 September, page 9)

The last match of the season, for which four days have been set apart, was begun at the Oval yesterday, but owing to the weather cricket was only possible for a little over an hour, and even then the light was very bad. It was impossible to make a start until 3 o'clock.

Hayward and Mr Warner, who opened the innings for the Rest of England, got runs fairly quickly on the soft wicket; but Mr Warner had some luck, as he was missed in the slips off I'Anson's bowling before he had scored, and again when he had made nine at mid-off. Hayward, on the other hand, played all the bowling with equal ease, making several good off-drives, while his play on the leg-side was beautifully time.

With the total at 52 Mr Warner was out to a good ball from Kermodie, and then, after Denton had helped Hayward to take the score to 66, the game was stopped owing to bad light. Subsequently there was about ten minutes' cricket, but as there appeared no probability of an improvement in the weather, play was abandoned for the day at 5 o'clock.

The match is being played as a joint benefit for the Cricketers' Benevolent Fund and the London Playing Fields Society.

Day 2 (report from Wednesday 14 September, page 9)

The second day's play in this match at the Oval yesterday left the sides in an even position, as at the close Lancashire, with four wickets in hand, were 62 runs behind.

The feature of a bright day's cricket was the batting of Mr MacLaren. He played a brilliant forcing game and scored with the greatest freedom all round the wicket, and his hitting throughout was marked by wonderful precision. He started at a tremendous pace, scoring 27 out of 30 in the first ten minutes, and he made 53 out of 57 in 25 minutes, while against he was only batting 40 minutes. On this day Mr MacLaren is still one of the most interesting batsmen in England to watch, and yesterday he was seen at his best.

Overnight the Rest of England had made 72 for one wicket, and when Hayward and Denton continued their innings it soon became apparent that the bowling would require careful watching, as the pitch had not recovered from Monday's rain. The result was that the game for a time went in favour of Lancashire, and for the addition of only 33 runs Denton, Hayward, Mr Bosanquet and Hirst were all out.

At this point Mr Jessop was joined by Mr Smith, and the pair added 69 in 37 minutes for the sixth wicket. Mr Jessop, who was in five minutes longer for his runs, played fairly well, but he was unusually quiet for him and he only hit four fours. Mr Smith, on the other hand, found some difficulty in timing the bowling accurately, and he made several lucky strokes. The total was raised to 213 at lunch time, but after the interval the end was soon reached. The Lancashire fielding as a whole was good, while Cuttell did the best work with the ball.

Mr MacLaren and Mr Spooner opened Lancashire's innings at half-past 3 and, after Hirst had bowled a maiden, Mr MacLaren scored 27 off the next two overs. Continuing to have the greater share of the bowling, he hit finely, and when the first wicket fell at 61 he had made all but five of the runs. Mr MacLaren was out five [runs] later to a good catch at slip.

After he left, Mr Garnett, who was missed by Hirst at mid-on at 44, made some good strokes on the leg-side, while Mr Hornby and Cuttell gave him some assistance. The fielding of the Rest of England side was excellent, Hayward making two good catches in the slips, while Rhodes brilliantly caught Mr Poidevin from a very hard return.

Day 3 (report from Thursday 15 September, page 9)

Owing to the weather no play was possible in this match at the Oval yesterday, and in consequence the score remains as follows . . .

Day 4 (report from Friday 16 September, page 9)

The first-class cricket season was brought to a close at the Oval yesterday, when the match between Lancashire and the Rest of England ended in a draw. The conditions in which the game was continued yesterday were most unfavourable; in the morning the wicket was very soft, while in the afternoon, in Lancashire's second innings, the light was so bad that had it been a match in the county championship the cricket hours must have been curtailed; as it was the game had to be abandoned at half-past 4.

Overnight Lancashire had scored 173 for six wickets in their second innings, and when play was continued the end was soon reached. I'Anson was unable to bat, but the three remaining wickets only added four runs. Hirst was responsible for this collapse, as he took them all for a single.

The Rest of England on going in a second time with the useful lead of 58 started badly, as Hayward was out when only three runs were scored; but some good batting by Mr Jessop and Hirst enabled Lord Hawke to declare the innings closed at a quarter to 3. Mr Jessop, who was missed at 56, made his runs out of 118 in about an hour. The Lancashire fielding was not up to its usual high standard, and besides Mr Jessop both Mr Bosanquet and Hirst were missed.

When Lancashire went in requiring 215 to get to win there was still about two hours and a half left for play. With the exception of the cricket shown by Mr Spooner and Tyldesley, who made some fine strokes, there was little in the batting, but the light probably had something to do with the failure of the other batsmen.

The feature of the Lancashire innings was the fine fielding of the Rest of England. Tyldesley was out to a brilliant right-hand catch on the boundary by Mr Jessop, while Mr Smith and Hirst also made two fine catches. The proceeds of the match are to be divided between the Cricketers' Benevolent Fund and the London Playing Fields Society.

Thursday 15 September, page 9

The annual meeting of county secretaries to arrange the fixtures for 1905 will be held at Lord's on Tuesday, December 6, at 11.30 a.m.

The captains of the first-class counties will meet at Lord's on Monday, December 5, to appoint umpires for 1905, and the captains of the minor counties will meet at Lord's for the same purpose on December 7. Each meeting is fixed for 3 p.m.

Friday 16 September, page 9: THE END OF THE CRICKET SEASON

The averages for the cricket season, which was brought to a close yesterday with the match between Lancashire and the Rest of England, at the Oval, are given below. K S Ranjitsinhji, who comes out at the top of the batting, has played with all his well-known skill, and it is doubtful if he has ever been in better form than during 1904. Mr Fry comes second; and, although his average is not so high as last year, when he was almost in a class by himself, he has batted extremely finely.

Tyldesley, Mr Jones and Iremonger have all done splendidly, while Hayward, whose consistent batting has been one of the great features of the season, is the only cricketer to score over 3,000 runs. Hirst has proved himself to be the best all-round man; he has made over 2,000 runs and taken over 100 wickets. Hallows, too, has done remarkably well.

Some of the most prominent bowlers of 1903 have shown some falling-off in form, notably Rhodes, while few new bowlers of note have come to the front, although Mr J N Crawford gives decided promise.

[Note: the full batting and bowling averages follow. These can be found at [http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/1904\\_ENG.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/1904_ENG.html)]

#### MR BRODERICK ON SURREY CRICKET

Mr Broderick, M.P., speaking at the annual dinner of the Cranleigh Cricket Club on Wednesday night, said although he directly represented those present in Parliament, he indirectly had the honour, under the presidency of their president, Lord Alverstone, of representing them on the committee of the Surrey County Cricket Club.

At the risk of exposing himself to criticism and, possibly, of falling foul of others of greater experience, he wanted to advance one or two views in regard to the present condition of cricket, in which he hoped to have their support.

In the first place, he thought the stories, which had been put together in a London newspaper, as to why the Surrey Club had not been so successful this year as the year before, could not have been founded on fact. It was suggested that proper players were not kept together, and that the captain was constantly receiving instructions as to whom he should put on to bowl. No president like the Lord Chief Justice would allow that, and no captain of the Surrey eleven had ever received such a message.

He thought there were two things which had to do with Surrey county cricket, and one was that the strain of playing in a great number of matches was very great on the professional cricketer. It was also a very great strain upon the amateur, because a man could not always afford to give up the necessary time to play regularly for the county. With a constantly changing eleven the team did not play together as before.

It was very distressing to see amongst the first-class cricket matches such an enormous number that were not played out. Some years ago he had the honour of speaking at a cricket club dinner, and out of the fullness of his heart he made a suggestion. He was a good deal attacked about it, but he was glad to say that a very eminent cricketer, Mr Alfred Lyttelton, told him that he was on the right tack.

He ventured to suggest that the time had come when the batsman should not be allowed to have it all his own way. On country cricket grounds, where the wicket was not so good, they might be quite right in going on with the present stumps. He advocated that stumps should be raised one inch in first-class matches. In the old days a batsman had a much worse wicket to play on. Now, in first-class cricket, he had an absolutely perfect wicket - nearly like a billiard table.

The second thing was that he had to run out his runs, and everyone knew that after running fours twice in an over the batsman was not quite as ready to receive the next ball as he was before. Now he gave the ball a bit of a tap and it ran down the billiard table to the ropes, and all he had to do was to run once. The bowler, however, had to bowl quite as hard.

In the old days, whatever might be the state of light, cricketers always played until 7 o'clock. Now they got off at 6.30 or 6 o'clock, so that they had not to play at all in bad light. With all these improvements taking place, the bowler remained where he was, except where things had been altered to his disadvantage.

They should make a long and determined effort to bring before the committee of the M.C.C. the necessity of changing the conditions so as to have a chance of playing out three days' matches and of restoring the equilibrium of the bowler.

Saturday 17 September, page 11: GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

A meeting of the committee of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club was held yesterday at Bristol, when the satisfactory statement was forthcoming that no loss had been sustained this season, in spite of the bad weather experienced during several of the home matches.

It was decided to give Wrathall a benefit match next season, as a reward for his good work during the last eleven years. The services of ten professionals are to be retained, and winter pay was voted them.

A special effort is to be made to bring the guarantee fund up to the original sum proposed - £2,000 - and, as no call is to be made this year, the committee will probably succeed.

A week's cricket is again to be played at Gloucester provided the local club take steps to improve their ground. A new week is to be established at Bristol late in June or early in July, when it is hoped to secure the co-operation of several leading county ladies, in order to make the social side of the gathering a success.

LORD ALVERSTONE AND THE SURREY ELEVEN. - Lord Alverstone, president of the Surrey County Cricket Club, in a letter to the secretary of the Cranleigh Cricket Club, of which he is also president, explaining his absence from their annual dinner, wrote: -

"I am sure every one present will wish long life to Tom Hayward and congratulate him on his grand performances. I should like also to add, having watched the play of the Surrey eleven very carefully this season, that the eleven are a much stronger side than their place in the championship indicates, and, what is more encouraging, several of our new young players are not yet at their best. I live in hopes of a good colt from Cranleigh - and perhaps we have one now - who may yet make a name for himself."

Tuesday 20 September, page 10: THE PAST CRICKET SEASON

(From our Special Correspondent)

Cricket seasons in England are divided into two classes - seasons when the Australians are among us and seasons when they are not. The "test" matches completely overshadow all other matches, and in comparison with these the county matches fall into quite a secondary position.

In a season, however, like 1904, when the Australians are not in this country, the county championship is to the majority of cricketers the chief honour; and it is becoming difficult to get representative elevens for other matches. It is, for instance, to be regretted that when an excellent side like the South Africans are in England they should have so frequently to meet more or less scratch elevens, composed, in fact, in such a way as to deprive the match of much importance and interest.

Both Lancashire and Nottinghamshire played almost their second elevens against the Colonists, and such procedure is not courteous to a side consisting mainly of our own countrymen. The South Africans as a side were quite equal to the full strength of any county, though probably Lancashire, Yorkshire, Kent and Middlesex would win a majority of matches against them. The batting was sound, and in Mr Kotze and Mr Halliwell the side had the best very fast bowler and the best wicket-keeper in the world.

There is no reason why in the not distant future South Africa should not compete with picked elevens from England and Australia, and if this should be the case the arrangement of Colonial tours may become the leading feature of cricket.

The great match of any year when the Australians are not in England is, of course, that between the Gentlemen and Players at Lord's; and it is pleasant to record that the match was brought to a definite issue after a splendid fight. There were many features of interest, and the Gentlemen, in getting over 400 runs in the last innings, covered themselves with glory.

As the season went on, Warren, of Derbyshire, as a fast bowler, developed into such excellence that if a representative professional eleven were chosen again he would certainly find a place in it; but an accident to Tyldesley - perhaps the best professional batsman of the year - strangely enough was fortunate for the Players, for a place was found for King of Leicestershire, who performed the unique feat for the Players of scoring two hundreds in the same match.

The wicket for part of the match bumped in a way that has not been seen at Lord's for more than 25 years, and Mr Hesketh-Prichard in the early part of the Players' second innings was both effective and really dangerous. Arnold, in the Gentlemen's first innings, also bumped considerably, but the wicket got easier for the batsmen on the third day, and a splendid batting feat on the part of K S Ranjitsinhji, Mr Jackson and Mr Jones gave the Gentlemen the victory by two wickets.

It was unfortunate for the Players that a mistake - though a very excusable one - by the umpire whereby Mr Jackson was enabled to score over 80 runs instead of about 30 lost them the match; but such things must occur sometimes. The leg-break bowling of Braund was the best of its kind seen during the season, and the management of the Players' side by Lilley proved to the world that a professional may be a good captain - which of late years has certainly not been the rule.

The University match was like many University matches of late years. There were a lot of runs scored, and there was the highly unsatisfactory result of a drawn match, the fourth during the last six years. The bowling was partly good, partly respectable and partly inferior; and the fielding, though fair, was not so good as it should be; and the by no means unusual epidemic of missing catches at the finish lost Cambridge the match.

It is much to be regretted that Mr Wilson, the Cambridge captain, did not declare the innings at an end earlier, thereby giving Oxford a chance of getting the runs. Captains will not, however, in these days run any risks; they prefer a tiresome drawn match to any chance of a defeat, and, generally speaking, it is remarkable what little effect the rule enabling a captain to declare has had in averting drawn matches.

It may be doubtful if it is a healthy state of things that to avert actual defeat should be reckoned so much more the prime object than a possibly honourable defeat. In the present case Oxford had quite enough good batsmen to enable them, by playing their proper game, to have scored about 300 runs, and it surely ought to be more consoling to a captain to lose gloriously by so doing than [just to] escape defeat by finishing a lot of runs behind with only one or two wickets to fall. However, in this respect, all captains seem alike, but all the same we hope for a change of opinion.

County cricket at last saw Lancashire asserting themselves, and for the first time for many years they worked themselves up to the position of leading county. At the same time they were not such a good side as the best of those of Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Yorkshire in former years. They never met with defeat, but for the champion county they played too many drawn matches; and it is a strange and not altogether satisfactory feature that four of the leading counties, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Notts and Sussex, should leave more than half their matches unfinished in what was not, on the whole, a wet season. Lancashire, moreover, had by far the worst of the position in the return match with both Yorkshire and Middlesex.

All the same, Lancashire were a good eleven, with four admirable batsmen in Messrs MacLaren, Spooner and Poidevin, and Tyldesley, and among many good all-round players Hallows proved himself one of the best. They were lucky also in finding themselves possessed of several men who, as reserves, were quite up to county form, while the fast bowling of Mr Brearley and the Australian Kermode more than made up for the loss of Barnes.

Yorkshire were probably better all round in batting than they have ever been before, but their comparative deterioration was entirely owing to the falling off of Rhodes as a bowler. In some cases good batting and good bowling do not always go together, and possibly this is the same with Rhodes. It is certain that in the last tour in Australia Rhodes bowled very finely, but he was put in very low down on the batting list and was not given many opportunities of scoring. Good batsmen are so numerous and good bowlers so rare that it may be worth while for Yorkshire next season to follow Mr Warner's methods in the hope that what may be lost in Rhodes in batting will be compensated by greater skill in bowling.

More than half of the Yorkshire matches were unfinished, an extraordinary contrast to the state of things a few years ago; but still, though Mr Jackson was frequently absent, they were a good side.

Kent and Middlesex ran a close race for third place on the table, and at the end of the season it is probable that they were the two strongest county sides. Unlike Lancashire and Yorkshire, Kent played few drawn matches, and in the return with Middlesex they suffered what may be called a glorious defeat by declaring, in the hope, apparently, of bringing about a decisive result, a most laudable object which it is sad to have to record proved a failure, but only because an epidemic of missing catches raged during Middlesex's last innings.

Kent, like Somerset, seem to play county cricket in a joyous spirit, and they are always an attractive side to watch, fielding admirably and, what has not always been the case, having a strong nucleus of good professional batsmen in Humphreys, Seymour and A Hearne.

Middlesex have almost two elevens, the eleven up to August being deprived of the University and schoolmaster element; and it is probable that if this continues it will not be possible for them to avoid defeat in the early months. In August, however, they were a really fine side, and at that stage Middlesex and Kent were the two strongest counties.

Mr Bosanquet in some respects was the best all-round cricketer of the year. As a bowler he was unique; no good bowler ever bowled so many bad balls, and no bad bowler ever bowled so many good ones. It is, however, on good, easy wickets and against good batsmen that Mr Bosanquet is at his best, for under these conditions he is capable of sending down an unplayable ball as no other bowler can.

Middlesex, apparently, are always possessed of many good amateur cricketers, and Hearne is an excellent example of the length of time that a good length bowler who bowls within his strength and is of steady habits can go on year after year. Hearne has played longer than any other first-class bowler, and this year he fully earned his place in the Players' Eleven.

Nottinghamshire is a county composed of a few heroes and several keen, but up to the present not sufficiently good, performers. They also possess one of those lifeless, easy wickets that are enough to break the hearts of bowlers. For if they had ordinary wickets to bowl on, Wass, Hallam and John Gunn might compare favourably with any. In the long run Notts cricket would gain if the present wicket were ploughed up and, if possible, something done to put a little fire and difficulty in the ground.

In batting Notts depends almost entirely on Mr Jones, Iremonger and John Gunn, and the first two are unrivalled as a pair to go in first. Hardstaff, Day and G Gunn show some promise and, except on one or two occasions, the fielding was of a very high order. But some more talent must be found, or that which they already have must show greater improvement, if Nottinghamshire is to rise higher.

Sussex were a disappointing side. Messrs Fry and Ranjitsinhji are two such tremendous bats that they are in themselves sufficient to stave off defeat in almost any county match; but the side as a whole cannot win matches and, like Nottinghamshire, their bowlers suffer by having to bowl so much on such cruelly easy wickets.

Of the other counties Surrey are at present in a bad way, but if they could succeed in finding a good captain there seems to be a fair supply of young cricketers; but, like Nottinghamshire and Sussex, they have in the Oval a ground which tries bowlers too highly, if they are not a Richardson or a Lockwood. To be captain of a county like Surrey that plays 28 county matches a man must be found of great cricketing ability and command of unlimited time, and that may not be easy to accomplish.

One remarkable feat was performed by Surrey in the return match against Gloucestershire. Two amateur bowlers, and one of them a schoolboy, bowled through the whole two innings unchanged, and when this was last done must be left for the antiquary to unearth.

In batting Hayward surpassed himself. Playing as he did on a beaten and occasionally demoralized side, he constantly had to bat with the consciousness that if he failed the prospect of even making a decent fight was remote; but he seldom failed, and there was a look of power and skill in his batting that struck everybody. He has not the faculty of carefully watching the ball that made Shrewsbury and Mr Jackson the great batsmen they were and are on real bowlers' wickets; but, on the ordinary modern English wicket, no batsman excels Hayward in hitting the ball in the middle of the bat, and he is a very powerful driver also.

If Mr Raphael could be captain, Surrey next year might have a good season, for in Baker, Davis, Mr Crawford, Nice, Goatly and Gooder they have some promising young cricketers.

In a year like 1904 county cricket dominates the whole season, and there can be no doubt that this in many ways is to be regretted. It was found impossible owing to county fixtures to arrange what ought to have been the chief match of the year - namely, the M.C.C. Australian Eleven against a picked eleven of England. It was, indeed, started, but at a very early period of the season when the weather seldom allows a match to be finished.

The old fixtures like North and South and Gentlemen and Players at the Oval are practically extinct, though the first may possibly find a place in what may be called the holiday cricket at Scarborough and Hastings. If the Gentlemen and Players match at the Oval cannot be played when it is possible to get up more or less representative elevens, it had better be dropped, for the match as played last year was a farce. The rules of the game were disregarded, some of the players had hardly skill enough to represent any leading county, and all that was done was to provide a sort of exhibition of the game to keep up the faint interest of a few spectators who might have been attracted by the title of the match.

There are several matches that might be played, but are not, owing to the demands made by county cricket. For instance, a match between Gentlemen and Players chosen from all England except those 22 players who had been selected for the Gentlemen and Players match at Lord's, would be an interesting match, and might at any rate be played at the Oval and take the place of the burlesque that occurred there this year. The answer, however, is the invariable one - that the various counties will not give up any of their players, and so the matter drops. The tyranny of county cricket rules everywhere, and it is difficult to see how this can be remedied under present circumstances.

Mr MacLaren, an excellent judge of the game, of great experience, is reported to have said that bowling in this country was very inferior as compared with eight or nine years ago. If this remark is true as regards this country, it is equally so according to all reports in Australia, and there are other disquieting signs.

There is a dearth of really good fast bowling since the retirement of Richardson and Lockwood. In Australia, with the exception of Cotter, no fast bowler is chosen in any inter-State of "test" match; and it is impossible to say that we have many fast bowlers of any real merit in England. Warren, Fielder, G Wilson, Wass and Mr Brearley all but exhaust the list, and among these there is no Richardson or Lockwood.

It is the same story that reformers of the game have for years been preaching. The bowlers have not got a chance. They have to bowl as a rule day after day on wickets so easy that scoring becomes easier and easier; and what inducement can be held out to a youth to practise bowling? Schoolmasters have said that boys can only with difficulty be induced to practise bowling, and this is very intelligible. Some success is wanted before enjoyment can be secured; and what enjoyment can there be in bowling hour after hour on billiard table wickets while batsmen score their hundreds and flog the bowling all over the ground? The mere physical strength necessary to be a good fast bowler is more than the average man can give; and how can it be wondered at if good fast bowlers are few and getting fewer?

The year 1904 was an average sample of the English summer, and in first-class county cricket 96 matches were actually finished, while 118 were left drawn. Nobody could in June and July feel anything but pity for the unfortunate bowlers, who in the height of the season seldom got a day off from cricket the whole week except Sunday. The work is too hard; but until the batsmen come to a recognition of this truth and acquiesce in some reforms that will, on easy wickets, put batting and bowling on more equal terms the effectiveness of bowling will decrease.

It is impossible not to be struck each year with the fatal number of catches that are dropped. It is not in the spirit of a *laudator temporis acti* that this is alluded to. Catches always have been dropped, and with the practice now universal of wicket-keepers standing back to fast bowling it is probable that more wickets fall to catches now than used to be the case.

But the previous remarks made about the ineffectiveness of fast bowling apply with only little less force to fielding and catching. Mere physical weariness accounts for many catches being missed. It is impossible for an ordinary fieldsman to field hour after hour and preserve the freshness and agility that is necessary, not only to hold catches, but also to field well.

There is also another reason, and that is the care taken to ensure that the batsman and not the fieldsman shall have all in his favour as regards light. The umpires wear white coats; there is an elaborate white screen behind the bowler's arm; spectators in the pavilion are not allowed to move while the batsman plays with his face to the pavilion; and, lastly, only the batsman can appeal to

the umpires to stop play on account of the defective light. The unhappy fieldsman frequently finds raised stands and rows of seats round the ground, and this makes a background against which it is extremely difficult to watch closely the flight of the ball.

But when all this has been said there can be no question that far too many catches are dropped, and much more attention ought to be given to the practice and proper style of catching. Kent would have beaten Middlesex at Lord's, Cambridge would have beaten Oxford, Notts would probably have defeated Lancashire at Manchester had not, not one or two, but three, four, six and seven catches been missed; and in many other matches could the same be said.

But when all has been said and done, it is a counsel of perfection to say that catches ought all to be held; they always have been dropped and always will be; and no improvement in this respect is possible to an extent sufficient to diminish materially the number of drawn matches. Diminish the run-getting and fewer catches will be missed.

Tuesday 19 October, page 6: THE ESSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

The Essex committee have arranged to give a benefit next season to T Russell, but they have not yet decided which match he is to have. Essex will have exactly the same county programme next year as they did this and hope, in addition, to play the Australians twice.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Up to the present no reply has been received at Lord's to the M.C.C.'s invitation to the Australians to send a team to this country next season.

Thursday 21 October, page 10: THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

A meeting of the committee of the Warwickshire County Cricket Club was held at Birmingham yesterday evening, Mr G H Cartland presiding.

The programme for next season in connection with the county championship competition was submitted and approved. Negotiations had been successfully completed for matches with Sussex and Somerset, in addition to the counties played last season. Arrangements had also been made to meet Northamptonshire, subject to that county securing the requisite number of matches to qualify for participation in the competition.

Fixtures had again been arranged with Cambridge University. The engagements with London County had not been renewed. It was resolved to invite the Australians to meet Warwickshire should they visit this country next year. The county ground was also offered for a test match, or for a fixture between the Australians and the Midland Counties, or some similar combination.

The following will serve on the ground staff: - Lilley, Quaife, Hargreave, Field, Moorhouse, Charlesworth, Whittle, Kinneir, Santall, Smith and Weldrick. The services of E S Baker, of Leamington, had also been secured. Hyde and Higgins, left-handed bowlers, are on probation.

Friday 22 October, page 12: CRICKET

While the M.C.C. have received no reply to their invitation for an Australian team to visit England next summer, Mr F E Lacey has heard from Mr C W Alcock to the effect that the Australians have authorized him to arrange fixtures for the tour.

Tuesday 26 October, page 12: THE NEXT AUSTRALIAN TEAM

At the annual meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association at Melbourne last month the question of sending another team to England next season was discussed. In the course of the proceedings, it was

suggested that a team should not visit England unless some new talent were discovered; but eventually an amendment, which afterwards became the motion, was carried to the effect that a representative be appointed from each of the states concerned - namely, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia - to select the next Australian team.

Also that a suggestion be offered to the other two Associations that the three representatives so appointed should not select more than seven men as certain to go with the team. From these seven cricketers, three should be co-opted to act as an advisory board and help the three original representatives in choosing the remainder of the team.

W Bruce, the old Victorian cricketer, who has visited this country with some of the earlier elevens, pointed out that if the players like to band together and send a team to England the English Associations would not care so long as the team was a representative one. It was stated that Mr Alcock, the secretary of the Surrey Club, was arranging a programme of English matches at the request of certain of the players.

Wednesday 2 November, page 11: THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

In his report for last season, which was issued yesterday evening, Mr F C Toone, the secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, states that, although two more home matches were played than in the season before the gate receipts were £850 less. The gate receipts were affected by rain in such a degree that there was a loss of £588 on the season's working.

The great success of the season was the match set aside for George Hirst's benefit between Yorkshire and Lancashire at Leeds on August Bank Holiday. The benefit created a record both with respect to the number of people present and the amount realized. There were 78,681 people in attendance during the three days, 58,458 of whom paid for admission, and no less a sum than £3,703 2s was realized for Hirst. It is understood that the committee will pursue the usual practice of investing two-thirds of the net amount, and the remainder will be handed over to Hirst in due course.

As far as next season's programme is concerned, the committee propose to arrange fixtures with all the first-class counties, in addition to matches with the M.C.C., Cambridge University and the Australians, and it is hoped that a test match will be played on the Headingley Ground, Leeds.

Friday 11 November, page 9: THE COMING AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Melbourne, Nov. 10.

Some doubts having existed as to the arrangements which are being made for the visit of a team of Australian cricketers to England next summer, it may be interesting to state what the facts are.

The printed circular of the M.C.C. of August 6 was not regarded as a definite invitation, since it only gave an assurance of welcome if an Australian team should be sent. The Sydney Association acknowledged the receipt of the circular on August 19, and the South Australian Association on August 27. The Melbourne Cricket Club would have formally acknowledged the receipt of the circular but for the illness of the secretary, Major Wardill. Certainly no discourtesy was intended.

A representative of the leading players wrote to Mr C W Alcock early in September, stating that a team was coming and asking him to arrange a programme as heretofore.

There is at present no deadlock in regard to the selection of the team. The Victorian Association has appointed Robert Macleod as selector, and the South Australian Association has appointed J Darling. New South Wales has not yet appointed any one.

It is possible that those players who are certainties may personally raise some objection to the selectors, on the ground that they are not engaged in active cricket; but it is certain that nothing can prevent the despatch of a thoroughly representative team, which will leave on February 1 for New Zealand, where the men will play a series of matches before proceeding to England via Canada. They are due in London on April 20. - Reuter.

In connection with the visit of the Australian cricketers to England next season, the following cablegram was yesterday received by the M.C.C. at Lord's: - "Three associations accept invitation. We confirm our letter of September 19 accepting invitation on behalf of New South Wales."

Monday 14 November, page 9: THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual report of the Hampshire County Cricket Club, which was issued on Saturday, shows that, although the general receipts exceeded those of last year, there was a loss on the season's working. Webb's benefit realized a sum of £152 3s 10d, and the committee regret that a more substantial sum was not forthcoming.

Dr Bencraft, after 25 years' service to the club as honorary secretary, has given notice of his intention to resign that office, which the committee recommend shall be discontinued.

Thursday 17 November, page 6: THE YORKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

At a meeting of the committee of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, held at Leeds yesterday, a cheque for £1,203 was presented to G H Hirst, the sum being a portion of the proceeds of his benefit. The balance of £2,500 will be invested under the trusteeship of the county committee.

The committee had before them an application for a benefit or for a grant from Lees Whitehead, their reserve player in recent seasons. It was decided to make him a grant of £250. With a sum standing to this player's credit from the county's scheme of winter pay Lees Whitehead will receive a little over £400.

The annual meeting of the county club was held after the committee meeting. Lord Hawke presided, and moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. Lord Hawke said there had been a loss on the season's working of £588. This was accounted for by a falling off in the receipts at the matches at the three chief cities in the county - Leeds, Sheffield and Bradford.

He spoke highly of the services of all the members of the Yorkshire team, making special reference to the performance of Hirst in scoring over 2,000 runs last season, and to that of Hunter in having achieved the record of capturing 1,000 wickets in his position as wicket-keeper. He noted with pleasure the improvement which had taken place in the play of the second eleven.

Referring to the marvellous success of Hirst's benefit, Lord Hawke said that it was thoroughly deserved, and expressed the hope that Hirst would long be able to devote his services to the county.

Lord Hawke was re-elected president of the club.

#### NEXT SEASON'S FIXTURES

The following fixtures have been arranged at Lord's for next summer: - Oxford v Cambridge, July 6, 7 and 8; Gentlemen v Players, July 10, 11 and 12; and Eton v Harrow, July 14 and 15.

Tuesday 22 November, page 9: THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

The committee of the M.C.C. met yesterday and decided that the first meeting of the board of control for the test matches next year should be held at Lord's on Monday, December 5. As before, the board will consist of six representatives of the six counties standing at the top of the list in the championship. The president of the M.C.C. will be chairman.

At the meeting on December 5 the dates for the five test matches will be finally settled and the ground on which the first match is to be played will be selected. It may be taken for granted that four of the matches will be played respectively at Lord's, Leeds, Manchester and the Oval.

The five dates suggested are Monday, May 29, Thursday, June 15, Monday, July 3, Monday, July 24 and Monday, August 14. The match in June will be at Lord's and the match in August at the Oval.

Wednesday 23 November, page 9: THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The six representatives of the Marylebone Club on the Board of Control for the test matches next season will be: - Lord Granby (president), Lord Alverstone, Lord Lichfield, Lord Harris, Mr A G Steel and Mr R E Foster.

#### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket Club will be held on Tuesday, November 29, at the Charing-cross Hotel.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Mr George Cartland presided over a committee meeting of the Warwickshire Club at Birmingham yesterday, when it was announced that the joint benefit to Richards and Whitehead amounted to £110 each. Whitehead, it may be remembered, died on the last day of the match.

Friday 25 November, page 8: THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The report and balance-sheet to be submitted to the annual meeting of the Lancashire County Club on December 9 states that the committee felt justified in claiming this year as a record year of Lancashire cricket. Although the honour of the championship fell to the county in 1881 and again in 1897 - in the former case also with an unbeaten record - yet the number of matches was considerably smaller than during this year.

The excess of income over expenditure enables the committee to reduce by £2,000 the liability incurred in purchasing Old Trafford ground. This liability, originally £24,000, now stands at £15,000. Subscriptions amounted to £3,274 and gate receipts from over 155,000 people to £5,434. The players' wages in county matches were £1,389. The balance-sheet shows an excess of assets over liabilities valued at £11,637.

#### HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

At Southampton yesterday Mr Moberly presided over the annual meeting of the Hampshire County Club. In moving the adoption of the report, which showed that, despite a slight increase in receipts, there was again a loss on the year's working.

Mr Moberly said that the financial position was a rather serious one, and that the club did not get the support from Southampton and the district they had the right to expect. The balance-sheet showed that there was a profit of £40 on the matches played at Portsmouth, a loss of £3 on those at Bournemouth, and a loss of over £200 on those at Southampton.

The report and balance-sheet having been adopted, Captain Hoare, of Hamble, was chosen as president and Mr E M Sprot was re-elected captain.

A letter was read from Major Poore advocating - with a view to bettering Hampshire cricket - that the county be divided into divisions and sections, the retention of good coaches and the improvement of the practice wickets at Southampton. The subject was referred to the committee.

It was decided to place on record the club's regret at the death of the patron, the Earl of Northbrook.

The resignation of Dr Bencraft, after 25 years' service as hon. secretary, was also received with regret. Reference was made to his valuable services, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him.

Monday 28 November, page 9: THE SOMERSET COUNTY CLUB

In the absence of the president, the Hon Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane, Mr L C H Palairret was voted to the chair at the annual meeting of the Somerset County Club, which was held at Taunton on Saturday afternoon.

The balance-sheet, presented by Mr Gerald Fowler, showed a deficit of over £400, and this will have to be met by a call on each of the guarantors to the extent of £2 17s 6d.

The Hon Sir Spencer Ponsonby-Fane was again elected president, with Mr S M J Woods as captain, Mr H E Murray Anderson and Mr S M J Woods as secretaries, and Mr G Fowler as treasurer. Lord Cork and Orrery and Sir Edward Boyle were appointed new vice-presidents.

Mr Fowler, in acknowledging his re-election, observed that a great many hard things had been said by Surrey about Somerset, and also about himself, but he considered that he had behaved in a perfectly straightforward manner and the Somerset committee knew all the facts of the case. He had not written to the newspapers because personally he did not approve of discussing matters of that sort in the Press, as it only led to more ill-feeling. There was no doubt that at present Surrey were very much annoyed, but he hoped that in the course of time they would get over it and that Somerset would once more be able to play them.

It was stated that the Australian, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Sussex matches had been allotted to Bath, and Mr Perkins, an ex-mayor of Taunton, raised a protest against the Australian match going from Taunton. A motion asking the committee to reconsider their decision with regard to this matter was lost.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Worcestershire County Cricket Club, held at Worcester on Saturday, Lord Coventry was re-elected president, Mr P H Foley honorary secretary and treasurer and Mr H K Foster captain.

Satisfaction was expressed at the steady decrease of the annual deficit, which last year was £327, as compared with £607 in the year before. The subscriptions amounted to £1,211, as compared with £1,091; working expenses to £2,887, as against £3,256; gate money to £811, against £782.

Mr Foley said that with the receipts from the Australian visit and from the match which they were hoping to arrange in conjunction with Warwickshire against the Australians, he believed that next year they would turn the corner financially.

Mr H K Foster said that the prospects of the team next season were more favourable than ever, as Mr R E Foster would be able to play, and Cuffe, a left-hand bowler, would be qualified.

Tuesday 29 November, page 11: THE FORTHCOMING TEST MATCHES

A correspondent recently wrote to the Marquis of Granby, president of the board of control for the test matches between England and Australia, expressing the opinion that the question as to whether three days will be sufficient for finishing the games ought to receive earnest consideration before the Australian team arrives in this country.

It was pointed out that the games in past years which had been favoured with fine weather all through had invariably ended in unsatisfactory draws, it being found that three days were insufficient to bring the matches to definite conclusions. The Marquis of Granby, who was asked if he did not think that more than three days should be allotted to the test games next summer, has replied as follows: -

"16, Arlington-street, S.W., Nov. 24, 1904.

"Sir, - In reply to your letter, I have to tell you that the question of the number of days which should be given for each Australian test match has been thoroughly discussed both by the Counties' Association and the M.C.C. Committee, and for many reasons the present arrangements were unanimously decided on - viz., three days for all test matches except the last one, which, is necessary to decide the rubber, is to be played out.

"I fear, therefore, that the subject cannot be reopened as regards 1905 cricket. - Yours truly,  
GRANBY."

Wednesday 30 November, page 11: THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Cricket Club was held yesterday at the Charing-Cross Hotel, Mr V E Walker, the president, being in the chair.

The balance-sheet was adopted, and votes of thanks were passed to Mr G MacGregor and Mr P F Warner for their services in captaining the eleven during the past season. All the officials of the club were re-elected, and sympathetic reference was made to the death of Mr W J Ford.

The fixture list next season will be the same as it was this year, with the addition of a match with the Australians at Lord's on August 10. At the request of Surrey, Middlesex will have no match at Lord's on July 17, as that date has been chosen for the Gentlemen and Players' match at the Oval. The usual grants were made to the professionals. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

There was a profit on this year's matches of £697 0s 8d. The accounts show a balance in hand of £564 9s 10, but from this sum will have to be deducted £300 which was advanced by Mr V E Walker last year to avoid selling Consols at their present price. In Two-and-a-Half per Cent Consols the club have £4,500 invested.

By far the most profitable match this year was the one with Lancashire. Although the third day was almost a blank through rain, the receipts from this fixture came to a little over £380.

At a committee meeting held before the general meeting it was decided that Mr A J Webbe and Mr G MacGregor should represent Middlesex at the secretaries' meeting at Lord's on Tuesday next, and that Mr MacGregor should be the representative of the county on the board of control for the test matches.

Monday 5 December, page 11: CRICKET

The Board of Control for the test matches will hold their first meeting at Lord's to-day at 5 o'clock.

The captains of the first-class counties meet at Lord's this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of appointing umpires in county matches next season.

The full programme for next year's cricket will be arranged at Lord's to-morrow at the annual meeting of the county secretaries.

Tuesday 6 December, page 11: THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The board of control for the test matches next season met for the first time at Lord's yesterday afternoon, those present being Lord Granby (president), Lord Alverstone, Lord Lichfield, Lord Harris and Mr R E Foster, representing the M.C.C., Mr J Hornby (Lancashire), the Hon F S Jackson (Yorkshire), Mr G MacGregor (Middlesex), Mr J R Mason (Kent), Mr W E Denison (Nottinghamshire) and Lord Winterton (Sussex). Mr A G Steel (M.C.C.) was the only absentee. Mr F E Lacey attended as secretary to the board.

The only business had relation to the dates and places for the five Test matches. The five provisional dates were confirmed, and the first match, on May 20, was allotted to the Trent-bridge ground, Nottingham, applications having also been received from Birmingham and Cardiff. The second match will be played at Lord's on June 15, the third at Leeds on July 3, the fourth at Manchester on July 24 and the fifth at the Oval on August 14.

As arranged during the summer the first four matches will be restricted to three days each, but the fifth, in the event of the rubber depending on it, will be played to a finish, irrespective of the time occupied. The board will hold its next meeting some time in February.

#### MEETING OF COUNTY CAPTAINS

The county captains met at Lord's, yesterday afternoon, and selected the following 20 umpires for first-class matches next season: -

W Attended (Nottinghamshire), R G Barlow (Lancashire), J Carlin (Nottinghamshire), Brown (Cheshire), A Millward (Worcestershire), T Mycroft (Derbyshire), J Moss (Nottinghamshire), J Phillips (Middlesex), A Pike (Nottinghamshire), W Richards (Warwickshire), C E Richardson (Leicestershire), A Shaw (Nottinghamshire and Sussex), V A Titchmarsh (Hertfordshire), W A J West (Northamptonshire), J E West (Middlesex), A A White (Kent), A J Atfield (Gloucestershire), A D Pougher (Leicestershire), F W Marlow (Sussex) and S Wade (Yorkshire).

The following supplementary umpires were chosen: - W Flowers (Nottinghamshire), R Humphrey (Surrey), W Shrewsbury (Nottinghamshire), L Hall (Yorkshire) and W Wright (Kent).

The only changes for last year's list of 20 are Brown, Atfield, Pougher, Marlow and Wade for W Hearn, Hall, Wright, Rogers and W Shrewsbury.

The selecting body consisted of Mr R H Spooner (Lancashire), in the absence of Mr A C MacLaren, the Hon F S Jackson (Yorkshire), Mr G MacGregor (Middlesex), Mr C H B Marsham (Kent), Mr H D G Leveson-Gower (Surrey), Mr A O Jones (Nottinghamshire), Mr C B Fry (Sussex), Mr G L Jessop (Gloucestershire), Mr S M J Woods (Somerset), Mr H K Foster (Worcestershire), Mr J F Byrne (Warwickshire), Mr A E Lawton (Derbyshire), Mr E M Sprot (Hampshire) and Mr O R Borrodaile (Essex), in the absence of Mr F L Fane. Leicestershire were not represented.

Wednesday 7 December, page 11: MEETING OF COUNTY SECRETARIES - THE FIRST-CLASS FIXTURES FOR 1905

The meeting of county secretaries was held at Lord's yesterday, Mr F E Lacey, secretary of the Marylebone Club, presiding.

The chief business was the confirming of fixtures for next season. An excellent list of matches has been arranged for the Australians, who are due to arrive in England on April 20, and will play their first match at the Crystal Palace on May 4. It was stated that the first M.C.C. match against the Australians might be changed to Gentlemen of England v Australians, as there seems to be a general wish that a match of this kind should be played if a representative side could be got together.

Northamptonshire having arranged home and home matches with six first-class counties, will be included in the County Championship. The chief fixtures for next season are given below: -

[Note: These can be found on Cricket Archive at [http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal\\_Averages/ENG/1905\\_f\\_Match\\_List.html](http://cricketarchive.co.uk/Archive/Seasons/Seasonal_Averages/ENG/1905_f_Match_List.html)]

#### THE MINOR COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION

Before the meeting of the secretaries of the first-class counties, the representatives of the minor counties held their annual meeting. Mr A M Miller (Wiltshire) was voted to the chair, and among those present were Mr R W Allen and Mr W W Marks (Bedfordshire), Mr Turner and Sir C E M Y Nepean (Berks), Mr H E Bull and Mr P J de Paravicini (Bucks), Major O Papworth (Cambridgeshire), Mr T Bray and Mr H Tresawna (Cornwall), the Rev S W Featherstone (Devon), Mr W Hardy Manfield (Dorset), Mr W R Wilson and Mr R H Mallett (Durham), Mr J H Brain (Glamorgan), Dr Earl Norman and Mr H M Harford (Hertfordshire), Mr A Butler (Monmouthshire), Mr E G Buxton (Norfolk), Mr Darnell and Mr P W Dale (Northamptonshire), Mr G H Clayton and Mr R G Mortimer (Northumberland), Mr F C Bridson (Oxfordshire), Mr H C Hancock (Staffordshire), Mr R L Hodgson (Suffolk), Mr C W Alcock and Mr H D G Leveson-Gower (Surrey Second Eleven) and Mr R W Frank (Yorkshire Second Eleven).

Before the business on the agenda was taken, Mr A J Darnell made a few remarks on the position - which he regarded as unique - of Northamptonshire. What had been done in the direction of gaining

promotion had had the full sanction of Mr Mallett, Dr Norman and the emergency committee. They had taken no steps without the approval of the body to which they belonged.

Surrey, Warwickshire, Hampshire and Leicestershire had definitely given them fixtures, and Derbyshire had been kind enough to state that, if it came to a question of one more fixture, they would consider the matter. On the assumption that they would be promoted to the ranks of first-class counties, they had set to work to wipe off their debt of about £1,200, and they had succeeded in their endeavours.

On the motion of Mr E G Buxton, seconded by Mr W H Manfield, Dr Norman and Mr Mallett were unanimously re-elected hon. secretaries, and Mr A J Darnell, Mr R W Allen, Mr A M Miller, Mr P J de Paravicini, Mr H M Harford and Major Turner were elected to serve on the emergency committee. Mr P J de Paravicini and the two hon. secretaries, Dr Norman and Mr Mallett, were elected as representatives of the Minor Counties' Association on the Advisory Cricket Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the motion by Bedfordshire that "Rule 9" of the association be so altered that in future two points instead of one be given for a match decided on the first innings. After some discussion, Mr Mallett proposed that the points for drawn games, in which play shall have taken place, be so altered that one point shall be given to each side, and this suggestion met with the hearty approval of the meeting.

In its amended form "Rule 9" reads: - "Three points shall be scored for a win in a completed match. Should the match not be completed, the side leading on the first innings shall score two points. In the event of a tie in a completed match or in a match decided on the first innings, the points shall be divided. In matches in which play shall have taken place but no result on the first innings shall have been attained, each side shall score one point."

The following proposal was then carried with two dissentients: - "That the committee of the M.C.C. be asked to sanction the matches of the Minor Counties' Competition of 1905 being played with this alteration to 'Law 54': - 'The in-side may declare their innings at an end in a two-days' match at any time.'"

Dr Norman announced that a letter had been received from London County asking for permission to go in the Minor Counties' Competition next year. After a long discussion in which it was argued that, geographically, London County did not exist, Mr H D G Leveson-Gower moved as an amendment that the proposal be not entertained.

Mr Featherstone seconded the amendment, which was carried. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

Thursday 8 December, page 12: THE MINOR COUNTY UMPIRES

The captains of the minor counties met at Lord's yesterday and selected the following umpires for the season of 1905: -

#### NORTH

C E Bartram, D Bookless, W Copeland, J Gregory, G P Harrison, W Hearne, M Myers and Owen Firth.

#### MIDLAND

H Coolson, R Rogers, G Rye, A Stockwin, S Wrigley and C Marshall.

#### SOUTH

R Barber, C E Brown, W Griffiths, J Holton, R Humphrey, W Jennings, A W Mason, C Mills, F G Willoughby, G Perkins, C Hughes and Sergeant Willis.

The following were appointed as supernumerary umpires: - W Bryan and J Powell (Midlands), A Eldridge and J Ford (South), and G Boots (South-West).

#### THE DURATION of TEST MATCHES

A correspondent drew the attention of Mr P F Warner to the recent letter written by Lord Granby, president of the Board of Control for the Test Matches, on the subject of the duration of the test games to be played between England and Australia next summer. In his communication, Lord Granby said

that the counties and the M.C.C. Committee had unanimously decided that three days should be allowed for test matches except the last one which, if necessary to decide the rubber, was to be played out.

Mr Warner was asked whether he did not think it would have been better for the Board of Control to have arranged for three games and to have allowed sufficient time for them to be brought to a definite conclusion. The following reply has been received: -

"December 2, 1904. Dear Sir, - Many thanks for your letter of yesterday's date. I have always been in favour of playing test matches in this country to a finish, and when the matter came up at a meeting of the Middlesex Committee at Lord's last time I said so. However, it was decided by a majority to recommend the present scheme.

"I quite agree with you that it is a pity that county cricket should be considered of such vital importance as to interfere with the bringing to a definite conclusion of the great international matches, but so far as next season is concerned it is, I fear, too late to alter the arrangements which have been made. The present scheme is a compromise, but I fancy it is the thin end of the wedge, and when the Australians come in 1908 I confidently look forward to the test matches being played to a finish. I favour five rather than three, as five test matches are a fairer test of the abilities of the two elevens. Yours truly, P F WARNER."

Saturday 10 December, page 13: THE DURATION OF TEST MATCHES

Mr H W Bainbridge has sent the following reply to a correspondent who asked whether he did not think that it would have been far better for the Board of Control for the test matches to have arranged for three test games to be played and to have allowed sufficient time for each of them to be brought to a definite conclusion: -

"Dec. 6, 1904.

"Dear Sir, - I am sorry for delay in replying, but your letter has only reached me yesterday. In reply to your question I may say that I was present at the committee meeting when the decision as to these matches was made, and the new plan was, after long debate, considered the only possible improvement on the old arrangement. There is great objection taken in this country to lengthening matches - much more probably than you realize - and it would, I think, be a pity to adopt the Australian system *in toto*.

"Some years ago it was freely stated that after beating England at Lord's the Australians played to draw the other matches and thus ensure victory in the rubber. If one match is won and three drawn under the new plan, there may of course be one win each in the end and a draw on the rubber, but this result would not really hurt the game of cricket.

"The only reason that the committee had in allowing this match to be played out was that at least one match should be finished. Personally I think present-day scoring is much too high and that matches last too long. I do not like the idea of encouraging slow play.

"Yours faithfully,  
"HERBERT W BAINBRIDGE."

A NEW FIXTURE FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The committee of the Gloucestershire County Cricket Club met at Bristol yesterday, when it was decided to add a match with Cambridge University at Cambridge on May 25 and the following days to the list already arranged.

It is understood that Wrathall will take the game with Lancashire at Bristol on August 14, 15 and 16 for his benefit.

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Lancashire County Club was held at Manchester yesterday, Mr A N Hornby presiding.

In seconding the adoption of the report, Mr T Swindells said that he could not understand how any committee going over the records of the season could have omitted all mention of Mr Brearley's name. Mr Brearley took 77 wickets at a cost of 21 runs. Mr Swindells asked the committee if they were not going to play Mr Brearley, who were they going to play?

Mr Hornby, in reply, said that, as next season had not arrived, the selection committee could not possibly decide what bowler or player should play. The committee, he added in reply to a question, had certainly not decided to dispense with Mr Brearley's services. If Mr Brearley were good enough to play next season the committee would play him.

Mr Hornby was re-elected president.

Monday 12 December: ALTERATION IN THE COUNTY FIXTURES

A slight alteration has been made in the Hampshire fixtures. The match against Kent, on August 14, 15 and 16, will be played at Portsmouth instead of at Southampton, and that with Warwickshire, on August 24, 25 and 26, will take place at Southampton instead of at Portsmouth.

CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, Dec. 9.

The South African Cricket Association has declined the offer of a visit from the Australian team on its return from England. An English team will be invited to visit South Africa instead. - Reuter.

Wednesday 14 December, page 12: CRICKET

At their meeting on Monday the committee of the M.C.C. approved of the resolution passed at the secretaries' meeting last week - that six out and home county matches should, in view of the Australian visit, qualify for the County Championship next season. This secures the position of Northamptonshire among the first-class teams, that county having obtained the required number of fixtures.

The question as to whether or not George Burton should have the Whit Monday match at Lord's between Middlesex and Somerset for his benefit was referred to the Cricket Sub-committee, who will meet early in the new year.

The funeral of Mr James Cranston, the celebrated Gloucestershire cricketer, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Bristol, yesterday, in the presence of many representatives of local and Gloucestershire county cricket. Wreaths were sent from several members of the Grace family, the Gloucestershire County Club, the Gloucestershire county ground professionals and the Westbury Club - of which Mr Cranfield was for many years a member.

Thursday 29 December: FORECAST OF THE AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Melbourne, Dec. 28.

The cricket expert of the Melbourne Argus gives the following forecast of the team to visit England next year: - Noble, Trumper, Duff, Kelly, Hopkins, Waddy, Cotter, Johnston, Howell, Sidney Gregory, Armstrong, McLeod and Hill.

Waddy, of Sydney University, is a brother of P S Waddy, the old Oxford University player.

A conference will be held at Sydney on January 6 to discuss matters. The associations are inclined to resent the action of the players in appointing Laver manager to the team without consulting them. - Reuter.

VICTORIA, B.C., Dec. 28.

Information has been received here that the Australian cricket team will travel to England via Canada. They will, however, reach Canada too early in the season for any matches to be possible. - Reuter.

VICTORIA v NEW SOUTH WALES

Melbourne, Dec. 28.

The inter-State match between Victoria and New South Wales was concluded to-day in warm weather and before a fair attendance. The wicket was good. Victoria scored 345 in their second innings, leaving New South Wales victorious by 135 runs.

Trumper has not been playing in the inter-State matches owing to business engagements.

Friday 30 December: THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TEAM

Melbourne, Dec. 29.

There are indications that a satisfactory solution will be reached in the matter of the difficulties attending the selection of a manager of the Australian cricket team to visit England next year. The selection committee will probably adopt the players' choice. - Reuter.

Saturday 31 December, page 10: CRICKET

The cricket team which will leave Bristol to-day for the West Indies in the Elder Dempster steamship Port Kingston is the fifth team which has visited these islands from England.

The cricketers who will take part in the tour are Lord Brackley, Mr C P Foley, Captain E G Wynyard, Mr G H Simpson-Hayward, Mr H J Powys-Keck, Mr C H M Ebden, Mr H Hesketh-Prichard, Mr T G O Cole, Mr A F Somerset, Mr G H Drummond and Mr R C W Burn, with Thompson, of Northamptonshire, and Hayes of Surrey. Lord Brackley will captain the side.

The arrangements of the fixtures for the tour have been settled by the authorities in the West Indies, and the matches will be played at the following places between the following dates: -

At Jamaica. - Between January 11 and January 24.  
At Barbados. - Between January 28 and February 13.  
At St Lucia. - Between February 14 and February 23.  
At Barbados. - Between February 24 and February 27.  
At Demerara. - Between March 1 and March 9.  
At Barbados. - Between March 11 and March 13.  
At St Vincent. - March 14 and 15.  
At Grenada. - Between March 20 and March 25.  
At Trinidad. - Between March 29 and April 7.

It is expected that the strongest opposition will be encountered at Barbados and at Trinidad. The bowling of the visiting team is exceptionally strong, and bids fair to equal, if not to excel, that of any former team from England which has made the journey. With Mr Hesketh-Prichard, Thompson, Hayes, Mr Powys-Keck, Mr Burn, Mr Simpson-Hayward and Captain Wynyard there should be a great variety of attack, while the batting of the side should also be quite good.