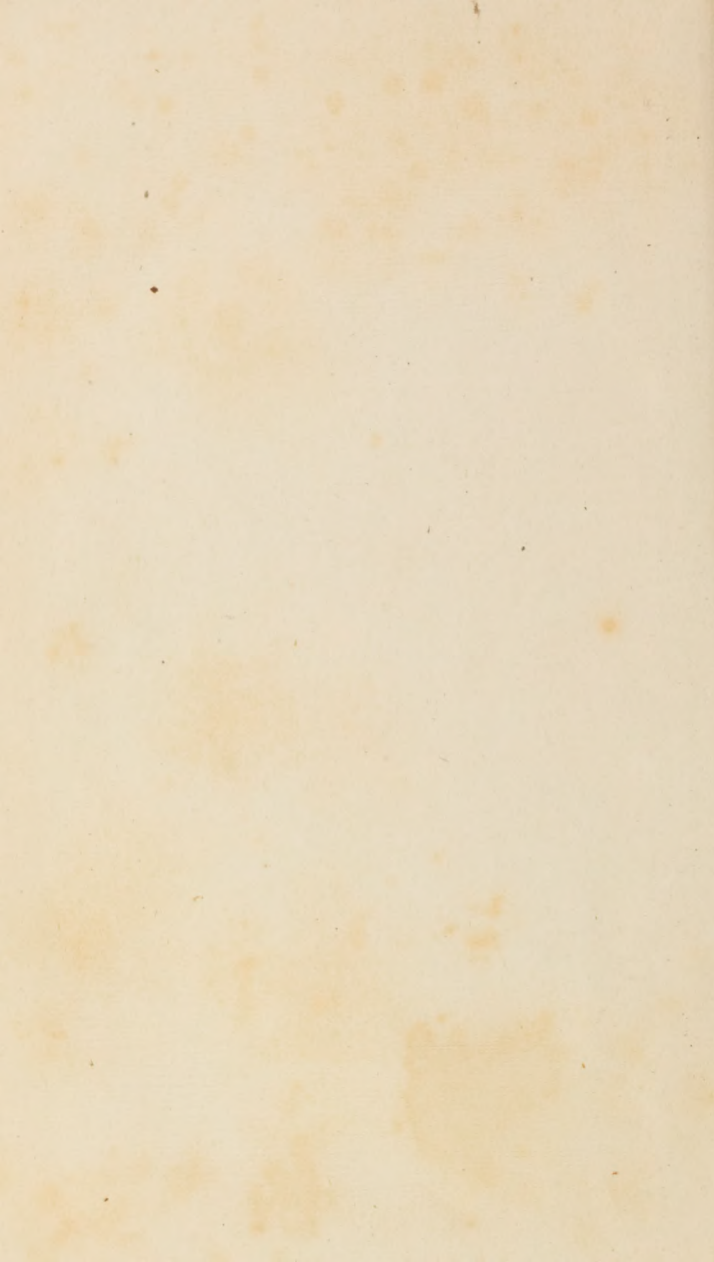


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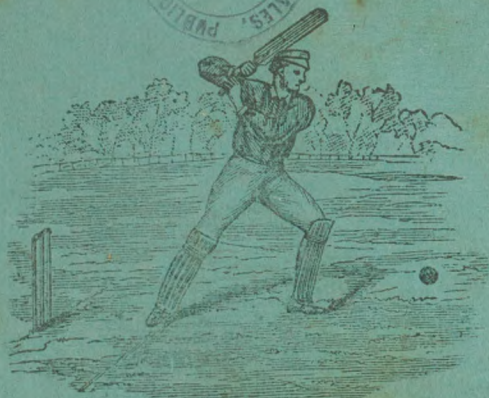
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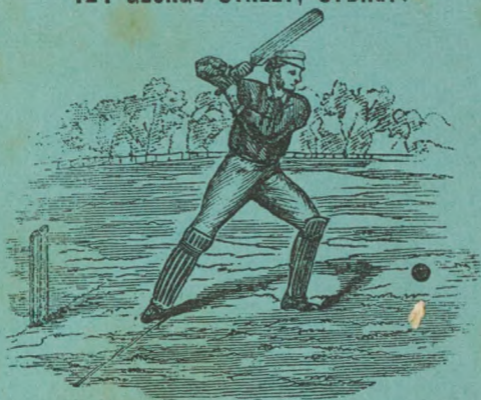
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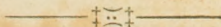
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

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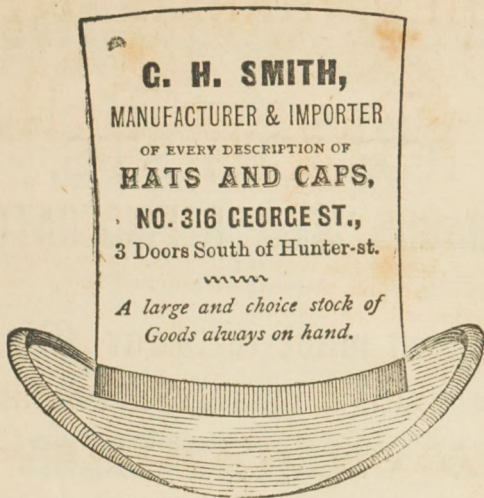
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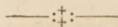
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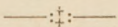
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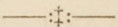
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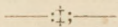


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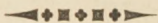
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
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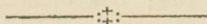
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Addenda.

Page 183—For “Bungowarra” read “Bungowannah.”

Page 222—Last line of Second Challenge Cup—for “Newington” read “Newtown.”

Page 247—For “Churtse” read “Shultz.”

Page 247—“Maul,” we have since ascertained that this is not a telegraphic error, see page 36.

Page 249—In second line for “T. Docker” read “T. Powell.”

Page 275—For “22 of West Scotland” read “12.”

Page 278—In Bowling Analyses, Marylebone Match, the headings, “M. O.” and “Runs” are transposed.

Page 304—For “25 wickets” read “5.”

In the paragraphs referring to Country Clubs, page 161, we have inadvertently omitted to notice the following clubs:—

Parramatta, Alfred Cricket Club.

West Maitland, D. Cohen & Co.’s Club.

The former played 31 matches and won 17; but we regret that the particulars are not as full as we should have desired. We are aware they possess a good ground, and they ought to render a good account of themselves during the coming season. The latter is of recent origin, having only been in existence during the past season; seven matches have been engaged in, four of which were victories; as the name implies, the members belong to the establishment of Messrs. David Cohen & Co. We should advise this club to compete for the “Warehouseman’s Challenge Cup.”

Inaccuracies occur in a few of the scores of the various matches played by the Australian Eleven, but we give them as they were received by us.

Special Notice to Honorary Secretaries.

THE Publishers of the "New South Wales Cricketers' Guide" would impress upon Secretaries of Clubs the necessity of seeing the scoring-books kept correctly, and to forward their reports in the following forms as soon as possible after the close of the season.

The returns should be on *separate sheets of paper*, written on *one side only* :—

1. Name of Club.
 2. Office-bearers.
 3. Short *resumé* of season.
 4. Critical Remarks on Players.
 5. Batting averages.
 6. Bowling analysis.
 7. Results of matches played.
 8. Address of Secretary.
 9. Special remarks or suggestions.
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Nos. 5, 6, and 7 should be furnished in columns, according to the tables appended :—

BATTING AVERAGES.

Name of Batsman.	Total Innings.	Times not out.	Most in an Innings.	Most in a Match.	Total Runs.	Average Runs per Innings.

NOTE.—If a Batsman be *not out* the runs should be *added to the total*, but it is not to be counted as an Innings.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

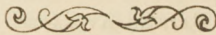
Name of Bowler.	No. of Balls Bowled.	Maiden Overs.	Wides.	No Balls.	Total Runs.	Average Runs per Wicket.

NOTE.—In both Batting and Bowling Averages the *Runs over* should be stated, but *not* expressed in *fractions*.

MATCHES PLAYED.

Date of Match.	Where Played.	Opposing Team.	Scores of Club.		Total.	Scores of Opposing Team.		Total.	Result of Match
			1st In.	2nd In.		1st In.	2nd In.		

Communications can be addressed to Messrs. Cohen, Harris, and Co., 424, George-street, Sydney, and endorsed "Cricket."



Dedication.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW SOUTH WALES
CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

SIR AND GENTLEMEN,—The position held by you as the leading executive body in cricketing matters, is, we are sure, a sufficient reason for dedicating to you “The New South Wales Cricketer’s Guide and Annual” for the season 1877-1878, and publishing the same under your high authority.

Those interested in the progress of this great national sport have fully appreciated the zeal you have shown in advancing its culture, and your successful efforts in maintaining the prestige of our representatives against teams from England and Victoria, and your efficient management of the finances entrusted to you.

In undertaking, therefore, a work intended to advance the interests of the game in New South Wales exclusively, we hope that it will be some assistance in carrying out the principles which have always actuated your body.

We have to some extent made this number retrospective, so as to enable our readers to refer to any bygone matches of importance which may be generally, or individually, a “sunny memory”: the short time at our disposal has not allowed us to make it as complete as we would have wished, but we trust every succeeding year will carry an improvement and make the work a popular and reliable authority.

Our long connection with the cricketing community has made the compilation of this work a *labour of love*; and our best efforts will be directed to make future editions interesting and trustworthy.

The immense success of the Australian Eleven in England has given a great impetus to cricket, and full reports of their matches in the old country and also in Australia and America compiled to latest date of going to press will be found in the Guide.

Trusting our Annual will be conducive to the advancement of the game in New South Wales, and wishing yourselves and the cricketers of the colony a prosperous season,

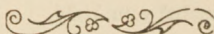
We remain, Sir and gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

COHEN, HARRIS, & CO.

424 George Street, Sydney,

1st November, 1878.



PREFACE.



THE Publishers, in issuing their first annual edition of the "New South Wales Cricketers' Guide and Annual," trust the work will meet with the encouragement and approval of the cricketing Community.

During the last few seasons it has been evident to all supporting the game, that the interests of Cricket in New South Wales, demanded a publication exclusively to itself, where every Club (large or small), could be noticed, and players of all ranks referred to. A Guide relating to all the Colonies could not possibly devote the space necessary.

The Publishers regret that the work is not as complete as they would wish. Many Clubs in the country have not answered the applications for returns, and in many more the Scoring Books are not sufficiently explicit. We must urge upon all gentlemen acting as Honorary Secretaries, if they wish their Clubs to be reported in the "Guide," to send in their returns immediately at the close of the season. A memo of the mode of compiling the information required is appended.

The work appears later than at first intended, as it was desirable to wait for the conclusion of the matches played in England by the Australian Team. Full reports of these matches are given, as also a summary of the Intercolonial Matches from the commencement.

The Publishers trust that the Annual will be more complete year by year. Special efforts will be made by them to carry out their intention of representing EVERY CLUB in the Colony.

In the Batting Averages of Clubs, players who average below 5 runs, and Bowlers who failed to take less than a tenth of the total number of wickets, are omitted. A line must be drawn somewhere, and this will, we hope, be admitted as a liberal standard.

We trust that our efforts to supply the want felt among the Cricketers of the Colony for an Annual such as we now publish, will be fully appreciated, and that our exertions in this direction will be rewarded by a large circulation of this volume.

Introductory.

A great deal has been written, but a vast amount more has been "said" of this truly national game of cricket, a pastime that has earned for itself the regal title of "the King of Games," it is therefore a matter of difficulty to say anything very original in its praise, but, notwithstanding, cricket never lacks admirers and exponents. Much of what has been written partakes rather of the enthusiastic than the practical; we therefore attempt to stop the gap by giving to cricketers themselves this, our first Annual, and we propose to effectually fill the breach by yearly recording the doings of the past season. One needs but to look at our "Cricket in the Town and Country," which represents barely one-half of the clubs in existence, to arrive at the conclusion that cricket in the Colonies has many votaries. The players must possess good temper, patience, perseverance, and self-denial; and before they can become proficient, they must free themselves from self-conceit and vanity, and finally, they must learn to comport themselves with becoming grace before an audience. It will thus be seen that cricket exercises a moral, as well as a healthful influence, over the mind and body of the player. It is one of the few sports in which peer and peasant meet on equal terms, and among many an eleven may be seen Elders of the Church mingling with their lay brethren. It is a sport in which it has been truly said "rank and wealth hold a second place to science and skill." Wherever English blood is, cricket lives. It comes as natural to Briton's sons as their mother tongue, for do we not find it played with equal zest in all dominions over which our Gracious Queen holds sway.

Of the origin of cricket, little is positively known; like arts and sciences it has grown from small beginnings, and it is possible that its first germs are to be found in the old Saxon game of club ball. In the Bodleian Library at Oxford there is a manuscript dated 1344, which contains a figure, drawn in the act of bowling a ball to another, who holds a straight bat to strike at it. Behind the bowler are several grotesque figures, supposed to be waiting to catch or stop the ball.

The modern practice of cricket, however, is probably not more than a century old, for it is only within this last hundred years that it has attained its extraordinary and deserved popularity. One of the chief recommendations is its cheapness, amusement is given to the onlookers at a very low tariff; an International or Inter-colonial match is a sight, spectators four and five deep crowd the circle, and we have only to observe with what intense delight a well-played ball, a good catch, or a smart bit of fielding, is received by the enthusiastic crowd, to rest assured that cricket runs no risk of dying out for want of admirers and votaries. Our humble efforts to "keep the game alive" in this Colony will be always used, as we consider that cricket, as a field sport, ranks far above any of its rivals, not only in a physical but a moral point of view.

Annually, a match takes place between the two grades of the legal profession, the Barristers and the Attorneys, and matches have been indulged in by members of our Parliament. The Stage and Press each strive to wrest cricketing laurels from the other, Commission agents oppose Produce merchants, and the employees of the various Warehouses in our midst vie with honest rivalry against each other. We regret that notwithstanding our efforts to obtain reports of these events, we have been unable to gather sufficient information for publication. Cricket may be termed the civil mode of deciding a day of pleasure, and no holiday during the season is allowed to pass without a large number of colonists choosing as *the* amusement, a day's cricket. It may be fairly named the game *par excellence*. On Saturday, which is in the metropolis pretty generally observed as a half holiday, every available green is literally swarmed with cricketers. Moore and Victoria Parks are always alive with "sturdy youths who wield the shaped willow and trundle the leathern orb." Many an embryo batsman or bowler is there, and many a one, with proper coaching, could be made of use in our great matches. With such fields, which are but the nurseries of cricket, can it not be fairly said that cricket thrives in New South Wales. Let echo answer, "Long may it do so."

N.S.W. Cricket Association.

OFFICERS.

President : Mr. Richard Driver, M.P. *Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. W. Clark. F. H. Dangar, C. Moore, M. H. Stephen. *Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. W. Walford. *Hon. Secretary* : Mr. J. M. Gibson. *Trustees Domain Cricket Ground* : Messrs. J. J. Calvert, W. Clark, R. Driver, M.P., J. M. Gibson, C. Moore. *Trustees New Cricket Ground (Moore Park)* : Messrs. R. Driver, M.P., W. W. Stephen, P. Sheridan.

REPORT.

The objects of the Association are the management and promotion of the general interests of the game in the Colony.

The officials above named are strengthened by a committee from clubs whose subscription is one guinea annually, returning one delegate for every forty members and one extra for every thirty beyond that number, any club being restricted to five delegates. The members of clubs returning delegates are members of the Association.

The new ground in Moore Park and the Domain Ground are controlled by them. The latter is in good order, and there are now six wickets for use of clubs. During the winter it has been carefully tended, and gives promise of excellent wickets during the season. The New Ground is noticed in another paragraph.

The annual general meeting of the association was held on the 2nd October at Tattersall's Hotel, Mr. J. J. Calvert (vice-president) in the chair. A letter was read from the President of the Association (Mr. R. Driver) apologising for his absence on the score of parliamentary business; and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the hon. secretary read the following report of the committee:—

“1. In presenting their annual report for the consideration of the members of the association, the committee have again the pleasure of congratulating you on the successful issue of the past season. 2. Notwithstanding the formation of the Anglo-Australian Eleven, more fully referred to hereafter, which deprived several of our clubs of the services of their most prominent players, no falling-off in the number or interest of the matches played was apparent. The usual intercolonial matches with Victoria took place during the season, and for the third time in succession resulted in a double victory for this colony. The first of these was played in Melbourne on the 26th and 27th of December, 1877, and was won by your representatives in one innings and six runs. The return match took place in Sydney on

the 22nd, 23rd, and 25th February of this year, and afforded a most exciting contest, terminating in a victory for this colony by one wicket. Your committee are specially gratified to be in a position to record such an uninterrupted career of success in our annual contests with our great rival across the border. 3. The formation of the Anglo-Australian eleven is a subject which your committee think should not be passed over without special reference in a report of this nature. It marks a new era in the history of colonial cricket, and claims an importance by no means confined to the arena of cricket. During their preliminary tour the Eleven, three times met teams in which this colony was represented, viz. : 1. Fifteen of New South Wales, in a match played in Sydney on the 23rd, 24th, and 26th November. 2. A combined fifteen of New South Wales and Victoria in Melbourne, on the 29th and 31st December, 1877, and 1st January, 1878 ; and 3, a similar combination in Sydney on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th March. The second of these matches resulted in a tie, but the first and third ended in comparatively easy victories for the Eleven. Throughout their English campaign the Eleven has achieved a success altogether beyond the expectations of the most sanguine and has called forth the highest encomiums from the Press and public of Great Britain. The Eleven may be expected to return to the colony about the end of November, and you will be invited to join with the committee in affording them a reception which shall be some slight acknowledgment of the great task they have accomplished. 4. Perhaps the most important occurrence of the past season was the opening of the new ground at Moore Park. It was inaugurated in the beginning of the season, and has been the scene of all the more important cricketing events of the period. As a playing ground your committee have no hesitation in saying that it is one of the best in Australia. The provision for the accommodation of the public is not yet as complete as can be desired, but every effort is being made to supply what is wanting in this direction, and before the termination of the present season, your committee hope to be able to report that the convenience of spectators and players has been equally consulted. 5. Besides the various matches specially referred to, the usual club contests have been carried on with unceasing ardour and with scarcely waning interest, and the season has been one of great activity. 6. The now opening season promises to be unusually prosperous. The Anglo-Australian Eleven will play here on the 29th and 30th November and 2nd December, and will no doubt be welcomed with a well-earned enthusiasm. The visit of a team of English gentlemen will afford us an opportunity of again trying conclusions with the best exponents of English cricket, and it is expected that two matches will be played against these gentlemen, viz., on the 24th, 25th, and 27th January, and the 14th, 15th, and 17th February, 1879. Your committee, in conclusion, only deem it necessary to remind you of the important matches in which you will be called on to take part during the current season, believing that this will be sufficient to urge you to continuous and careful practice, in

order that the successes which have attended your efforts in the past may not fail to follow them in the future."

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, stated that though their series of successes in the late intercolonial matches could not but be gratifying to the cricketers of New South Wales, he yet hoped they might not be unvaried, as he considered that otherwise public interest would wane in the contests. He highly eulogised the Anglo-Australian team, and expressed his full conviction that under favourable circumstances they would be able to compete successfully with the best eleven that could be pitted against them in the old country. He was proud to state upon good authority that they had won as high encomiums for their gentlemanly demeanour as for their prowess in the field. He concluded by calling upon cricketers in general to support the association.

Mr. G. H. Reid, who seconded the motion, considered that no more pleasing document could be presented. He excused himself for not being so generous in his wishes for a change, as there might be as bad a run of luck against them as they had experienced before. The beneficial effects of the visit of the Anglo-Australian team in England could not be over-estimated, as it had tended to show that the national characteristics of the parent stock had not degenerated when transplanted to the Southern Hemisphere. He warmly complimented Mr. Phil. Sheridan on the interest displayed by him in re the Association ground.

Mr. Sheridan, in returning thanks, desired credit to be given to those gentlemen who had so ably seconded his exertions, and considered that Messrs. Driver, Dangar, Wallford, Teece, Goddard, Stephen, Clarke, Gibson, and Brown were equally deserving of praise for the manner in which they had guaranteed the £3000 necessary for improving the Association ground.

The report as read having been adopted, the election of office-bearers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Richard Driver; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. H. Dangar, C. Moore, M. H. Stephen, and W. Clarke; secretary, Mr. J. M. Gibson; treasurer, Mr. W. Wallford.

A letter was read from the publishers of Sidney Cohen's New South Wales Cricketers' Annual, asking for permission to dedicate their publication to the President and members; also requesting that they may be allowed to publish the work under the authority of the association. The matter was referred to a sub-committee.

We publish the following as bearing upon the coming team of Englishmen:—

At a meeting of the New South Wales Cricket Association, held at Tattersall's Hotel, a letter was read from the secretary of the Melbourne Club regarding the visit of the English team to Sydney, and enclosing the following extract from a communication received by last mail from Mr. I. D. Walker:—

"The team is changed in two or three instances from the list

I sent you in May, and we find it necessary to include two professionals ; two of the original team are prevented from coming from reasons similar to my own. It now stands as follows :— Lord Harris, A. N. Hornby, F. A. Mackinnon, S. S. Shultz, A. J. Webbe, A. P. Lucas, L. Hone, H. C. Maul, D. Buchanan, C. A. Absolom, or perhaps R. D. Walker instead of Shultz ; the two pros. we propose choosing are Emmett and Uilyett. Maul and Hone are probably new names to you, but though they have not played much in London both are in the front rank of batsmen, and the latter is a good wicketkeeper. I am much pleased at having secured the services of Buchanan, as to my mind he is still the best gentleman bowler in England, more especially against batsmen he meets for the first time. There are at least six first-class batsmen ; it is a good fielding eleven, and with the help of two professionals ought to be able to hold its own against any but the very strongest team it may have to meet. I certainly think it would defeat the Australian eleven now over here, and am on the whole quite satisfied with its composition. My brother, R. D. Walker, is very anxious to go, and thinks it possible he may manage it ; in that case we should probably only send one professional, though about this I am not quite certain.”

RULES.

Constitution.

I.—The objects of the New South Wales Cricket Association shall be the management and promotion of the general interests of the game in the colony.

II.—The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee, which shall consist of the trustees of the Domain and of the new cricket ground, Moore Park, and delegates from cricket clubs as hereinafter provided.

III.—The office-bearers shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, an Hon. Secretary, and an Hon. Treasurer, who shall be elected annually (by ballot, if demanded) from the members of the Association, and shall be *ex-officio* members of the committee.

IV.—Every cricket club numbering forty members, whose subscription is not less than one guinea, payable annually, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the committee of the Association ; and an additional delegate for every additional forty members, or such fractional part thereof as shall not be less than 30—provided that the number of paid-up members on the roll for the previous season shall, except in the case of clubs formed after the close of the season, be taken to represent the strength of a club.

V.—Any club applying for admission to the Association shall support its application by a certificate, signed by its Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, that it possesses the necessary qualifications.

VI.—Each club sending a delegate or delegates to the Association shall furnish annually to the Hon. Secretary a certificate showing the number of paid-up members for the past season on the roll of the club. The number and names of the delegates

selected to represent such club in the Association shall also be stated.

VII.—No club shall be allowed to send more than five delegates.

VIII.—The annual general meeting of the Association shall be held not later than the first week in October in each year.

IX.—The members of any club, represented by a delegate or delegates on the committee, shall be members of the Association.

X.—The committee shall meet (if necessary) on the first Monday in every month, and at other times when summoned by the Hon. Secretary, or on a written requisition from five members of such committee.

XI.—At meetings of committee seven members shall form a quorum. The chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member of the committee.

XII.—The committee of the Association shall have power to settle all disputes on any matters relating to cricket which may arise either between clubs or private individuals, and which may be submitted for adjudication.

XIII.—Special general meetings shall be called by the Secretary whenever directed by the committee, or on a written requisition from ten members of the Association, such meetings to be advertised not less than seven days previously to their being held.

XIV.—At the annual and general meetings of the Association fifteen members shall form a quorum.

XV.—A special general meeting shall have power to expel any member for misconduct, but such member shall have at least one week's notice that such charge is about to be brought before the Association, in order that he may have an opportunity of explaining his conduct; but should he neglect to offer such explanation, the meeting shall proceed to adjudicate in his case; and, if there be present not less than twenty members, and two-thirds of the number decide that the accused member has merited expulsion, he shall cease to be a member of the Association.

XVI.—The sense of any general or committee meeting shall be determined (by ballot, if demanded) by not less than three members.

XVII.—The committee shall have power to frame by-laws to carry out the rules of the Association, provided such by-laws be consistent with these rules.

XVIII.—No existing rule shall be repealed or altered, nor shall any new rule be adopted without the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a special or general meeting, and unless one week's notice shall have been given by the Hon. Secretary of such proposed repeal, or alteration, or adoption.

Financial.

XIX.—Every club represented in the Association shall be required to pay the sum of one guinea annually. No delegate

shall be permitted to speak or vote upon any question until the annual fee has been paid to the Hon. Treasurer.

XX.—The general committee shall, at the beginning of each season, appoint a Financial Committee, consisting of three members, who shall have power to authorize any expenditure to the amount of ten pounds—provided that an account of any such expenditure be submitted to the general committee as soon as possible thereafter.

XXI.—The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, in case of emergency, shall each have power to expend any sum not exceeding five pounds without first obtaining the sanction of the committee—such sums to be duly accounted for to the Financial Committee without any unnecessary delay.

XXII.—The funds of the Association shall be placed in such bank as the general committee may from time to time determine, to the credit of the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary. All investments must be authorized by the committee.

XXIII.—The accounts of the Association shall be audited before the annual meeting by two members (not being members of the committee) appointed at the previous annual meeting for that purpose.

Cricket Grounds.

Association Cricket Ground.

This ground, which is likely to be for many years the principal one for all contests of importance, is situated in Moore Park and was formerly the Military and Civil Cricket Ground.

In 1876 the Government devoted it to the interests of cricket and appointed Richard Driver, M.P., W. W. Stephen, and Philip Sheridan, Esquires, as trustees.

The total area is twelve acres, which is surrounded by a substantial fence. The playing ground is nearly a circle, being 178 yards by 165 yards. It is now in excellent order, and good wickets for practice or matches can be obtained in any part of it. A running rink of twelve feet broad has been made, forming a pedestrian course of 500 yards once round.

Up to the present time £6,000 has been spent upon it, and further improvements are contemplated, including laying on water, &c., &c. The playing ground itself is superior to any in the city, or perhaps the colonies.

On the eastern side the slope has been increased, so that in big matches four thousand spectators can enjoy an uninterrupted view of the game, and a double row of seats are being constructed to afford sitting accommodation to 1790 persons.

The Grand Stand will cost £3,000 and be fronted with a lawn for the benefit of ladies and gentlemen, the pavilion will be a suitable building of brick and wood, and fitted with every convenience for players and visitors, the present structure being only temporary. There are three substantial refreshment booths on the ground besides ticket-takers' boxes, telegraph offices, &c., &c.

A smoking reserve adjoining the lawn is being made for those desirous of enjoying a weed.

Mr. Sheridan is the managing trustee, and to his untiring efforts is due much of the success of this, popularly known as the "new ground."

Clubs and others wanting the ground for matches must apply to J. M. Gibson, Esq., Hon. Secretary, New South Wales Cricket Association.

Members are admitted on an entrance fee of ten and sixpence and annual subscription of one guinea (subject to election by the trustees), and donors of £10 10s. are created life members.

The Domain Cricket Ground.

Perhaps one of the most picturesque and beautiful spots in Australia, combining, as it does, a lovely view of the favourite park and Botanic Gardens, with the cerulean waters of Sydney Harbour in the background, it cannot fail to ever be a pleasant resort for the lovers of cricket. It was first granted to the cricketers during the governorship of Sir William Denison, mainly through the exertions of a vigilant committee, among whom the familiar names of Tunks and Driver are to be found; it was formed in first instance by public subscription, and has ever since been supported by the New South Wales Cricket Association.

Five intercolonial matches have been fought on it, but it is now used only for practice and deciding club contests.

The public object to pay for admission, alleging that recreation parks dedicated to the public should not at any time be closed to them.

Six wickets are available for the practice of clubs, and are always to be found in capital condition, a fact that reflects immense credit on the "Curator," and does honor to the indefatigable managing trustee, Mr. J. M. Gibson.

We cannot, however, conclude without a line of praise to Mr. A. L. Park, who, when the Association was in pecuniary difficulties, personally advanced money to keep the Domain in repair. "*Palmarum qui meruit ferat.*"

We live in hopes of one day seeing a pretty pavilion built on the ground, such an erection would do much towards embellishing this beautiful lawn.

The Albert Cricket Ground.

This ground, which has been of great advantage to cricket in New South Wales, is almost a relic of the past. It was first opened in 1864 by the Albert Club in three hundred five-pound shares. It was held on a lease for 21 years at £100 a year rent, and was after extended for about 70 years more at a rent of £160 a year. After a few years the club were in pecuniary difficulties, much behind with their rent, and ultimately handed the ground over to the shareholders. Here it was evident that the ground had to pay dividends to those whose capital was invested in it and moderate interest was secured for a few years. The New South Wales Cricket Association were the best customers, and now that they have made the new ground for big matches, it has become impossible for the Albert Ground Company to pay rent, salaries, and dividends, consequently those who had their money in it saw that they could do nothing but part with the ground. This is a matter of great regret. The ground was for sale some time, and we should have liked to have seen all cricketers make some effort to save it. Of one thing we are sure—that they will find the want of it.

Perhaps the advantage of the Ground was never so manifest than when the Association found itself without funds, owing to some of the public declining to pay for admission at the Domain matches. If we do not mistake one of our elevens were waiting for funds to go to Melbourne, which were advanced by one of our most generous patrons of the game, A. L. Park, Esq., who was then treasurer of the Association, and we know ourselves that gentleman was personally responsible to the Association's bankers for overdrafts extending over a long time. In fact, the money made over the matches on the Albert Ground helped the Association to make the new Ground. As a matter of interest, we subjoin a list of the dividends paid by the company on a nominal capital of £1500, for it must be borne in mind that the shares were issued in 1863, and no dividends paid until 1871:—

March, 1871	Dividend 10 per cent.
July, 1871	onus 10 ,, ,,
February, 1872	Dividend 10 ,, ,,
February, 1873	,, 10 ,, ,,
April, 1873	Bonus 10 ,, ,,
March, 1874	Dividend 20 ,, ,,
March, 1875	,, 10 ,, ,,
April, 1876	,, 30 ,, ,,

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Total Bonus and Dividends .. 110 per cent.

which, extending over fourteen years, and allowing for the first eight years, is about equal to 7 per cent.; only a fair return for capital in *any* speculation. But suppose the ground had not brought in the money, for it cost nearly £20,000 (instead of the proposed £1500), where would the capitalists have been? They would have had *no returns at all*. We mention this, as the dividends

have never before been published. It is satisfactory to hear that the shareholders did not lose money, and more so, that in selling the ground they get a return of about £12 for every £5 share.

What bright scenes we recollect over the old Ground! The fourteenth Intercolonial match in March, 1871, when the Victorians played a patient innings for 198. How afterwards Dave Gregory put up 51, and Hewitt went in for brilliant and unmerciful slog-ging for 60. How Charley Bannerman hit a four, and brought up the score to 200 amid roars of applause, and then went out. How "old Moor" once *more* bowled and took five wickets, caught the then redoubtable Cooper at short leg, and carried his bat out *twice*; and how hard Faithful tried to pile on the runs when he was the last man at the wickets, but fate was against him, and the "web of his innings" was cut at 24; and then the 16th match, in February, 1873, when Jeffries did *not* come off, and we lost by 24 runs: how the crowd chafed Gibson (the Victorian captain) because he did not like to play in the rain, and how virtuously indignant he was! but we know him personally, and he is a jovial, good-hearted fellow, and a wet skin meant a great injury to his health at that time. Then, in March, 1875, we saw a win for the old colony for the first time for nine years in Sydney, and we began to think our cricket was coming back to the old form; for had we not beaten Victoria three months before on their own ground, and were we not elated at our success? and did not the proprietors of the booths rejoice a little bit? How "sturdy Ned" Gregory hit all over the shop and carried out his bat for 65 first innings, and Evans kept up his end the second innings with dogged patience and carried out his bat for 31. How the "demon" did not come *off* and Evans never went *on* and Coates lowered 13 wickets for 65 runs; and how Tooher, as substitute, caught out the "infant" Midwinter, and two others at a critical time. March, 1876, witnessed the last intercolonial match on the old ground, when Spofforth and Evans tumbled over the Victorian eleven for 37, and in their second innings for 95; while our men made 99 and 228—Dave Gregory making 36 and 74, Powell 11 and 31, Ned Gregory 14 and 40, Evans 10 and 46, and "old Nat" 6 and 10, and there were 195 runs to the good. How old "Tommy Wills" appeared for the last time in these matches on this occasion.

But what was more interesting still to those concerned were the *muff* matches; nothing but slow underhand bowling and a general understanding, implied but not expressed, that the batsmen were to have all the chances they could. Directors of banks, merchants, members of Parliament, barristers, &c., &c., used to unbend for a jolly day's sport, and a lunch was one of the great features. Lots of good things to eat and drink; *bad cricket* (heaven save the mark!) *before* dinner and *worse after*, but plenty of fun and chaff and good humour. Even old inter-colonial players used to try their hand, and no one was frightened at their skill.

I have vivid recollections of a theatrical match in costume, with the tawdry finery of the dresses cutting a woeful figure under Sol's bright rays. How "Hamlet's ghost" would walk and not run, and got run out, but then he had the pavilion bar, and perhaps preferred being inside; how the clown ran away with the ball and was chased by policemen (the stage policemen) greatly to the amusement of the youngsters, who did not know it was a "put up job."

And how enthusiastic we were over the Cup matches, the University and Grammar Schools, matches with Victorian elevens, and the great single wicket match between Conway, Cosstick, and Wills, and the three brothers Gregory; the battle of the "Horatii" and "Curatii" was nothing to it.

Then, besides cricket, did not we have *good* pedestrianism from the professionals and *bad* from the amateurs, and how the fair sex (bless them!) in their happy innocence fancied the latter were excellent in their own line; Highland Gatherings, well flavoured with bagpipes, sword dances, and whiskey; bicycle races; balloons that obstinately refused to go up; eight hours demonstrations, with pugilistic accompaniments; and many more *amusements*. But the performance is ended, the bell has rung (the auctioneer's, we mean), the curtain has fallen, the lights are out, the audience have gone, and the glorious old ground, with its trees planted by the English elevens, and the scene of so many triumphs, is a "memory of the past."

The University Oval.

This ground is situated on the University reserve, and contains about five acres. It was granted by the Senate to the University Cricket Club about ten years ago. As the situation is on the side of a hill, considerable difficulty has been experienced in the formation of wickets. A portion, however, about forty yards long by fifteen in width has been nicely levelled, and furnishes good playing wickets. The lower part of the fielding ground is being gradually filled up, and we are informed that the club expect to be able to double the quantity of wicket accommodation during the next winter. A neat pavilion has been erected on the ground, which is becoming very popular. The club has spent about £400 on its improvement, and is yearly adding to this amount. An effort is now being made by a subscription among the members to raise a sufficient sum to pay the cost of laying the water on to the ground. The Oval is under the sole management of an officer of the club, styled the Director; Mr. R. Teece has for some years filled the position, and still retains it. The ground is available for the use of all clubs on payment of the usual shilling fee.

Newtown Cricket Ground.

The ground is situated a short distance off the main road of the quiet but business-like suburb of Newtown, with a view of Botany on the one hand and Mount Carmel on the other, it cannot be said to be devoid of picturesqueness; still we think it could be considerably beautified by the planting of a few trees round the ground, and further improvements could also be made if it were enclosed in a circular form, but we suppose that the necessary funds are not available for the purpose; the wickets are different to all other grounds, inasmuch as they are pitched east and west. We cannot say that we consider this divergence from the general rule an improvement. The fielding ground is not good, but no doubt in time an effort will be made to remedy this defect. The pavilion is not a handsome piece of architecture, and is somewhat of a primitive structure; it hardly affords sufficient comfort to the players, and very little for the onlookers. Still the Newtown Club are to be congratulated on the possession of a fine area, and we hope to see it a more popular and ornamental ground. [See also remarks on Newtown Cricket Club, page 128.]

Toxteth Cricket Ground.

To the generosity of the Hon. Sir George Wigram Allen, the Toxteth Club can congratulate itself upon the possession of one of the prettiest grounds in and about the city; it adjoins the grounds in which stands the mansion of the "Speaker," and the natural beauties of the aspect are considerably enhanced by the beautiful foliage abounding in the locality, with which those who have visited the neighbourhood must be familiar. The wickets might be made better, but before such a happy result can be attained it will be necessary to level the sloping portions of the ground. A comfortable pavilion is erected, providing suitable accommodation for all engaged in the game.

Surrey United Cricket Ground.

Situate on the southern side of Moore Park and immediately under Mount Rennie, wickets have been cared for by the members of the Surrey United Cricket Club, who hold, under sufferance from the Municipal Council, an exclusive right to it. The public nature of the tenement prevents them erecting any buildings. Mr. Beavis, the Hon. Secretary, is to be congratulated upon the exceptionally good wickets obtainable

Review of Past Season.

THE record of the cricket season 1877-8 must, on the whole, be considered a satisfactory one for New South Wales. The number of first-class matches played quite equalled that of any previous season, while the contests among the junior clubs were to be counted by hundreds. True, the quality of much of the cricket was not all that the most fastidious could desire; the formation of the Anglo-Australian Eleven deprived us of most of our talent, and, perhaps, robbed many of our matches of much of the interest with which they would otherwise have been invested. But even this disadvantage was not altogether without a corresponding benefit. The clubs affected by the formation of the Eleven were the Albert—which lost D. Gregory, Spofforth, and Murdock; the Warwick, which lost the Bannermans; and the University, from whose ranks Garrett was withdrawn. The loss of so much talent by the leading clubs brought them down much nearer to the level of the weaker ones, and the result is to be seen in the gallant struggles which the latter waged with their hitherto invincible opponents. The weather generally throughout the season was most propitious, and few matches of any importance were interfered with by the elements. The public interest in cricket, as far as big matches are concerned, continues unabated; the annually recurring inter-colonial contests attract crowds to which the most important matches in the old country cannot afford a parallel; but while this is so, the efforts of the various clubs in ordinary matches are invariably rewarded by the presence of the merest sprinkling of the friends and supporters of the combatants, or of the general public. It is difficult to understand why this should be so. In the contests between our leading clubs the cricket is frequently of the highest order, and yet it fails to attract spectators in any considerable numbers. Is it owing to the charge of sixpence which is demanded at the gate (at least on the Association Ground)? It cannot be denied that the people of Sydney appear to be intense lovers of the game, and will freely pay to see an Intercolonial match; why then do they studiously avoid appearing at the ordinary club matches, thus offering a marked contrast to the state of things which obtains in the neighbouring colony? The only explanation appears to be found in the fact that what we may

all the national feeling is stronger than the love of cricket. People will go to an Intercolonial match because they want to see their representatives administer a drubbing to their opponents from another colony; but no such stimulus is to be found in a club match, and the love of cricket *per se* is not an effective substitute for it. As long as the contest be with a foreigner or a stranger (no matter whether it be cricket or cockfighting), it will attract the multitude, but rob it of the personal element, and the attraction vanishes. While we deplore the fact, we are unable to suggest a remedy for it. It is very gratifying to be able to record the prevalence of the greatest good feeling and cordiality among the members of the various clubs. The bickerings and jealousies which so frequently came to the surface a few years ago, alienating the sympathies of the public, undermining the prosperity of the clubs, and dragging the grand old game into disrepute, have all been shrouded in the mantle of oblivion. The successes and defeats which have fallen to the lot of our various clubs during the past season (and they have been distributed with remarkable impartiality) have been equally well borne, and the *entente cordiale* reigns supreme.

The most prominent items in the record of the season are, of course, the two intercolonial matches against Victoria. Both these ended in victories for this colony, which has now placed six consecutive wins to its credit, and has almost wiped out the formidable balance of defeats which a few years ago threatened to drive us to the verge of despair. The former of the two matches took place in Melbourne in December, and turned out a very hollow affair, New South Wales winning in one innings with 6 runs to spare. This result was, in a large measure, owing to the splendid batting of Nat Thompson (73) and the effective bowling of Evans, who was well seconded by Coates. The second match took place in Sydney in February, and was the first played on the Association's new ground. Contrary to all expectations, the match was a very close and exciting one, and ended in favour of this colony by one wicket only. A large contingent of the Victorian team consisted of untried men, while our representatives were a good lot, and in excellent practice. In the first innings our opponents headed us 42 runs, owing, in a great measure, to the overweening confidence of our men, who attempted liberties with Allee's slows, and thus enabled the Victorian captain to put six wickets to his credit at a cost of 35 runs. In the second innings, however, the splendid bowling of Tindall, and the careful innings of Sheridan, mainly contributed to turn the tables. This match pointed plainly to the conclusion that the practice so frequently

indulged in by cricketers of holding their opponents too cheaply is fraught with grave danger.

Next in point of importance come the two matches played in Sydney by the Anglo-Australian Eleven. The first of these, against a fifteen of New South Wales, was played on the Albert Ground in November. The fifteen were a well-chosen lot, and displayed good form; but they were compelled to yield to the superior prowess of the eleven, who won with 4 wickets in hand—a result which was mainly owing to the destructive bowling of Spofforth, and the brilliant batting of C. Bannerman. The second match was against a nominal fifteen of New South Wales and Victoria, and took place on the Association Ground in February, immediately after the conclusion of the intercolonial contest. Owing to some bungling on the part of the eleven the combined team was weakened by the absence of Slight, Cooper, Elliott, Hodges, and Terry; but they made a good fight, nevertheless, although the eleven in the end won with 4 wickets to spare, Garrett finishing with a fine not-out innings for 36. The doings of the eleven are fully treated elsewhere in this publication, and do not therefore call for any more extended reference here.

In dealing with the performances of the metropolitan clubs a difficulty arises when we attempt to assign the premier position. The Albert Club shows a large percentage of wins, seeing that of eleven matches played by the first eleven eight were in favour of the club. Of these eight, however, six were victories snatched from opponents scarcely worthy of their steel, and the two matches won from the University Club are, perhaps, the only ones for which it can claim much credit. The second eleven won five out of nine played, while another resulted in a tie. The Warwick's record is a beggarly one, and falls short of what was expected from the hero of so many fights. The first eleven only played seven matches, of which four were relegated to the limbo of "draws." Of the three victories that gained over the Alberts for the cup was a very unsatisfactory affair, and those over Newtown and Bathurst were to be expected. The second eleven played eight matches, winning three and losing two. Of fifteen matches played by the first eleven of the University, six were placed to the credit of Alma Mater, the principal victory being that obtained over the Alberts. The cup match against the Warwick Club was drawn somewhat in favour of the 'Varsity. Newtown, which had languished for a few seasons, came to the front in a creditable manner and placed eight wins to the credit of the first eleven out of fourteen matches played. They secured one victory from the

University, but suffered two defeats in return, and were compelled to submit to a thorough drubbing from the Warwick for the cup. The East Sydney, which for several years had held a place among our leading clubs, was seldom heard of during the season, and we have not been supplied with a resumé of its doings. Owing to the loss sustained by the Albert, Warwick, and University Clubs before alluded to, several of those which were accustomed to the title of junior came forward prominently into the front rank. First among these must be mentioned the Carlton, which played twenty-three first eleven matches and secured sixteen victories. Several of these—notably those over the Warwick and University clubs—entitle the energetic junior to much credit, and enable it fairly to claim a place in the vanguard of the cricket legions. Following the Carlton, comes the South Sydney, which has risen rapidly during the season, and bids fair to make yet greater progress. Of seventeen matches played by the first eleven seven resulted favourably, but the victories were not as marked as those of its great rival, the Carlton. The Belvidere showed marked signs of improvement and may hope yet to take a prominent position. The Redfern Club, which won the Junior Cup, presented by the Association, has not furnished any report of its proceedings—modesty or neglect must be held responsible for this. In addition to the clubs here specially alluded to, our pages contain information relating to numerous others of smaller calibre, though, in some cases, of more than moderate pretensions. The detailed information concerning these clubs, which has been supplied by their own officials, will no doubt be of interest. Some of their members will possibly fail to recognise themselves in the attractive garb in which their zealous authorities have clothed them; while many of our readers will be at a loss to understand why so much talent is kept in reserve, instead of being brought into the thick of the battle. Nevertheless, it is a sign of healthy, vigorous advancement to find so many young clubs nursing the infant powers which must in the future fight the battles of the colony; and our annual will always supply a “coign of vantage” from which their doings may be viewed.

The performances of quite a host of country clubs will be found recorded herein. Almost every country town boasts of its cricket club. Newcastle supports four, among which matches have been frequently played. The leading club in the Coal City is the Newcastle, which has had a fair measure of success. It possesses a very good ground, but it can scarcely be said to turn it to the best account. In addition to this club Newcastle supports the Albion, Burwood, and Ironclad, which played respectively 33, 23, and 27 matches.

Mr. Williamson, who bowls for the Burwood Club, has obtained 147 wickets at the cost of $3\frac{1}{2}$ runs each, a performance than which few better will be found in these pages. Bathurst and Grafton have each played 15 matches, and occupy a prominent place. The former has a capital ground, which does not however receive the attention necessary to provide good wickets on all occasions. The latter evinced its liberality by defraying the expenses attendant on the visit of the Newtown Club to the Clarence River. Albury has a record of fourteen matches; and, being within easy reach of Melbourne, occasionally measures its strength with some of the second-rate Victorian teams. The Albion Club of Maitland has been usually accorded the pride of place among the country clubs. It played seventeen matches during the past season, with but a moderate measure of success. It possesses, undoubtedly, the best country ground in the colony, and pays considerable attention to its maintenance. Goulburn, once the home of cricket, can furnish no record, and is quite under a cloud. The great obstacle against which the country clubs have to contend is the absence of suitable grounds. In many towns the primeval sward is the only approach to wickets which can be obtained. On the other hand, those clubs which are possessed of adequate and suitable reserves are unable to command the funds necessary to convert them into good playing arenas. The weather, too, in many provincial towns is so hot during the greater part of the summer months that only the most enthusiastic can be persuaded to go in earnestly for practice. The information concerning the schools is somewhat meagre, as the King's School and Newington are the only ones whose names appear in our annual. The former played six matches, winning all of them; the latter won three out of six played. Bearing in mind the fact that a number of players are yearly drafted from the ranks of the schools into our various clubs, we think that but scant efforts are made to discover the talent that exists among them. The University deserves credit for the start it has made in this direction, and the match against the combined schools is an entirely new feature in the season's cricket; but this step only goes half way, and that, too, is the last half. Before a representative schools fifteen or eighteen is pitted against the University or any other club, every means should be used to ensure that it is representative of the real strength of the schools. Now, we submit that the practice of choosing (necessarily in a somewhat arbitrary manner) a certain number from each school and throwing them all into one team is not the proper way of securing this end. It is, further, unfair to the boys to send a heterogeneous

collection, brought together for the first time, into the field, against a well-disciplined eleven like the University. The boys should be prepared for this match, which is now to be of annual recurrence, by a series of trial matches among themselves. These might in the first instance be played on Wednesday afternoons and in the presence of some responsible members of the Association. As a further test, two representative school elevens might try conclusions, and from these the final election could be made. By this means the best team would probably be obtained, and the boys would become familiar with each other and accustomed to play in concert. These trial matches, too, would not be without interest, and would be a reproduction in this colony (*longo intervallo*) of the popular struggles of Eton and Harrow at Lords'.

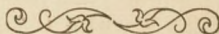
Many of the metropolitan clubs, as is their wont, paid visits to the country districts during the past season. Foremost among these excursions may be mentioned Newtown to Grafton and Bathurst; University to Orange; Albert to Maitland; Carlton to Newcastle, Singleton, and Hinton; Warwick to Bathurst; and Belvidere to Maitland. In every one of these instances (Belvidere alone excepted) victory declared for the metropolitan teams. Two or three return matches were played in Sydney with a somewhat similar result. Want of good wickets and neglect of systematic practice are invariably found to be prolific causes of defeat, and to these, in a great measure, may be attributed the poor display made by provincial teams when pitted against their city opponents. That many of the country clubs possess excellent exponents of the game is a fact too palpable to be questioned, but if they do not practice, they must get rusty, and without a decent wicket there is but little inducement to practice.

Of the performances of individual players, not much need be said. Generally throughout the season the scoring was small, and the bowlers appeared to have the advantage. Evans is practically lost to Sydney, except for Intercolonial and such matches. We saw little of him last season, but that little was sufficient to convince us that he is still the foremost all-round cricketer in the colony. In the Albert Club, Thompson takes first place in batting and bowling; Morgan shews creditably in batting, while Massie would probably have topped the list had he remained in Sydney. A. Docker, in the bowling, is almost on an equality with Thompson, and Crane performed well in the matches in which he was engaged. In the Warwick Club, Rigg, a very promising young player, receives a double first. Oatley, Geary, Eury, A. Bannerman, and Dummett shew high averages, but did not play in sufficient matches to qualify. Among

the sons of *Alma Mater*, Iceton has secured the batting average, and Coates the bowling. The colt Allen, of which much was expected, disappointed his admirers. For Newtown, Webster, is credited with highest batting average, and Neale and Tindall divide the bowling honours. The only century innings to be found in the record of the senior clubs is that of Tindall, who made 103 in the match Newtown v. Bathurst. Nunn heads the list of batting averages for Carlton and Cowcher, with Hall, *proxime accessit*, has the best bowling record. The old players still bear the brunt of the work, and but few colts have come forward into prominent positions.

The great desideratum in the city is still an adequate supply of grounds. During the season the Albert Ground was played on for the last time, and, although the opening of the Association Ground has afforded increased facilities for practice, we are still no better off as regards the number available for matches. With new clubs springing into existence every year, the absence of a sufficient number of suitable grounds is a serious matter. In the neighbouring colony a liberal government has from time to time placed suitable areas at the disposal of all the leading clubs. Here these areas are daily becoming fewer and farther removed from the city. The Belmore Park, which would have made a splendid cricket ground, has been turned to other, and we submit not more useful, account. Might not an effort still be made to obtain it? There is still ample space on Moore Park for the formation of two or three more good playing grounds, and we should like to see the Association (as soon as it has got rid of some of its liability for the new ground) take steps to secure these for the cricketers of the future.

In this brief review we have not attempted in any degree to exhaust the subjects treated on, but have confined ourselves chiefly to the task of indicating the nature of the information contained in the following pages. These will afford, we hope, some pleasant and interesting reading for all, as well to the active player who can here array in order the triumphs and defeats which have fallen to his lot, as the passive spectators who will be enabled to dwell for a while on the remembrance of many a pleasant afternoon spent amid the exhilarating associations of the cricket field.



Prospects of Coming Season

Never in the annals of colonial cricket have the lovers of the "noble game" had such a bill of fare placed before them, and we do not think that such a one will occur again for some time. The triumphant return of the now renowned Australian Eleven, and the arrival of the team of English Gentlemen, would in themselves be sufficient to create a feeling of interest, but when we have to follow up these two events with the advent of a team from Canterbury, to do battle on behalf of our sister colony, New Zealand, together with the proposed inter-university match with Melbourne, we feel justified in asserting that the prospects of the coming season are indeed bright. We shall be able to see how our comrades have improved in the scientific department of the game, as doubtless, notwithstanding their successes, they have not been to England without picking up a "wrinkle" from their more experienced antagonists in the cricket field. Our "colts" would do well to watch them closely when they play their opening match, in order that they may take a lesson in the art of fielding, &c. We look forward to the return of the team as marking a new era in the cricket world, and we sincerely hope it will impart fresh ardour and renewed vigour into the general public, who could, without disturbing their general peacefulness of mind, bestow a trifle more patronage on Saturday afternoon's cricket, and thus show that they are ready to take an interest, not only in big matches, but in club performances.

The English team, though slightly altered in its original composition by the absence of Mr. I. D. Walker, is still of a sufficiently Herculean nature as to cause us, notwithstanding Australia's successes, not to look upon them in any other way but as very formidable opponents. With such names as Lord Harris, Messrs. Lucas, Webbe, Ulyett, Emmett, and Hornby, the latter of whom is able to use either hand with equal precision, it will be admitted that "our boys" will have their work cut out for them; that it is not too much to anticipate a close result, will, no doubt, be manifest, by judging the capabilities of the men who will probably be pitted against them. For instance, we start on the premises, that we ought not, for our own honor, to meet them with more than eleven men. Well, then, taking it for granted that the six men of our colony, who have so ably represented us in the mother country, will also form the sixth part of our contingent, we have to fill up the remaining fifth; and with such names as Coates, Evans, Thompson, Sheridan, Tindall, Massie, Powell, and Ned Gregory, to choose from, we can form a very creditable side. We do not think it necessary to draw comparisons, because, at the best, they are odious, but the Victorian bowling represented in the Austra-

lian team has been done principally by Boyle and Allan; and we think, in this portion of the game, we have two equal, if not superior, in the persons of Messrs. Coates and Evans, to leave out of the question Tindall, who has ever done good service in this department of the game. In batting, too, we have the others named above, whom perhaps, with the exception of Messrs. Horan and Bailey, are equally as good as any in the team. Therefore we do not think we need fear of placing an eleven in the field who will not fail to return a good account of themselves.

The Inter-University Match will, of course, be an interesting event, as we well remember the last two were. We must congratulate our sons of Alma Mater on having again revived these matches, as they must of necessity be of considerable advantage, not only in bringing about success in the cricket field—which is always advanced by a keen competition for premier position—but by promoting a cordial feeling between the kindred institutions of the two colonies. We hope it will be our pleasant duty to annually record this class of matches.

The same club will also meet 15 of the Combined Schools, which ought to be an interesting match, and enable to judge of rising talent among the youth of the colony, and, for this reason, the match deserves earnest support.

[Since this article was written the match has come off and resulted in a drawn game. Some of the boys made a gallant stand in their second innings, and a full report will appear in our next Annual.—EDITOR.]

The University Eleven intend to visit Wagga Wagga, and we should advise them not to take too weak a team, as, from what we hear, the countrymen intend putting a strong eleven in the field, and intend to organise good practice, so as to be under no disadvantage. Visits of good elevens to the country districts are of great service to the cricketers of the interior, as they see the game played by skilled proficient, and the young players have a chance of imitating batsmen like Powell, and bowlers like Coates and Faithful.

In club cricket we think we can foresee much to be looked forward to, and the opening campaigns lead us to anticipate that, unless some of the senior clubs look a little more to their laurels, they will have to lower their colours to the junior clubs of last season, who seem to be keenly contesting for a place among the first ranks of the colony's cricket. It appears as though they practised oftener and more systematically together than has hitherto been their wont, but, to whatever cause it may be assigned, it is nevertheless a fact that they have recorded, so far as the season has gone, very creditable performances. Moreover, we have to notice that from among their numbers several members have represented the colony in the last intercolonial matches, and a fair proportion have been called together for practice for ultimate selection against the Australian Eleven.

The Glebe and Balmain Borough Cup Match will take place on Good Friday. Although intercolonial and international players

are excluded, the game is always an interesting one and much relished by the residents of the contending boroughs, besides shewing second-class talent to good advantage. We wish the contestants a fine day and an enjoyable game.

Of country cricket we can say but little; but doubtless, after the first rush of excitement is over, many of the metropolitan clubs will find time to test the abilities of the "denizens of the bush." The Jones' Challenge Cup will, no doubt, create as much interest in the Tumut district as it has already done in past seasons. We only regret that the great amount of amusement in the cricketing line cannot be further supplemented by the usual Intercolonial Matches, but we suppose too much is as bad as too little, and so we must rest satisfied.

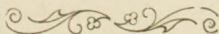
We can only conclude this chapter by advising our men not to rely too much on past achievements, but to keep up the constant practice which, we feel confident, has been the grand secret of that success which has now for some years been the colony's faithful handmaiden.

We may here inform our friends and readers that we have secured the services of experienced cricketers to report, specially for our guide, on all matches of importance for the coming season, and no efforts will be spared to render next Annual a complete record of the season. All that time, money, and literary talent can fairly do shall be done, and we confidently rely upon the support and assistance of secretaries of clubs and votaries of the great national pastime.

The undertaking of a work of this kind is no light matter, and we can hardly expect to reach perfection on its first production.

The critical remarks on the principal players of the colony have been carefully considered and revised and approved of by two or three gentlemen who are admitted to be, perhaps, the best judges in the colony, and our country friends can be sure that they are a proper estimate of the players' capabilities, and we may fairly say we have—

"Nothing extenuated, nor put down aught in malice."



Progress of Cricket in Australia.

THE season of 1877-78 undoubtedly opened a new era in Australian cricket, which then as it were started on a fresh career of progress. It does not require the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" to recall the period in the history of cricket in this colony when the game was played in most primitive fashion, when the competitors preferred to bat and field without the encumbrance of boots, and when underhand bowling—yclept "Sydney grubbers"—was the correct thing, and wickets like a billiard table a thing almost unheard of. In those good old days cricket had not been studied from a scientific point of view, and the player with a quick eye, a facility for dodging the "bumpy ones," and a propensity for hard hitting, came out best at the end of the season. There are many lovers of cricket, some still in their prime, and others running into the "sere and yellow leaf," who can gossip of the exciting matches on Hyde Park—then familiarly known as the Racecourse—when vigorous slogging filled the hearts of the spectators with ecstasy and elicited hearty applause. Then "skying" a ball was not considered a disgrace, nor was the feat of pulling a ball round to leg an indication of bad form. What a change has been brought about in a few years! In 1861, the year in which the first All-England Eleven under Stephenson visited Australia, our cricket, although improved, was still characterised by much crudeness, and our twenty-twos made no show at all against the cricket talent of the mother country. Later on, when Parr brought the second English team out, with Dr. E. M. Grace as the strong point in batting, our cricket was still notably deficient, and All-England against the same heavy handicap ran over us. Then in 1873 W. G. Grace paid us a visit, and it soon became evident that Australian cricket had escaped from its position of mediocrity. The Australian tour of the "Leviathan" and his companions is of such recent date that our readers will remember how creditably, with a reduced handicap, both Victoria and New South Wales came out of the ordeal. In England, however, they were still sceptical in regard to the firm hold which the national pastime had taken upon the affections of the colonists, and the great W.G., it was said, ridiculed the idea that we could successfully cope on even terms with the flower of English cricket, at any rate for many years to come. Time went on, and cricket in the colonies steadily progressed. Such batsmen as C. Bannerman, Horan, A. Bannerman, Kelly, Cooper, Powell, Massie, Murdock,

Midwinter, Garrett, D. Gregory, Bailey, and other lesser lights came to the front to show "how fields were won," while Evans, Spofforth, Allan, Midwinter, Boyle, Coates, and Kendall gave abundant evidence that our bowling had improved in a corresponding ratio. The advance which our cricketers made in the interval of ten years which separated the visits of Parr and W. G. Grace was no doubt due in a great measure to the wrinkles picked up through a study of the English style of play; but the services of colonial players, now accounted "veterans," must not be forgotten in estimating the causes which led to such a satisfactory result. Nat. Thompson's batting has for years been a model upon which some of our best batsmen formed the groundwork of their cricket, and E. Gregory and Sheridan have also contributed to the education of players who have at various periods during the last decade come into prominence as batsmen. In the year of "Grace, 1873," when the unruly Leviathan and his brother G. F. Grace came out to astonish the Australians, our cricketers made the most of every lesson given to them by old England's exemplars *par excellence* of the noble pastime; and when, only two short years ago, Lillywhite brought his professional team to the colonies, they were beaten by fifteens of New South Wales and Victoria. The first match this colony won by 2 wickets; Victoria then beat the Englishmen by 31 runs; and in the return match, played at Sydney, our representatives achieved a signal victory by 13 wickets. This latter was the memorable match in which Evans and Spofforth toppled the eleven over for 35 runs in the first innings. New South Wales players lost their equilibrium over the brilliant victory and tried an even-handed match, in which, although the result was a draw, they got considerably the worst of it. Whether the English team showed their proper form in their first three matches at Melbourne and Sydney is questionable, but lovers of the game were so satisfied that a combined Australian eleven would prove little, if at all, inferior to Lillywhite's team, that a match was arranged in Melbourne on equal terms, the result being a comfortable victory for the Australians. In the return eleven a-side match the English team won by six wickets; but the local representatives, although beaten, scored well and made their opponents fight hard for victory. With this contest the visit of Lillywhite's team, as far as New South Wales and Victoria were concerned, terminated; but Australians were so elated at the possession of so much cricketing ability that nothing more nor less than an "Australian team" for England was mooted. The proposal was condemned by some, mildly discountenanced by others as premature, if not Quixotic, and enthusiastically supported by a large number of persons who considered that even a moderate amount of success in English county matches would justify the venture. The supporters of the plucky idea backed up the promoters, and as our readers know, an eleven was quickly formed from New South Wales and Victoria with one contribution of sterling quality from the "tight little island" of Tasmania. The "Australian team" was constituted as a sort of co-partnery, and after

a successful tour through several of the colonies and New Zealand, went home to try conclusions with those who in the past had taught Australians how to handle the bat and ball. Just as pupils submit the result of their progressive studies to the critical review of the master, so the Australian team visited the mother country, modestly, yet hopefully, to give a specimen of Australians progress in the national pastime. The result achieved has proved satisfactory in the highest degree. The excellence of our representative team in all departments, especially in bowling and fielding, surprised English critics, who have candidly acknowledged that they were not prepared to see so much good cricket. Apart from the game, the visit of the team to "Old England" will do the colonies a vast amount of good in making them better known and appreciated by the thousands at home, who hitherto have had very curious notions as to the geography of Australia, its resources, and the social condition of its inhabitants. It is deeply gratifying to know that the team, by their quiet, unassuming and gentlemanly demeanour, have carried the respect and good will of all with whom they have come into contact, and proved that young Australia is following closely in the footsteps of old England.

A Voice from over the Mountains.

[By C. V. N.]

Although country cricket is not up to the standard of that of the metropolis, still the good old game is the favourite pastime of the residents of our inland cities, towns, and villages. Bathurst, Goulburn, Mudgee, Maitland, Newcastle, and Wagga Wagga and Albury all have flourishing cricket clubs, and turn out elevens that frequently give our principal metropolitan clubs all they can do to defeat them. Far away in the interior the game of cricket is played, and even the Aborigines take a delight in it, as witness the exploits of the sable eleven who some few years since were taken to the old country to exhibit their skill with the sphere and willow. Until the railway was carried over the Southern and Western mountains, little or nothing was known in Sydney of country cricket: but now, thanks to the "iron horse," every season teams visit the metropolis to contend "in the broad field of friendly rivalry" with their metropolitan antagonists.

The result of these contests brings before the cricketing world players who occasionally find their way into first-class elevens in Sydney, and now and again a candidate for Intercolonial favour is selected from the bushmen's ranks. The great drawback to country cricket is the want of good grounds. It must of course be admitted that in order to make good cricketers there must be well made and well kept turf. Metropolitan cricketers, as a rule, although thoroughly enjoying their country visits, complain bitterly of the rough wickets. They are not up to the ducking

and dodging necessary to ensure safety to life and limb as practised by their country brethren. Hence the difficulty in obtaining first-class teams to leave the safe wickets of the Association and Albert grounds to risk their hand and ribs on country chipped wickets. The truth is that it is at all times exceedingly difficult to obtain sufficient funds in the country towns to make and maintain first-class cricket grounds. The great remedy for this state of things is to bring a reasonable pressure on the Government of the country to place on the yearly estimates reasonable sums for the maintenance and preservation of the various country recreation reserves. Already in several of our inland towns large sums of money have been raised and expended by the various cricket clubs in improving recreation reserves; but little or no heed has been paid by the government of the country to the many applications made by the trustees of these reserves for a fair share of the public revenue. Efforts, we are glad to say, are being made by the country members of Parliament to induce Ministers to place a sufficient sum on the Estimates for the maintenance of country parks. Surely if the Association ground in Sydney is worthy of a substantial government grant, the country reserves should be fairly subsidized. We heartily commend the efforts we speak of, and trust to see a more general recognition by the government of the claims of our friends in the country.

But the government of the country is not the only thing we up here have to growl about; we want to say a word or two about our players. We have some good men, and surely they ought to be tried. Our Tracy, Wyndham, Hand, Lawrence, Williams, Moore, Cassidy, West, and Webb are names that surely some cricketing talent is to be found in and during the absence of the Australian team they might have been asked to enter into practice for the intercolonial and other matches. Give our country folk the benefit of a few days practice on the metropolitan wickets and they will render a good account of themselves. In the sister colony country players are not overlooked. Representatives from Ballarat and the other inland towns have their share of men in intercolonial matches. If the powers that be, desire to test the merits of the countrymen, let them encourage annual matches between the town and country. We should then have an opportunity of proving that though at a distance from the great centre "we" have not become thoroughly demoralized, and are able to make some show at cricket.

We are glad to learn that during the coming cricketing season there are prospects of several interesting matches between town and country, both on the metropolitan and country cricket grounds. These matches are of the utmost importance to the cricketing community. But we require here something more than clubs to take us up. We want the Association to help us on. If cricket is properly fostered, then countrymen will use their energies to form good grounds, and our metropolitan friends will then not only have the benefit of a salubrious trip inland, but have the pleasure of an enjoyable game of cricket. But let us not run the risk of discouraging the visits of clubs; we are always happy to

welcome them in our villages and towns, we like to see their faces; besides, their presence amongst us not only tends to the improvement of the manly game, but it brings people together who otherwise would scarcely, if ever, meet. Long may cricket flourish in the country! May it still continue to be the *facile princeps* of the countryman's amusements, and may the friendly feeling now so palpable between the metropolis and the country, be doubly cemented in the future.

Australian Cricket.

[BY ROUND ARM.]

To the Proprietors of the New South Wales Cricketers' Annual.

I HAVE much pleasure in congratulating you, Gentlemen, on the enterprise you have displayed in bringing out a Cricketers' Annual for New South Wales, thus supplying a want that has been long felt by and among lovers of the game, who are all more or less interested in its results; and I trust those who are to be so much benefited by the coming work will show their appreciation of your efforts and your energy by giving you in return the most active co-operation and support when the book comes, on its preferment, into the market. Cricket books, like the good old game itself, must have support; for the compilers and publishers of the former cannot afford the trouble and expense solely for the honour of supplying a serious want; and, as for cricket *per se*, it would soon die out if the British public, aye, or the colonial public either, turned their backs upon it, which sad consummation may the Gods and Goddesses both forbend. Does any one suppose that such a grand team of cricketers as have been representing Australia in England could ever have been got together if they had had to practice and play, all for their own amusement, with no one to look on? No, Sirs; I say most decidedly, no! One might just as well try to warm one's toes at the sun's fire on the wings of Icarus, as expect any good result from such a *régime*. But I am before my tale.

Australian Cricket has a history, both satisfactory and suggestive—one that will teach many a valuable lesson to those colonists who look at it through clear pebbles, and without prejudice; for both here and in Victoria the game has had its ups and downs, its good times and its bad ones; and, after all, it has asserted its powers by rising superior to difficulties, and finishes by establishing itself as the most powerful agent any of the colonies have ever had in their interests. I have no wish to qualify this remark, considering as I do that the visit of our cricketers has done more to make Australia known and popular in the mother country than all the lecturers that could have been delivered in the next ten years; and, thinking thus, I can only regret that the Agent-General of this colony didn't descend from his high-and-mighty pedestal of greatness and assist the representatives of the other colonies in *fétting* the men whom all England delighted to honour. It wouldn't have hurt him, either in power or in purse; and for once even he might have put his *pride* in his pocket.

It seems only the other day since the Melbourne cricket ground was on the opposite side of the Yarra, facing the Port Phillip Club Hotel, where now is what may well be called the centre of a great city; and there came word that there were native cricketers in Sydney who would do battle for intercolonial honour. The Melbourne men were nothing loth, for their cricket was imported from the great nursery of the game, and most of them had learnt it in public schools or under other good teaching; and so the first game was arranged to come off on the Melbourne Ground, which had then been established in the Richmond Paddock. Those were the days when the practice grounds of Sydney were in Hyde Park, or as it was most generally called, The Racecourse, and, as a rule, the players preferred fielding without their boots; but, be this as it may, boots or no boots, the "Drivers," "Tunkes," and "Mac-Kones," of the time, with other fillings in to make up the team, came to Melbourne, and saw, and conquered the Southern representatives in the first intercolonial match ever played. The next one, which came off at Sydney, went the same way; but then fortune didn't smile on the bats of New South Wales, and, after seventeen years had passed by, the old colony found herself in the unenviable position of being eight matches behindhand, having won only four, while Victoria was credited with twelve. During much of this period the game was carried on under no small difficulties; and not only were the New South Wales men beaten year after year, but they were made to feel uncomfortable by those of their own friends who ought to have helped to keep their "peckers up." While the matches were played in the Domain, a lot of marvellously good folks used to write letters in the *Herald* and other journals, but that one principally, complaining wofully, under the high-sounding signature of "Paterfamilias," about any part of "our beautiful Domain" being set apart to foster cricket, and growling as if they'd lost an eye-tooth at having to pay a shilling towards keeping the game alive. The tables are turned now, and old fogies, if there are any of them left, may lay the flattering unction to any part they like, that *they* couldn't have got into the society where our cricketers have been, except to hand the brimming cups to the honoured guests; and, with all their stickling for the people's rights, they won't have as much good to their credit when the old scythe-bearer catches them, as the cricketers have done for the colony during these few months spent in the old country. For years and years, club jealousies sent New South Wales cricket to the bow-wows; these jealousies in many cases leading to disagreement and dissatisfaction over the choosing of intercolonial teams; and then it was the commonest thing to hear at street corners after a team was chosen, especially if two or three of the players were passing by, some one running them down in unmeasured terms, affirming the absurdity of even going into the field at all; so that it was wonderful, an eleven could be got together to stand the racket. It must be confessed that prospects were anything but bright on these several occasions, owing partly to jealousy, partly to bad management, for the men used at times to be put in the field for an "intercolonial" without having ever

been once together previously; and the results were not therefore astonishing.

However, the turn in the long lane came at last. A better system was adopted in choosing the teams; the elevens were given practice together in the field for at least a week or two beforehand; the different players were taught to believe that they could win, instead of being completely cowed with being continually reminded, by the Job's comforters of the pavilion, that they had no chance, the best men were encouraged by getting places in the team as they deserved; and, lo and behold! Wonders of wonders! Fortune commenced to declare unmistakably for New South Wales. It is worthy of remark, in parenthesis, that New South Wales has won six consecutive matches, two in each of three seasons (for the '76-77 season there were none) two of which have been won in one innings—one by 195 and another by 77 runs; while in a fifth we had six wickets to spare at the finish. Previous to this turn of the tide, our men used to cut a most sorry figure when pitted against the conquering army of Victoria. Most of the old players began to look upon defeat as a foregone conclusion, and used to make no stand at the wickets—an example that was generally followed by the younger hands, who had but a poor example set them of a plucky defence; and the New South Wales fielding, once so “supernacular,” fell away terribly, for no reason that I ever could see but want of practice. It is a matter of history that on one occasion a team went to Melbourne for the annual contest, said to be by far the best eleven ever got together in Australia, containing names that had carried terror into the highest cricketing ranks of England; and that team was beaten more ignominiously than any other one that ever did battle for the colony. Another time cricketers notoriously played out were chosen because their *names* would bring an attendance; and the match was lost entirely through sacrificing the colony's cricket to an unworthy and unsportsmanlike love of greed.

During the last seventeen years four teams of English cricketers have visited Australia, from whom it is undeniable that the colonials have learned much, besides, in many cases, unlearning much more; but that this intercourse with English cricketers was not in itself alone sufficient to make the men of Australia all they should have been in the cricket-field is incontestably proved by the fact that years and years after H. H. Stephenson was here—indeed, until the visit of Grace's Eleven—New South Wales, under the bad old system of club jealousy and want of practice together, was continually being beaten by Victoria, where cricket was fostered under proper principles and arrived at a high standard of excellence, simply because the Victorian cricketers were encouraged by every means to improve themselves by practice, and used, therefore, to come into the field fit to go through a long match, which, I have no hesitation in saying, the men of this colony never were, in one whole period of five or six years at least. History tells us that, before the arrival here of the pioneer English team, there were not wanting among us those who thought an eleven of Australian cricketers could be picked able to beat the world at “the

game of the bat and ball;" and it is quite possible that a fancied superiority helped very much to retard the improvement of New South Wales cricket. This, I say, knowing full well that want of practice together stood greatly in the way of the colony's success, even after the cricket managers of Sydney had become alive to the necessity of choosing the best men. We have seen great displays of cricket from Mr. Evans; but not on a single occasion when he has played in a big match has he been in practice, for which reason he has generally been right off his batting, and never once has shewn the brilliancy which practice for a month would make him display. Mr. Coates was seldom in full practice, and yet what a stand-by has he been when good cricket was needed. Mr. Tindall, the Newtown representative, has often gone into the field for the colony with a very short allowance of practice; and if we have of late years lost by having two or three men in the New South Wales eleven out of form, how much more must we have suffered in all the years when *every man in every team used to be notoriously out of sorts!*

The great success of the Australians in England during the past four months has been, in a great measure, due to their long practice together; for, good as they are intrinsically, and each individually *per se*, it takes an eleven to play as one man when matches have to be won, or even advantageously drawn, against the flower of England's cricketers. This cannot be doubted by those who saw the almost mechanical unity and regularity with which Grace's team worked together; and yet, until their arrival here, those players had not had nearly as much or as regular practice together, as the Australians had before reaching England, or as a New South Wales team should, and would have, were one sent to England. No doubt, when two years more are over our heads, there will be a movement on foot for a New South Wales team, *pour et simple*, to try conclusions with the Universities, the Counties, the M.C.C., and other leading clubs of England. Seeing that the intercourse commenced this season between the leading cricketers of two hemispheres, it is pretty sure to be kept up in the same friendly spirit that began it; and there are many good patrons of the game both here and in Victoria who would like to see each colony send home its own eleven. No man in Australia has a greater respect for the powers of Messrs. Horan, Allan, Boyle, Blackham, and Bailey than I have, and no one gives more unqualified *kudos* for what all and each have done during this memorable campaign; but I cannot lose sight of the fact that some of our best players are here still, who, with the practice our travellers have had, would certainly be fit to join them in any colonial team that could be got up. For this, as I consider, very cogent reason, I hope to see a better arranged system of practice for intercolonial candidates than has ever been in vogue here; so that when a team is being got together to represent New South Wales in England there may be more than a bare eleven or even thirteen available to pick from. Such a state of things is absolutely necessary, by reason of the difficulty always present in a community such as ours of finding a whole team of cricketers whose business pursuits will allow of their

taking, all at one particular time, the required holiday of twelve months. And, besides this, it must be borne in mind that, without the practice I speak of, the only players who are needed year by year to take places which must be exacted by cricketers, cannot be discovered; and so, although perhaps easily found, they will not be available when wanted for active service. For instance, we cannot expect always to have two Bannermans, Coates, a couple of Evans's, Garrett, two Gregorys, Massey, Murdock, Powell, Sheridan, Spofforth, Thompson, and Tindall—from whom, I suppose, a team would be selected now; and, if these reliable fifteen were still to the fore here, it's twenty to one that the best dozen of them couldn't be got together at one and the same time for a trip to England. But, in the common course of things, it's highly improbable that all the above names will be as prominent as now, two or three years hence—wherefore the need of employing all possible means of bringing young players to the fore, to obviate the evil consequences of any decadence there may be among existing ranks.

The trustees of the new ground and of the Domain have the opportunity of conferring great benefits on the game and its votaries; and as their powers for good or for evil are almost illimitable, so also is their responsibility unusually large. Theirs should be the task of assisting the Cricket Association, and through that body the various clubs, to inaugurate a properly-arranged and combined system of practice, by which the young players may be, from the commencement of the season, regularly under the notice of some competent judge who may have sufficient power to put any one to whose style he takes a fancy into a regularly-organised practising team for the intercolonial contest; and by such an organised team playing weekly matches with country combinations during the months of November and December, we should have by Christmas week—when the first intercolonial comes on—a team in as good and regular practice and condition as the Anglo-Australians were after their colonial tour of preparation. This is what we need to win intercolonial matches; and if we work up such men as are now available, and others that will take their places, in the way I speak of, the team will be ready for the trip to England whenever circumstances suggest that the proper time has arrived. However, as I have said, the power is in the hands of the ground trustees, who, if they use it well, can and will do great good for cricket, or *vice versa*; and I hope they will recollect that the money to make their grounds and keep them in order is to be derived from great matches, in which the Sydney public not only expect to, but really will, see first-class cricket exemplified by the best men of the colony. In this way the money is to be obtained, and not out of little sixpenny matches on Saturdays. If the new ground trustees will devote their fine wickets to Saturday matches, got up with a view to the great intercolonial biennials, our different clubs will do more to make grounds for themselves than they have as yet thought of; and in this way the new ground will be of greater benefit to cricket than it possibly can become in any other way. I don't write in the hope of setting up money-grubbing as an idol for the new trustees to worship; but I

feel convinced that most club matches can be played elsewhere with quite as much satisfaction to the players, and that the cricket loving public will sooner pay to see our best players tackle fifteen of country and other clubs, and show what they can do in preparation for the great intercolonial events of each season. I fancy I have already read something about the heavy debt on the ground, and the consequent necessity for high charges, and I've no doubt the best way to pay off the former, and make the latter unnecessary, is the one I suggest. The miserable array of empty benches when a club match is on has always been enough to give one cold. Even, cup contests utterly failed here to arouse the enthusiasm of cricket lovers; but the intercolonial matches always draw great crowds; and the amateurs of Sydney, being notoriously anxious to judge for themselves what chances our representatives are likely to have, will liberally patronise and support Saturday's matches in which they are to see the candidates for intercolonial honours putting in their claims to be chosen in the presence of the judges or committee picked out to select the best men.

Once more let me congratulate you on starting the "Cricketers' Annual," which I trust you will be encouraged to make a permanent publication.

Yours, Gentlemen,

ROUND-ARM.



Origin of Intercolonial Matches.

From books and papers kindly lent by W. Tunks, Esq., per favour of W. Hemming, Esq., we find that the intercolonial matches were started by an advertisement appearing in the columns of the Melbourne *Argus*, to the effect that Victoria challenged the cricketing community of any of the adjoining colonies to try conclusions, the modest sum of £500 being the stakes to be contested for. New South Wales, the only colony which at that time could boast of any cricket at all, did not feel disposed to admit that the "game of games" was one into which money should be introduced; therefore no notice was taken of the advertised challenge. It however happened that a Victorian on a visit to Sydney heard and coincided with the views of the Sydneyites, which were as plain as they were honest; and after returning to Melbourne concluded the arrangement whereby the elevens met on Victorian soil for the first time to play a friendly game of cricket, not for a pecuniary consideration, but for the honour of their respective colonies. Well the result is chronicled elsewhere in the book, so there is no need for repetition; and the games have gone on, as is well known, each colony having alternate matches on their respective grounds. The determination on the part of Victoria to stand foremost in the cricketing world of the colonies met with a heavy blow when our men won; and doubtless, though the victory was a sore point, it must have been a source of congratulation to them, to think that New South Wales had been sensible enough to refuse to play for the advertised £500. The expenses of sending an eleven to Melbourne in the days of 1856 were rather heavy, but subscriptions seemed to pour in freely from the public pockets. All the preliminary arrangements appear to have been made by a committee of gentlemen, of whom the foremost were Messrs. Tunks, Driver, T. Lewis, George Barney, W. Hemming, J. Clayton, J. Curtis, W. C. Still, J. B. Darvall, Colonel (then Captain) Ward, Messrs. R. P. Raymond, G. Hill, H. Hilliard, E. Sadler, G. Howell, and J. McKone. The selection practice for the first match took place on Hyde Park, but strenuous efforts were being made to procure a ground in the Domain: and ultimately the Government granted the use of the present Domain ground for the intercolonial match, but the cost of making the wickets was defrayed by public subscription. We also find that the present New South Wales Cricket Association sprung from the desire of the first champions of this colony in Melbourne, to have a thorough representation of the colony in the

return match; therefore the members of the leading clubs, viz., Marylebone, Garrison, Royal Victoria, Union, and Albert Clubs were asked to send delegates to a meeting, and at such meeting they appointed Mr. Tunks their secretary. Thus the first formal association of the cricketers took place; but this combination was only for the purpose of arranging the details of the return inter-colonial match. However, here the germs of the present body found a substantial basis, and sprang into a fruitful and useful corporation from the cogent fact, that it was desirable to have in existence a committee of gentlemen who should have power to arrange all details for every succeeding match, and the first idea of delegates from each club was carried into effect, and is now a permanent reality. To this association Mr. Tunks, in the dual capacity of treasurer and secretary had the honour of handing over a fixed deposit receipt for a goodly sum, and to this first start the public have to thank the early association for relieving them of calls, which had they desired to have maintained the cricketing prestige of the colony, would inevitably have been incumbent upon them. We also cull from an old minute book, kindly lent by Mr. Tunks, the following resolution arrived at a meeting of the first representative eleven held on 21st October, 1856:—"That Mr. R. Driver be requested to give up the ball which he received in Melbourne from the Victorian players, as secretary to the Sydney eleven, for the purpose of depositing the same with a suitable inscription in some public place in this colony." It has not transpired whether Mr. Driver has complied with the request or not; perhaps he has not been able to fix on some suitable public place; but if we may be allowed to propose the pavilion of the association's new ground as being the most suitable depository for such an heirloom, perhaps Mr. Driver would act on our suggestion, and thus carry this old resolution into effect. We have again to thank Mr. Tunks and also Mr. Hemming for the use of ancient minute books and papers, and trust our use of same has made this an article of interest to our readers.



Our Australian Eleven.

BY JACK SMITH.

The Australian team being referred to on page 273 of our Guide, it is only necessary in this to speak of the matches played, as follows:—In Australia they played 21, won 16, lost 1, drew 3, and 1 was a tie. In England they played 41, won 19, lost 7, and drew 15. Of the latter, eight are only reported by cable, so it is impossible for us to make up correct averages. We give, as far as we can, a summary of each match and the scores of the Australians (when possible) in full.

At date of going to press, 1st November, they have played 5 matches in America.

The whole of the matches in Australia were against odds, and the smallest number of teams opposed to them were 15 at Canterbury, New Zealand; 15 of New South Wales, and two matches against combined 15's of New South Wales and Victoria. They had 18 opposed to them at Adelaide and at Melbourne, and 22 at other places, so that their career in the Colonies was a great success. In America they played 18 at New York and Detroit, and 22 at Ontario and San Francisco. Our telegrams fail to state how many they met at Philadelphia, but we can fairly imagine there were *some odds* in the case.

The most important, however, are the matches played in "Albion's green isle," and the following table will be read with interest:—

	Matches.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
Against 11	18	9	4	5
Against 18	19	8	3	8
Against 22	4	2	0	2
Totals.....	41	19	7	15

We claim this to be the most complete table yet published of the matches played. The Eleven a side games are a fair test of strength: and that they only lost 4 in 18 is very satisfactory, considering the cricket talent opposed to them.

As to the matches against odds, our readers can refer to the details; but it appears to us that all these teams were too much strengthened with professional talent.

As our readers are aware, the team was formed in November, 1877, and included F. Allan, T. Blackham, H. F. Boyle, T. Kendall, and T. Horan of Victoria; G. Bailey of Tasmania; and C. and A. Bannerman, T. W. Garrett, D. W. Gregory, W. Murdock, and F. Spofforth of New South Wales.

Mr. Gregory was elected captain; and Mr. Kendall, after playing through Australia, was unable to go. On arrival in England Midwinter joined the Australians, but was soon after induced by W. G. Grace to leave them. We feel inclined to speak rather strongly on this subject; but as Mr. Grace has since admitted he was in fault and tendered an apology, it would be unfair to go into details. They have been fully commented on in sporting papers, and our readers have been able to form their own opinions. But we are travelling too fast.

The now famous Eleven first went to Queensland, and easily defeated Eighteen of Brisbane and Twenty-two of Darling Downs. Then they tackled a good Fifteen of New South Wales, and won by four wickets. After two country matches—each in this colony and Victoria—and one at Adelaide, they tried to defeat a combined team of fifteen from both colonies at Melbourne in December, and the result was a tie, but it was a good test of the powers of the team. Lillywhite's team had to succumb to fifteen of each colony, and the inference is obvious. Then away to New Zealand, where they carried all before them with one exception—viz., Fifteen of Canterbury, beating them by six wickets.

February again saw them playing a combined fifteen of the two colonies in Sydney, which, owing to a misunderstanding, was somewhat weak. The Eleven won by four wickets. Three country matches in Victoria, and then they defeated an eighteen at Melbourne by 154 runs. This was a climax, and they wanted new fields to conquer; and away to England was the word, and they did go, thereby effectually putting aside the sneers of some of the *croakers*, who ventured to prophecy in the Victorian papers that they would never go outside Port Phillip Heads on a voyage to the "tight little island." It may be some consolation to these gentlemen that they were technically right, as the team came overland to Sydney after unmercifully drubbing 18 of the sister colony at Melbourne, and embarked on the mail steamer via San Francisco to England. We hear a most enjoyable passage was spent on the journey homewards.

They arrived in the old country in May, and first played Eleven of Notts, a strong team. They were not in great form, and lost rather badly in one innings. They next appeared against the great Marylebone Club, and, to the surprise of all England, won by nine wickets; and, to show it was no fluke, beat Yorkshire (twice), Surrey, and Middlesex soon after, but had to strike their colours to the Gentlemen of England and the Cambridge University. These were their only severe defeats. They afterwards won from Sussex, Leicestershire, and the hitherto invincible county of Gloucestershire (including the three Graces). They beat a fair eleven of the Players by eight runs, and drew in their favour against a better team of Players and also the Gentlemen of England.

But our cricketing readers must not imagine that we can gallop along over England at this rate: the pace is far too hot to last, and the subject is too important to be condensed in so summary

a manner. We must follow our men round as far as space will allow.

Letters received from members of the team are conclusive as to the fact that our men played Notts too soon after landing, and had not at all got into form. Before tackling the strongest county in England they ought to have taken at least a week or ten days for practice; however the fact (worth a shipload of arguments remains) that they did play and lost in one innings with 14 runs against them. The Notts eleven comprised Alfred Shaw and Morley, perhaps the best pair of bowlers in England. We know Shaw in the Colonies; and Harry Hilliard, the veteran of intercolonial fame, who has just returned from England, considers Morley the best professional bowler in the old country, and he is no mean authority. Then there were Daft, Oscroft, Shrewsbury, Selby, and Wild among the batsmen, and no tail to the eleven.

Boyle did not play, Midwinter taking his place, and scoring 13 and 16, not out. Garrett put together 20 and 21, and C. Bannerman 9 and 13. Shaw and Morley did all the bowling, the former in the two innings taking 12 wickets for 60 runs; and Morley 8 wickets for 69 runs. Selby and Wild for Notts played fine innings for 66 and 28, while Shaw contributed a useful 11. There were no other doubles, and the Notts total was 153 against 63 and 76.

To the "metropolis of the world" was the next move, where they met the Marylebone Club and Ground (the latter word meaning that professionals are included) at Lord's Ground. The premier club of the world put forward a strong team, fairly representing them, but as the great London satirist, *Punch*, said:—

- "The Australians came down like a wolf on the fold,
- "The Mary'bone cracks for a trifle were bowled:
- "Our Grace before dinner was very soon done,
- "Our Grace, after dinner, did not get a run!"

This match fairly surprised the cricket world of England, and made the Australians the admiration of the public.

The Club team comprised W. G. Grace, the "Champion," Messrs. Hornby, Ridley, and Webbe (splendid batsmen), while Flowers, Wild, Shaw, and Morley came from Nottingham to play. The ground was wet and sticky, and favoured the bowlers,

The English team were put out first innings for 33 runs, of which Hornby made eleven, and six had the objectionable egg to their names. Murdock kept wicket (as Blackham was not playing), and cleverly stumped two out, five were clean bowled, and three caught. The Australians made 41 runs (8 ahead), Midwinter contributing 10: but neither Gregory or the brothers Bannerman scored. A slight lead of this kind was not considered much, and the friends of the old club eagerly watched for the second innings. Grace opened to Spofforth, who sent in one of his lightning balls, which the great batsman blocked; the next ball, about the same pitch and delivery, was slower; Grace was deceived, and his wicket lay supine. In the next over, Boyle

began lowering the wickets with unerring accuracy, and again there were 6 duck eggs, making 12 in 20 wickets. The batsmen were completely beaten by the bowling and fielding, and the innings terminated for 19, nine players being *clean bowled*. The "*Kangaroos*" now wanted 12 runs to win, but Shaw toppled C. Bannerman's wicket over for 1; and the match was won by 9 wickets, and so ended this great victory. A return match was spoken about with the Club, and also with Nottingham, but both subsequently declined the honour on the ground that they could not get strong teams together.

On page 278, in the bowling analysis, the runs and maiden overs have the headings transposed. It is almost impossible to avoid some errors in a work of this kind that has to be printed quickly.

In all Spofforth took 11 wickets for 20 runs, and Boyle 8 wickets for 17 runs.

Our Eleven next visited the "Tykes" in Yorkshire, where Bailey had a holiday. The local team included Ulyett, Greenwood, Allan Hill, Emmett, and Armitage, all of whom were here with Lillywhite's team; but they only put together 72 and 73, Spofforth taking 10 wickets for 61 runs; Boyle 6 wickets for 47 runs; and Midwinter 2 wickets for 12 runs. The bowling was evidently up to the mark against such good batsmen. The Australians made 118 in their first innings, Horan and Garrett being top with 25 runs each, while C. Bannerman made 25, and A. Bannerman and Spofforth 10 each, and won, as the turfites say, with a "*good bit up their sleeve*," having 6 wickets to fall.

The match was intended for three days, but only took two, and a one day's match was arranged; this showed the former game was no fluke, as the "tykes" were disposed of for 61, while the Australians had 62 for 4 wickets; Midwinter contributed 28, C. Bannerman not out 10, and Blackham 14 not out. Five bowlers were on, who divided the honours among them.

From Yorkshire a move was made to Kennington Oval against eleven of Surrey. The county team included A. P. Lucas, G. Strachan, J. Shuter (who scored 39 and 15); while Jupp, Pooley, and Southerton were among the professionals. It was a good match, and well played on both sides. The county made 107 first innings, while the Australians were 110. The local team were disposed of for 80 second innings, and the colonials won with five wickets to spare. Midwinter contributed 32 and 15; C. Bannerman, 1 and 31; Murdock 22, and not out, 10; Blackham, not out, 10; and Gregory 10.

The "demon" was in his glory, and took 8 wickets first innings for 52; while Murdock, in the second innings, bowled 16 overs, 13 maidens, for 4 wickets and 14 runs.

The Australians had now played five matches, all eleven a-sides, and won four, and their fame was spreading all through the country.

Eighteen of Elland and District was next on the list and was an easy victory by 80 runs. Some of the local team were little

better than stop gaps, and 16 wickets fell for *nothing* each during the game. Boyle took 7 wickets in 8 balls, two consecutive overs (see incidents and Curiosities of Cricket), and the first innings of Elland terminated for 29 runs.

Next match was against eighteen of Batley, and after the Australians had scored 160 and Batley 59 with 10 wickets down, the game had to be abandoned owing to rain.

The eighth match was at Manchester, against eighteen of Longsight, including G. F. Grace and Gilbert. The *Longsight* cricketers were evidently *far seeing* (this joke is copyright) when they included two such players in their team, for they won with two wickets to fall. Grace and Gilbert made

80 runs out of the total 137,

and no other player reached doubles. Grace was missed when the score at 21, and afterwards made 42 off his own bat. The Australians made two 67's. C. Bannerman, 31 and 0; Midwinter, 10 and 22; Murdock, 0 and 17; A. Bannerman, 6 and 14.

Our English special correspondent omitted to send in the bowling analysis, which we regret, as we have taken much trouble and been to great expense to get all these matches as complete as we can. Two bowlers like Grace and Gilbert, backed up by eighteen fieldsmen, is a pretty hot lot to deal with.

The next contest was a very important one, against the Gentlemen of England, and was played at Prince's Ground, London. The team was a good one and comprised the flower of the amateur talent of the old country and several *professionals in disguise*. The two Graces (W. G. and G. F.) and Gilbert are paid for playing; whether it be called *expenses* or *salary* to our mind matters little; we hold that any cricketer receiving a profit out of his play cannot be ranked as a *gentleman player*. The same team could easily polish off any team of professionals in England, and were on the whole too good for our men; but, as Mr. Gregory said at the dinner given in London, that they never expected to beat the flower of English cricket. The team comprised the three Graces, two Lyttletons, Hornby, Lucas, Strachan, Gilbert, and A. G. Steel, the best amateur bowler of the season, who, by the way, took 11 wickets for 72 runs. The Gentlemen made 139 against 75 and 63, just winning by 1 innings. Boyle took 7 wickets for 48, and Mr. Gregory was much praised for his judgment in placing his men in the field. The full scores on both sides will be found on pages 283 and 284. The English sporting papers were very jubilant over this victory. Previously they were inundated with letters lamenting the decline of English cricket, &c., and were evidently scared. Their pœans of delight after this game were not particularly dignified, even if true. Our old friend, Mr. Percy Waddy, formerly of the Albert Club, acted as umpire for our team.

The next appearance of the colonial eleven was at Lord's, against Middlesex, a pretty strong county, including both the Lyttleton's, the two brothers Webbe, Haddow, and I. D. Walker (six fine batsmen), and J. Robertson, a great trundler, who

managed to bowl Bailey, Boyle, and Allan clean in one over. The match was well played all through, and decisively won by the Australians by 98 runs. The county team scored 122 and 185, thanks in their second innings to the Hon. E. Lyttleton, who made 113 by fine clean hitting in an hour and a half. The Australians made 165 and 240, and their scores ran very evenly; no less than twelve double figures on the sheet, against six ditto on the other side. Gregory, who had been singularly unfortunate since in England, made 42 twice; C. Bannerman, 8 and 23; Garret, 19 and 34; Spofforth, 6 and 56; Murdock, 0 and 13; Bailey, 39 and 32; Blackham, 20 and 21 (twice not out); Allan, 15 and 0; while Middlesex gave them 6 and 14 for sundries. Garrett bowled "excellent well," and Allan also (see analysis, pages 285 and 286).

An unpleasant occurrence took place in this match which gave rise to many comments in the sporting papers. Just as the game was beginning, and Midwinter was ready to go in, W. G. Grace appeared and claimed Midwinter to play a match on the oval for Gloucestershire. This action was most inopportune, as there had been plenty of time to give earlier intimation; and, while enforcing his demand, the "champion" used language which he afterwards admitted was not "parliamentary;" well might Punch say,

"E'en a champion may have a lot to learn."

Ultimately he took the "infant" away, and the Australians won the match and Gloucestershire was ignominiously beaten. Here Midwinter disappears from the "gay and festive scene," as far as playing with our team goes—a matter of regret, as the Australians, being only eleven in number, could not give a bowler a rest, while Midwinter lost a lucrative engagement, which he was very sorry for afterwards.

The Press unanimously condemned the "leviathan," and hinted more than broadly that good manners would greatly ornament good batting.

Twenty-two of Birmingham was the next event on the programme. The local team had Jupp as wicket-keeper on their side, and made 123 first innings. The Australians made 105 and 116 for six out. Ten double figures for 16 wickets (see page 286), and also good bowling by Allan, Boyle, and the "Demon" (see analysis on page 287). The match was drawn. Rain of course, and rather in our favour.

Next engagement was against Eighteen of Hunslett and district at Leeds, where Conway played in lieu of Blackham, who was incapacitated. Again 11 doubles out of 20 wickets down. C. Bannerman's innings of 52 was faultless, while Garrett hit two 6's and four 4's in his second innings of 48, and Murdock made 49, including two fine square-leg hits for 6 each. The Australians made 205 and 180, and the locals 228 and 9 out for 28. So that the latter had 8 wickets to fall, and 130 runs to get to win. Had the match been finished the wickets would have fallen right enough; but we take leave to doubt the 130 runs. It was drawn greatly in

favour of the visiting team. Allan and Spofforth took 11 wickets each. (Scores on page 287.)

Thirteen is an unlucky number, and the "colonials" lost their thirteenth match against Eleven of Yorkshire by 9 wickets. The "Tykes" mustered strong; Greenwood, Allan Hill, Ulyett, Armitage, Bates, Lockwood, and others. The *Daily News* reporting this match, and alluding to the Australian Eleven, said:—"It is scarcely possible to maintain the early excellence of their bowling in the midst of such incessant work" (see remarks on page 218). Notwithstanding our defeat, the English papers quote the performances of our team as a proof that bowling can beat batting.

Still our men were not done up, for they next visited Stockport, and played eighteen, including Gilbert and McIntyre; and won "hand over fist" by 149 runs.

Horan (second innings) made 70, and was loudly cheered. Blackham was very successful at the wicket, stumping four and catching three out. Thirteen doubles for 20 wickets among Australian scores. (See page 289.)

Eighteen of Oldham next; but the Australians did not manage to "hold 'em," and the game was drawn, they wanting 19 runs with 3 wickets to fall. A. Bannerman was disabled, and Allan was visiting some friends. Conway played and a professional named Hyslop, born in Australia, and now a "Hampshire Hog." Gregory was in fine form, and made 42 and 37 not out. (For scores see page 290.)

From Oldham to Twickenham against Eleven of the Orleans Club selected by Mr. Thornton, one of the hardest hitters in England. A fine team, including Messrs. Thornton, Walker, Webbe, Steel (the great bowler), and Wild, Barratt and Rylott among the professionals. The match was drawn on what insurance people call a "general average." Blackham being unable to play, Tennant supplied his place. This gentleman represented Victoria in one or two of the late intercolonial matches.

A. Bannermann, who went in first carried out his bat for 71. The Australian fielding was "far and away" the best, for while they gave 13 sundries, they received 35 from the other side (see pages 291 and 262).

Eighteen of South Wales. Australians scored 213 in their only innings against 94 and 88. "Taffy" evidently wants coaching up in cricket. Spofforth and Boyle did all the bowling, the former taking 17 wickets for 75 runs, and the latter 15 for 75 runs. Conway played instead of Allan. Referring to bowling analysis (on page 293), it will be seen each bowler delivered an equal number of balls each innings

Eleven of Leicestershire, and a great victory, fully reported on pages 298 to 296 inclusive. Sankey for the county made 70 first innings. The Australians wanted 210 runs to win second innings, and C. Bannerman scored 133 and Horan (not out) 40, winning with 8 wickets to the good. We hear that after the match one of our team said that Leicestershire began with *Sankey* and ended *Moody*. We hope for the credit of the colony such was not the case, and warn anyone else against renewing the expression.

Next Eighteen of Hull; and, as a countryman said, our men beat the "wh'ull" lot of them with 10 wickets to spare, although Greenwood and McIntyre were included. Allan made 78 and Conway 46; Horan 50 and Blackham 53 first innings. In the second innings Boyle took 8 wickets for 30 runs. The Australians made 305 in their first innings.

Twentieth match. At Lord's, v. Eleven of Cambridge University. The crack team of the season, who won very easily in one innings (see page 297 and 298). The papers said that the Eleven were out of form and jaded with overwork. A. Bannerman had a bad hand, and several catches were missed by our men. Still some brilliancy was exhibited, notably Murdock 47 in his first innings, and C. Bannerman 13 and 26. Six bowlers were on for the colonials. Impartially speaking, we consider the Cantabs were the best team, and won on their merits.

Twenty-two of Crewe next, and the *crew* were defeated by "century" of runs, 12 doubles among our scores. Spofforth took 20 wickets for 46 runs, and Boyle 19 wickets for 68 runs.

Eighteen of Keighley were defeated by 7 wickets, the Banner-man Bros. putting up 97 for the first wicket, and Spofforth tumbling 12 wickets for 53 runs.

Eighteen of Rochdale, a drawn match rather in favour of the local team, who wanted 67 runs and had 11 wickets to fall, but "you never can tell" till the numbers are up.

Twenty-two of Buxton, Derbyshire. Drawn owing to rain. Hyslop played instead of Blackham. A. Bannerman went in first, and was last out for 43; and Spofforth took 12 wickets for 28 runs.

Eighteen of Burnley, a one day's match; was drawn in favour of the local team. The Australians wanted 56 runs to win, and had only one wicket to fall.

Eighteen of Stanley, Liverpool. Won easily by the Australians in one innings and 71 runs to spare. Gregory made 70 and Boyle 58. Spofforth took 20 wickets for 95 runs.

Another one day's match was played against the same team, but is devoid of interest (see pages 302 and 303).

Eighteen of Dudley. Drawn through rain, but might have been an easy victory, as Dudley only scored 33 against 59 and 230.

Eleven of Lancashire. A match decidedly lost to Australia through rain, as they wanted 53 runs and had 10 wickets to fall, and the two Bannermans well set. Hornby and Boyle, now *en route* to Australia, were in this team. C. Bannerman scored 58 and (not out) 39 and Horan 33. Spofforth bowled well, and took 14 wickets in all.

Eighteen of Yeadon; was lost by 24 runs. Mr. Butler, of Tasmania, played with our team, and also Tobin, an Australian. There were five good professionals among the countrymen.

Eighteen of Scarborough, including four professionals. In this match Tobin and Butler again played in lieu of Gregory and C. Bannerman, but the Australians put together 295 runs in their only innings, and won in one innings with 46 runs to the good (see page 305).

Eighteen of Hastings. Another easy one-innings victory. The Hastings team was very strong, and included the Hon. Ivo Bligh (one of the Cambridge Eleven), Lord Harris, and C. Absolom (both *en route* to Australia), also two of the Kent County Eleven, and several professionals. Spofforth took 9 wickets for 7 runs in 5 overs, and bowled three out in consecutive balls. The Australian score was 260, Bailey making 106 and Murdock 73. Tobin played instead of C. Bannerman.

The remaining matches reported by cable will be found among the detailed scores, excepting we mention the match against Gloucestershire about which the London correspondent of the *S. M. Herald*, in reference thereto, gives the following:—The Australian cricketers have just achieved perhaps the most brilliant victory they have won since landing in England. They defeated the great Gloucestershire eleven by ten wickets, under circumstances which afforded the West countrymen no reasonable excuse for the tremendous beating they received. The ground was their own, and appears to have been in fair condition, and the county put forth nearly its full cricketing strength in the field. Never before, we believe, has Gloucestershire been beaten on its own ground, and for the Australians to achieve the feat was by no means expected in the cricketing world, in spite of the brilliancy of their play in this country. It is true that Gloucestershire has not shown such strength this year as previously, owing in large measure to the failure of the “champion cricketer,” Mr. W. G. Grace, to make his customary scores. Nevertheless, the county is still in the very foremost rank, as a reference to the performances of its eleven this season will prove. The Australians, therefore, may now claim to rank as nearly, if not, quite equal to Notts, the premier county this year, and always one of our most formidable teams. We think that the secret of our Antipodean cousins’ surprising success consists in their men being good all round. The eleven really has no tail, and, odd to say, the majority are capable of bowling straight on the spot, thus giving the captain the immense advantage of having an ample reserve of bowlers to fall back upon, whenever the defence happens to be peculiarly obstinate. In the field, also, the Australians are very near perfection; indeed, in this respect we doubt whether the best eleven England could produce would be their superiors. And they are very determined batsmen, too, even the leading bowlers being capable of handling the willow most effectively. Thus in the match alluded to we find “the demon bowler,” Mr. Spofforth, figuring in the first innings for 44 runs; Mr. Garrett, another smart hand with the ball, for one run less; and Messrs. Allan and Boyle, the other two principal bowlers, with double figures attached to their names.

Matches by Cable and not Complete.

We give our readers, as far as we can, particulars of these matches which took place in August and September:—

Against Eleven of Sussex, the thirty-third match played, the

Australians won by 7 wickets against a very good county team, including Charlwood, Humphrey, and J. Lillywhite. Our telegram states that the "Demon" was very effective, and the whole of the colonial bowling excellent. Sussex scored 80 and 47, and Australia 75 and three out for 52. (For scores see page 307.)

After the match was over, the Australians played Eighteen of Sussex, who scored 128, and Garrett lowered 13 wickets for 39 runs. The Australians lost 3 wickets for 21, and the game was abandoned as drawn.

A return match was now arranged with the Players of England, but a difficulty arose, as £20 a man was demanded on the ground that Lillywhite's team paid our men £20 each to go to Melbourne for their benefit. Mr. Conway offered £10 each, which we think was fairly liberal. English professionals (the best of them) get £5 and sometimes £6 a match, and the expenses of any country player visiting London are very small compared to the time and expense of going from Sydney to Melbourne and back. However, the team opposed to our men was not a bad one, including Barlow, Barratt, Charlwood, Hearne, Lillywhite, McIntyre, Watson, Wheeler (who played so well at Lancashire), and two of the Phillips'. The match was a good one, and the Colonials won by 8 or 9 runs, but there is some confusion in the telegrams. At any rate, it was a fair victory against a good team, backed up by professional experience and an acquired knowledge of our men's capabilities.

We are since reliably informed that the players engaged in this match received supplementary guarantees, making in all £20 per man.

The Gloucestershire match, which was a great victory, has been alluded to, but a one day's match was arranged, in which Gloucestershire scored 155 and the Australians 148. Unfortunately there was no chance of terminating the game.

They next met eleven Gentlemen of England at Scarborough, and, after the supremacy the former had shown, it was anticipated our Eleven would be all behind. Certainly the Graces, Gilbert, and Lucas—did not show; and, although the match was drawn, it was an ignominious defeat to the swells, as our men made 157 and 240 for 8 wickets, while the Gentlemen (and they really were gentlemen players) only came off for 109. An easy and undoubted victory for the colony had it been played out.

Thirteen double scores for our men shew the batting good all round, and whereas our men gave away 8 sundries, the Gentlemen gave the Australians 34 in two innings.

Of course nobody was satisfied. England must keep up her glory, and some of the professionals who would not play before wanted to play again. So another team of players was organised, including McIntyre, Selby, Shaw, Lockwood, and Ulyett, and other players of note. Only one innings was played, and the Englishmen were 76 runs to the bad. For the Players Ulyett made 79, and there were three other doubles, but it was fully answered by 61 from C. Bannerman, 57 from Gregory, and 33 from Spofforth;

besides four other doubles. It can be fairly claimed as a win, though a drawn game.

After this to the land of the "heath and the heather," v. Twelve of West Scotland. The Colonials got 268 runs, and won in one innings by 84 runs.

The last match was against Eighteen of Sunderland, and lost by 72 runs. Horan, Spofforth, and Bailey did not play, and we have only these bare particulars.

After finishing their trip to England, they went to America (see page 312); and we hope soon to welcome them back to Australia.

We think this trip has fully borne out the opinion expressed by good judges for the last few years, that a representative colonial team could fairly match the English county elevens; but we are inclined to go a little further, and to indulge in a hope that a few more years will find Australia the *champions of the world*. The English race gains by transplanting, and, with the extra time we have for practice, we ought to be perfect. Our cricketers play eight or nine months, and rest for the remainder of the year. Our friends in the mother country exactly reverse this, and must be out of form for the first month of the season, and then they have to contend with the drawbacks of a wet climate. Setting aside cricket, our "ambassadors from the Antipodes" have done more to bring Australia before the English people than all the pamphlets ever written; and from comments in the Press and opinions we have heard from private sources, it can safely be said they have been a credit to themselves and the continent of Australia!

We cannot close without making some reference to the donation of £100 towards the "Princess Alice Relief Fund." By this act of spontaneous generosity the team have added one more leaf to their well-earned laurels.

We append the following brief account of age, physique, and birthplace of each player. [See, also, Principal Players; p. 250]

Frank Allan, 28 years of age, a native of Victoria, over 6ft. high.

G. Bailey, 24 years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, native of Ceylon, but learned his cricket in Tasmania.

A. Bannerman, 21 years old, 5ft. 5in. high, born in Sydney.

C. Bannerman, 25 years old, 5ft. 8in., born at Woolwich, England, but came to New South Wales when a child; a professional cricketer.

J. Blackham, 23 years of age, 5ft. 9in., a native of Victoria.

H. F. Boyle, 28 years old, 6ft. high, a native of New South Wales, but learned his cricket and now resides in Victoria.

T. W. Garrett, 20 years old, 5ft. 11in. high, a native of New South Wales.

D. W. Gregory, 32 years of age, 5ft. 11in. high, native of New South Wales.

T. Horan, 23 years old, 5ft. 10in. high, born in Victoria.

W. Murdock, 23 years of age, 5ft. 10in. in height, born in New South Wales-

F. Spofforth, 22 years old, 6ft. 2in. high, born in New South Wales.

The following is a complete table of averages of all the *eleven aside* matches, (excepting the one day's match against Gloucestershire), played by the team in England. We have also given an epitome of the byes, wides, &c., which are shown collectively under the head of "Sundries."

BATTING ANALYSIS.

	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average per Innings.
F. Allan	23	4	143	33	7-10
G. H. Bailey	22	2	254	40	12-14
A. Bannerman	21	2	216	71	11-7
C. Bannerman	26	1	601	133	24-1
J. Blackham	20	7	293	58	22-1
H. F. Boyle	22	4	95	18	5-5
J. Conway*	1	—	12	12	12-
T. Garrett	23	—	237	43	10-7
D. Gregory	23	1	242	57	11-
T. Horan	25	2	304	64	13-5
W. Midwinter	9	2	120	32	15-
Murdock	26	2	315	47	13-2
Spofforth	26	1	308	56	12-8
Tennent*	2	—	3	2	1-1
Sundries	24	—	161	15	6-17

The following is a table of averages of the Australian Team in English matches where they were opposed by more than eleven aside. We except the following:—18 of Batley, 18 of Sussex, 12 of West Scotland, and 18 of Sunderland, the scores of which matches have not yet reached us:—

BATTING ANALYSIS.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average per Innings.
F. Allan	27	4	272	78	11-19
G. H. Bailey	30	2	493	106	17-17
A. Bannerman	23	1	405	43	18-9
C. Bannerman	27	—	503	54	18-17
J. Blackham	24	4	263	55	13-3
H. F. Boyle	26	4	203	58	9-5
E. Butler*	3	1	2	2	1-

* Substitute.

	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average per Innings.
J. Conway	6	1	65	46	13-
T. Garrett	30	1	307	48	10-17
D. W. Gregory	28	4	335	70	13-23
T. Horan	31	—	450	70	14-16
J. W. Hyslop*	7	—	21	6	3-
W. Midwinter	6	—	112	43	18-4
W. Murdock	30	2	322	73	11-14
F. R. Spofforth	30	1	317	64	10-27
W. Tobin*	6	1	16	6	3-1
Sundries	30	—	180	24	6.

The following is a complete table, showing the averages of the respective players in the Australian Eleven in England, for all matches excepting those specified in the footnotes of the two preceding tables:—

BATTING ANALYSIS.

	No. of Innings.	Times Not Out.	Total Runs	Most in Innings.	Average per Innings.
F. Allan	50	8	415	78	9-37
G. H. Bailey	52	4	747	106	15-27
A. Bannerman	44	3	621	71	15-6
C. Bannerman	53	1	1104	133	21-12
J. Blackham	44	11	556	58	16-28
H. F. Boyle	48	8	298	58	21-4
E. Butler*	3	1	2	2	1-
J. Conway*	7	1	77	46	12-5
T. Garrett	53	1	544	48	10-24
D. W. Gregory	51	5	577	70	12-45
T. Horan	56	2	754	70	13-52
J. W. Hyslop*	7	—	21	6	3-
W. Midwinter	15	2	232	43	17-11
W. Murdock	56	5	637	73	12-13
F. R. Spofforth	56	1	625	64	11-20
H. Tennent*	2	—	3	2	1-1
W. Tobin*	6	1	16	6	3-1
Sundries	54	—	341	24	6-17

It will be seen that C. Bannerman is top of the averages. Bravo New South Wales!!!

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

These tables cannot be relied upon as totally accurate, as we have been unable to get the analysis of five matches where the team met on equal terms and thirteen where they were opposed by "odds."

* Substitute.

Eleven a-side Matches.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs	Wickets.	Average.
Allan, F.	1096	120	307	17	18-1
Bailey, G. H.	124	11	46	2	23
Bannerman, A.	40	4	15	1	15
Boyle, H. F.	1081	121	383	36	10.23
Blackham, J.	12	1	4	1	4
Garrett, T.	562	81	196	19	10-6
Horan, T.	179	11	113	7	16-1
Midwinter*	222	24	55	5	11
Murdock, W.	152	19	60	6	10
Spofforth, F.	1671	174	706	68	10-26

Matches against "Odds."

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Allan, F.	510	61	192	27	7-3
Bailey, G.	52	4	15	0	0
Boyle, H. F.	1397	138	503	87	5-68
Garrett, T.	510	68	160	17	9-7
Horan, T.	214	9	116	18	6-8
Midwinter	68	15	4	4	1
Murdock	56	2	34	3	11-1
Spofforth	2161	182	757	137	5-72

Summary of the two preceding tables of bowling analysis.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Allan, F. (Vic.)	1606	181	499	44	11-15
Bailey, G. H. (Tas.)	176	15	61	2	30-1
Bannerman, A. (N.S.W.)	40	4	15	1	15
Blackham, J. (Vic.)	12	1	4	1	4
Boyle, H. F. (Vic.)	2478	259	886	123	7-25
Garrett, T. W. (N.S.W.)	1072	149	356	36	9-32
Horan, T. (Vic.)	393	20	229	25	9-4
Midwinter, W. (Vic.)	290	39	59	9	6-5
Murdock, W. (N.S.W.)	208	21	94	9	10-4
Spofforth, F.R. (N.S.W.)	3832	357	1463	205	7-28

Our readers will observe that Boyle and Spofforth have an average nearly equal, but Spofforth took 205 wickets to Boyle's 23.

*One no ball.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

The newspapers have been bristling with reports upon the Australian Eleven. We give a few, space will not permit our giving more ; but what extracts we have made will prove beyond a doubt how indelible has been the impression made by our colonial cricketing representatives. Some one has gone so far as to suggest that as the colony will reap so much benefit from the team's visit to the mother country, their doings should not alone be noticed by cricketers, but an undertaking of a national character should be started, to greet them on their return. We may add that no stone will be left unturned by the New South Wales Association to make their reception as cordial as possible.

(From the Saturday Review.)

The cricket season of 1878 has already proved to be a very remarkable one. The thing that is, does not resemble the thing that has been ; and only enthusiasts who lay long odds on Cambridge in the University match pretend to foresee the thing that shall be. Three causes have combined to make a welcome difference between the May and June of this year and the Mays and Junes of the years that immediately preceded it, as seen from the point of view of the cricketer, First, the Australian team has awakened an entirely fresh interest in the game. Secondly the weather has added to the uncertainty of cricket. Thirdly, Mr. W. G. Grace has not been the despot who reduces all bowlers, good and bad, to the same level, and makes an average score of seventy or so in every innings.

It is proper, in considering these three facts, to give the first place to our Australian visitors. Not very many people kept an eye on the doings of the English Eleven that went to Australia two or three years ago. It was not exactly a representative eleven, or, at least, if it represented the skill of England, it did not represent the geniality and pleasant temper of good amateur cricketers. The most casual observer, however, was compelled to note that the English eleven often met with its match. It was the batting, rather than the bowling and fielding, of certain colonists we heard of ; and when it was known that the Australians were to play a series of return matches in this country, half-informed cricketers thought first of the pleasure of seeing the Bannermans bat. It was understood that the colonists were pretty strong, but it was fancied that our grounds, so often damp and heavy, would not suit the play of men accustomed to wickets hardened by the long Australian droughts. The play of the visitors in their first match at Nottingham rather strengthened this view, though their want of practice made it no real test. It was at Lord's, when they played a very strong team of M.C.C. on a very damp wicket, that all calculations were upset. The strength of the Australians was found to lie in their bowling and fielding. They twice got rid of their opponents for scores that were, as the Scotch minister said when the rain interrupted his prayer for fine weather, "just ridiculous." Mr. Spofforth had

the chief honours of the fatal day at Lord's. He bowls with all his heart and weight, and might; his high overhand action being rather that of a man who is dashing down a heavy weight than of a bowler. Few players who bowl with all their hearts bowl with their heads too; and we presume no one expected much dodginess or change of pace from Mr. Cecil Boyle or Mr. Fellowes of old days. Mr. Spofforth, on the other hand, is quite a "head bowler," and was said, after his first success, to be as artful as Mr. A. G. Steel in his very different style. Like all the Australians, he puts much faith in a "york," or "tice," as it used to be called—a ball pitching just on the place where the bat naturally touches ground when the batsman takes guard. Many of the best bats of Marylebone and Middlesex have succumbed this year to the fatal "yorker," which takes a wicket, as it were, by storm. The strength of the Australians lies in the fact that when Mr. Spofforth's riddle is mastered, or when he is not on his day (and when he bowls loosely he gets terribly punished), there are reserves of very excellent bowling. No one could possibly bowl better than Mr. Boyle did at Prince's, in the first day of the match. He seemed to hit on the very spot which made it necessary for the batsman to play him forward, and he varied his pace so cleverly that man after man played too soon, and sent an easy catch into the hands of the bowler or some other field. If Mr. Boyle is not successful, Mr. Allan may be depended on to rival him, or Mr. Garrett will bowl with precisely similar straightness, cleverness, and perseverance. A more disastrous scene than the fall of five wickets of Middlesex for fourteen runs in the second innings has rarely testified to the supreme excellence of bowling. It was bad enough to see Mr. Webbe, after his brilliant score in the first innings, yield to his first ball in the second; but the loss of Mr. Haddow's wicket was even a more gloomy spectacle. It is unlikely that better bowling than that of Mr. Garrett and Mr. Allan, or fielding more cat-like in agility, than that of Mr. Spofforth and the Bannermans and Mr. Blackham, will this year console for their defeat the members of vanquished clubs and counties.

While the Australians thus set an example of conduct in the field, it is impossible to say that their batting is of the first order. Even though they beat the M.C.C., they were entirely unable to cope with Shaw and Morley. Though Mr. W. G. Grace is a persevering bowler, and Mr. Steel apparently a freshman of colossal genius, a strong batting eleven could not have been twice overmastered by them, as the Australians were mastered at Prince's. In their match with Surrey they showed, perhaps, more batting skill than in their long score of 240 against an Eleven of Middlesex Gentlemen. When one remembers that at Lord's several ground bowlers of the second rank are "put on" before the gentlemen who bowled for Middlesex, it will be obvious that the latter were fortunate in getting rid of the Australians as easily as they did. At one time, in the first innings of the Middlesex match, the Australians appeared to be completely mastered by bowling of no very remarkable difficulty. Afterwards they rallied and hit very

freely; but people are tempted to ask how many runs they could get off the admirable bowling of Spofforth, Boyle, and Allan, if it were pitted against them.

So much interest has been excited by the affairs in which the visitors take part, that the game in general has become more attractive than before. Thus a large gathering of people watched Cambridge play a not very powerful Eleven of M. C. C. The success of Cambridge has been one of the features of the season which is now at its acme. The University has defeated Surrey and Yorkshire and some strong teams which visited Cambridge. Mr. A. G. Steel is perhaps the most successful bowler of his year; Mr. Lyttelton's great score of 113 against the Australians is so far the chief feat of English batsmen. The cricket, indeed, of several of the Cambridge Eleven is like champagne compared to flat soda-water, so brilliant is the wrist play, so determined the hitting, so lively and graceful the fielding of the Lytteltons and others. Oxford, on the other hand, has passed a depressing summer term in the floods without winning a match. The exploits of "her great twin brethren" have not been on a level with the illustrious Cambridge men, though her captain has distinguished himself more than once. His bowlers are youths untried, and it is quite natural that Cambridge should be selected to play the Australians late in July, and that every one should predict the defeat of Oxford in the University match. Nothing among the uncertainties of cricket is so baffling to prophecy as the University match. Whether men are nervous in the crisis of their cricketing fate, or whether they practise too much and lose the mettle of their bowling, or whatever other causes may contribute to the result, the match is never one to be despaired of. Just as Mr. Grace has had his run of ill luck, and has failed to lead his county to victory against Surrey, so Cambridge may find the 1st of July to be what Malory calls "the wicked day of destiny." The performances of the Australian Eleven have a lesson for all amateurs (professionals cannot help themselves), and especially for members of the Universities. The lesson is, that it is well to avoid too much practice. Quantity of cricket is the enemy of quality. The muscles are relaxed, the players are "stale," as trainers say, and bowlers are the chief sufferers. At Oxford or Cambridge a college bowler is an overworked animal. Every day in the week he exerts himself to the utmost, often on grounds fatal to his style. There are not too many good bowlers, and they are kept in endless exercise. Bowling becomes "a dull mechanic art," instead of one in which freshness and delicacy of touch make half the battle. At the public schools, as every professional "coach" knows, bowlers fatigue themselves without limit. The Australians, we believe, do not practise nearly so much as our undergraduates and public school boys. Engaged in commerce for the most part, or in professions, it is only in the evenings that they are "serious"—to quote the Brussels rowing man—and on the weekly holidays or half-holidays. Hence their careful method, and their freshness and vivacity. It may be

added, that the regular work of schools and colleges would not suffer, while cricket would be improved, if boys and undergraduates played less than eight hours every day. Though a thing of minor importance, this consideration should not be overlooked. It is better to get a first and bowl well than to waste time, get a second, and bowl ill. The season is too late to be moralized with profit, but at last it offers true cricketing weather. Long scores are made once more. With many reasons to hope for a series of exciting contests, people who like cricket may say, with Leo X., that these are good times to live in. True wickets and lively play come with the heats of late June and July, and console the faithful for the sultry nights and scorching days.

The following is from the *Home News* :—

THE DEMON BOWLER.

The progress of the Australian Eleven is quite dramatic. Their somewhat tame *debüt* at Nottingham was in the nature of an unpretending overture, but the curtain fell to the first act at Lord's to rounds of applause at their splendid performance. When Grace, the far-famed batter, went out for four, and the wickets went flying right and left, so that the last fell to a ridiculously small score, it was clear that our Antipodean cousins could more than hold their own with the best cricketers in this country. Indeed, the Australians are so good "all round" that they will be difficult to beat. Their fielding is the admiration of all who behold it. They have among them many excellent bats, but their great strength is in bowling. Their bowlers have long enjoyed peculiar soubriquets indicative of their powers. Left-handed Allan is known as the "Crouching Panther," or the "Bowler of a Century;" Boyle is described as the "very devil;" but Mr. Spofforth, as the "demon bowler," carries off the palm. His delivery is quite appalling. The balls thunder in like cannon shot; yet he has the guile, when seemingly about to bowl his fastest, to drop in a slow, which is generally fatal to the batsman. Spofforth is a Yorkshireman by extraction. His father was well known as a sportsman, and rode as straight as the best with the York and Ainsty and other hounds. But whether from Yorkshire originally or not, he and his colleagues are all of our own flesh and blood, and we welcome their prowess cheerfully as a proof that the old stock is not degenerating in those far-off lands.

The *Home News* further says :—

THE CHANCES OF CRICKET.

The old saying, that "a game of cricket is not lost till its won," is receiving fresh corroboration every day. There have been times in the recent big matches between the Australians and our best elevens when victory inclined to either side. The fall of five wickets of the Middlesex eleven for fourteen runs in the last great match at Lord's promised to bring the Australians more strongly

to the front than ever. But the prowess of a single hand promptly changed the state of affairs. Mr. Lyttleton's splendid score of one hundred and thirteen somewhat abated what at one time promised to be an overwhelming triumph for the Australians. These chances and changes warrant the inference that our cricketers may yet do something to retrieve their laurels before the season is ended. It becomes more and more plain that the Australian strength is mainly in the bowling and fielding. As to the former, Mr. Spofforth's skill is extraordinary. He appears to be one of the players who can supplement tremendous speed with the astutest and coolest of minds. It is true that he is not always in the best "form," and when off his play his bowling gets handsomely knocked about. But then his team can replace him with others little less effective than himself. Again, in fielding, the agility of the Australians is quite wonderful. Batting alone appears a weak point, and perhaps this may in the long run bring them and their opponents nearer together.

All the leading papers are unanimous in their praises of the very excellent judgment displayed by Mr. Gregory in the onerous position of Captain, not only in the judicious placing of his fieldsmen, but by reserving for the proper time his strength of batting. In changing the bowling, upon which so much depends, Mr. Gregory has been even more successful. There can be no doubt that in the choice of a leader the team exercised a very wise discretion, which has been amply justified by results.

During the visit of the Australian Team in England, a grand banquet was arranged, and it took place at Willis's Rooms. The Duke of Manchester, who is always to the fore in affairs of colonial tendency, occupied the chair. The health of our Gracious Sovereign and the Royal Family being duly honoured, the chairman proceeded to propose, in a humorous speech, the health of the team. The toast was drank with three times three, and we extract from the home papers Mr. Gregory's reply:—

Mr. D. W. Gregory, who was very warmly received, said:—My Lord Duke and Gentlemen,—I have to thank you very much for the kind manner in which your Grace has proposed the toast of the Australian cricketers—and you, gentlemen, for the extremely cordial manner in which you accepted that toast. I am sure it will be gratifying to our friends in the colonies that leading men from Australia should have done us so much honour this evening, by inviting us to this brilliant assembly; and I am convinced that the recollection of this festival will ever be treasured in the mind of every member of the team. We shall carry back nothing but agreeable recollections of our trip across the ocean to visit the dear old country from which we all sprung, and we shall ever be grateful to our friend John Conway, from whom the idea emanated; but for his idea, the majority of us probably would never have seen Old England. Not that we lacked the good-will, for many Englishmen who have come over lately have told me that Australians are more English than you are here. (Laughter and cheers.) I am sure in

one thing we are quite as English as you, and that is in our love of cricket; and on that point I may say that we did not come here with any idea of defeating your best men, like the Gentlemen of England, or the splendid team we have been playing yesterday and to-day. Our idea was to measure our strength against your county elevens, and against such antagonists we have more than held our own. (Cheers.) I beg again to thank you very cordially, and I only hope in some future year we may be able to send teams to cope with the flower of England, not only at cricket, but in every manly sport. (Cheers) Mr. Conway tried to make the team as representative in its character as possible; but, unfortunately, in Queensland and South Australia they were not so far advanced in cricket as in New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, and consequently he had to make up his number from the latter places. He had to work hard to get it together, but he has done so with much more success than any of us anticipated. (Cheers.)

There being calls for Mr. Conway, that gentleman rose and added a few words, stating that all his trouble had been amply repaid by the very creditable and harmonious manner in which all the members of the team had worked together. The banquet was the most largely-attended affair that has ever met before in London, where Australia was concerned.

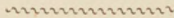
The company numbered about two hundred, and would have been very much larger but the capabilities of the room prevented it, and many coming up at the last moment for tickets had to go without them. The charge for admission was two guineas, and the banquet will be a red-letter day in Australian annals, and was a credit to all who had a share in its management.



Hints on the Game.

BY THE LATE JOHN LILLYWHITE.

THE following notes on cricket and how to play it are so extremely well adapted to the requirements of a country in which may be said that cricket has just emerged from its infancy, that we think we can take no better course in the interests of the game than to republish them verbatim. John Lillywhite is the acknowledged exponent of all the intricacies of cricket that comment upon his judgment is here unnecessary; suffice it to say that every one who desires to excel in the sport would do well to accept the words of the immortal bard and "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest."



It has been observed that "a man void of understanding was never known to do much at cricket." Only let a man or boy devoid of the active energies of mind or body attempt to carry out any of the requirements of a bowler, and he will soon discover the truth of the above little quotation. In any undertaking, in any study, in any profession, in any pastime, mere strength of limb must yield in every way to the energies and capacities of a well cultivated mind. This intellectual superiority descends to games amongst boys at school; young aspirants to fame at college; and continues so long as the sands of this great game at Life are permitted to run; but hold!

This book too large will grow in size.
If on the game we moralize.

My late father (being determined to perfect himself in the art of bowling) used to go into a barn, set up two single stumps 22 yards apart, place a wooden ball on the top of each, and provided with four cricket balls would bowl an over at one end and then cross over to the other wicket to repeat the practice there. He never considered he had bowled a good length ball unless the ball with which he bowled struck off the wooden ball without disturbing the stump.

He cared not for pace, but he aimed chiefly for place, and an hour's practice (on a lawn with two nets acting as longstops) every day would soon make practice perfect. In a match seldom did he bowl a ball wide of the stumps, except it was to distract the batsman from his obstinate defence.

My young friends, let me impress it upon you most strongly that the moment you see your style of bowling is understood too well to be mistaken, as well by the defence as by the increasing score, do not stop to be "taken off," but in a manly, straightforward way propose yourself the change.

Good judges say you ought to change when 30 runs are got. A bowler, therefore, must not be so self-esteeming as to suppose himself half insulted if such a proposition is addressed to him. Every cricketer can learn, and therefore should learn to bowl, either with lawn practice or barn practice. First obtain the pitch with moderate pace, and no matter who is at the wicket, it is sure to tell in a match.

The young cricketer cares not for the history of bowling, any more than the rifleman of the present day cares to know the history or particulars of an ancient battering-ram, but it may be curious for him to know that a female was the first who introduced round-arm bowling. Mr. Willes, of Kent, would practise cricket all the year round. In winter he would order a portion of the lawn to be cleared of snow, and in the absence of a professional bowler, he would say to his daughters, "Come, girls, put on your snow shoes and let us away for a little practice at cricket." Till then, underhand bowling was the only style. The flowing of the gown or shawl prevented the underhand delivery; accordingly the young ladies were obliged to raise their arms and deliver the ball horizontally. The substituted style succeeded in puzzling Mr. Willes. "Upon the hint he moved," practised the round-arm bowling, and although at first it met with violent opposition at head-quarters, it soon came to be adopted. Lilly-white's barn practice in this particular style gave him a wonderful superiority over the bowling of his rival cricketers, and for a time he stood almost alone in his superiority. The style once being sanctioned by the M.C.C. was practised by all the other bowlers of the day, and has since been practised, subject to certain restrictions, *vide* "The Laws of Cricket." For many years bowling was thought to be superior to the batting. The present state of things, however, would seem to imply that the batting is in the ascendancy. Should this continue to be the case, so as to lengthen the matches inordinately, it will be easy to increase the difficulties of the batsman by adding another stump, or by increasing the height of the present wicket. Good grounds in fine dry weather cause additional work for good bowlers, because the ball rises with almost too much truth. Shooters after all are mere accidents, and are seldom seen if the ground remains good. To a man who is as free upon his legs as he is free in hitting and full of wrist flexibility, be careful to shorten the pitch of the ball. Three or four inches will be quite enough to make it (to him) a difficult ball. When you succeed in reducing your man to defence, you have half conquered him; persevere and have patience and something will soon happen to reward you. Your place in the field should be short-slip, but you must avoid straining after any ball that shall have been thrown up awkwardly or violently.

Once more upon the subject of your practice bowling. Remember to bowl only for a certain time at a time, say an hour in the evening of each day, and the moment you begin to feel a little weary, that moment desist ; for be assured that every ball delivered in fatigue is worse than no practice at all. Even the eye by dwelling too long upon one object in drawing or painting loses its freshness of perception, and becomes as it were insensibly accustomed to error ; and your picture, like unto your weary frame of body, is injured by being over-wrought. These considerations doubtless gave rise to the present over, limited as it is to four balls. An "over" bowled with much anxiety and perhaps with much exertion (I mean mental exertion) is quite enough for the best bowler to attend to at a time. The little rest enjoyed till his time comes on again refreshes his mental as well as his bodily energies. In your practice on the lawn bowl as well *against* the wind as *with* the wind : this will prepare you for your required exertions in a match.

With reference to the bowler it is only left me to say that my "Scoring Books," now published, give the number of runs off each bowler ; but such analysis need not disturb you. Persevere in barn practice in winter and lawn practice in summer

I almost forgot to say that it not unfrequently happens, a college or school comrade is invited to pass the vacation at the hall, the house, the mansion or the castle ; when this is the case, you have a capital opportunity of practising alternately bowling and wicket-keeping. In either case I think it best to begin without a batsman. Of course, if there should be any batting, the ladies must retire behind the net, which should be kept high enough to prevent them from accident. I will now take under consideration the

FIELDSMEN :—

Their places, their qualifications, their requirements, yea also their practice, for even fielding is a science, and requires attentive practice. Short and sharp catching, as well as the long and aeronautic gentlemen, which, after taking their flight "aloft through the incumbent air," descend with accelerated speed rapidly ; and often, contrary to the expectations even of an experienced fieldsman, come to hand with the speed of a short and sharp catch.

If you misjudge the pace of a ball, it will strike against some part of the hand with more speed than you are aware of, and bound out of your hand, to your own mortification and to the annoyance of the bowler, who perhaps has bowled this very ball purposely to tempt the batsman to give this very catch. The spectators are also not behind hand in uttering their half suppressed notes, not of admiration. Let six or eight men or young cricketers form themselves *often* into a large ring whose diameter shall be 30 or 40 yards ; let them stand at stated distances from each other, and let a ball be thrown round and round from one to another smartly, and let the young cricketer practice

catching with the left hand as well as with the right. There are accidental catches as well as experienced catches. The former of these often happen in wicket-keeping, although far be it from me to ascribe to chance some of the wonderful catches which have been made with extraordinary ability in this department of the game. Running, stopping the ball while in the act of running, returning it well and without hesitation—whether with a point blank throw or with one bound—all these things deserve an especial chapter; but I hope we shall be able to make sufficient reference to them when speaking of the separate duties of the separate fieldsmen. Stopping the ball by dashing forward to stop it looks perfectly enchanting to the lookers on when it is successfully done; but it is a dash full of danger if the ground is not perfectly true.

It is almost impossible to be an awkward fieldsmen unless you habitually miss catches and suffer the ball to pass, when, by a little extra exertion, you could avoid these casualties.

It is now time we should particularise the different fieldsmen, beginning with the

WICKET-KEEPER,

who may be considered next in importance to the bowler. The wicket-keeper should be a person not only of a quick eye to execute the arduous duties of his post, but also a person of great judgment to see that the "field" at every moment of the game is suitably positioned. As soon as the "over" is called, the men, on resuming their places, should turn their eyes towards the wicket-keeper and be ready and (let me add) willing: for I regret to say that I have seen some entertain their own opinion in opposition to that of the wicket-keeper.

A wicket-keeper's anxieties and responsibilities are quite enough to be borne when all goes well, but how must they be increased to his annoyance when he has to contend with officious objections and indisposition to obey. Much may be acquired by practising wicket-keeping in the "Lawn Practice." Let this be done for some time without a batsman. It must be made a matter of progressive improvement. Every species of knowledge worth knowing requires progressive practice; so it is with the acquirement of any accomplishment. The dash or rushing in at a ball more particularly belongs to the cover-point and mid-wickets on and off. Practise these by having the ball often bowled along the ground towards you. This (in practice) can best be managed by three standing in a line. Let the man in front stand 12 or 15 yards from you, and the man in the rear the same: so that if you miss the ball in the first dash, the long-stop at the net in the rear will have a capital opportunity of practising long-stop. Should you miss the dash, turn to the long-stop, let him bowl along the ground the ball back again, and practise the dash with the left hand. After twenty dashings have been made, let the men change places alternately with you. You may, by this practice, thus become almost a finished fieldsmen. Should you be successful in the dash, take one momentary glance at the

ball on the stump, and throw, trying to hit the bail (not the stump). When you can perform this, hitting the bail ten times following, you may call yourself a well-practised fieldsman! The picking up of the ball and the return throw must not occupy more time than the flash of an electrical spark. This rapidity of execution in a match will often deter men from daring to run when the ball is hit to cover-point. If the ball be struck sharply to you at cover-point or mid-wicket, I should say, forego the rushing in at it; but if it come at a moderate pace, the men will steal a run if you are not well up in the practice of picking up with certainty and throwing in with accuracy.

It would be invidious to select one cover-point in preference to another. The fielding of the present day is full of wonder.

Many gentlemen, as well as players, in fielding are well worth imitating; but after all you must practice a style of your own, which, without having in it the servility of imitation, possesses all the satisfaction of a well acquired experience.

In fielding your movements must be your own, and not after the manner of any one in particular.

The catch, short and sharp, or long and tiresome to wait for, and, more particularly, the fielding of the point and cover-point, when well done, are perhaps among some of the most beautiful sights attached to this King of Athletic Sports. A round of well-merited applause is sure to burst forth from the assembled thousands, and in proportion as they understand the different excellences of the game, the louder will be their voices of approbation. Applause may be gained, but it must not by any means be aimed at. If once you suffer applause to affect you, that moment you are divided as to the duties of your post. Your mind and body struggling for a superiority of outward show will become like the "house divided against itself," and both will fall victims to ridicule and discontent. Every sense, every nerve, every muscle, must be devoted to what is going on in the game, and for the game. I have seen it somewhere recommended that style and elegance of action should be made a part of fielding. Your natural disposition to be active will defend you from appearing clumsy. If you are to tumble down every time you start to field a ball, why all I can say is that the sooner you become a spectator of the game the better. Attitudinizing is well enough for the Opera, but the cricket ground would present a strange appearance if the field were to move to the sound of a flute. A man who studies to be all elegance and attitude at cricket is almost certain to be a man of indifferent execution. "Left foot first, march," will not do for a fieldsman. The greatest elegance of a cricketer consists in the greatest amount of activity.

I see I have insensibly alluded to other parts of the field without strictly confining myself to the duties of a wicket-keeper. I will now take my leave of him, by recommending that above all things you imitate the style of Pooley or Biddulph, do all that all other wicket-keepers could do, and all with natural elegance and marvellous dexterity. They are always attentive to save the bowler,

by advancing a few paces and quietly tossing him the ball. If you are called upon to field a ball, the short-slip should immediately take your place at the wicket, and hold the ball till you resume your post. The ball is not virtually dead till then. As wicket-keeper, you should be prepared to receive every ball returned, although there are cases when the bowler, seeing a good opportunity, may call out that it may be thrown to him.

We now come to speak about that very important fieldsman the

POINT.

He ranges from five to fifteen yards off the bat, according to the bowling, and according to the favourite hitting of the batsman. Stopping sharp cuts, making sharp catches, are his principal duties; but one equally important is to be on the look out and back up well. Let a man be ever so good a batsman, such excellence is more than counterbalanced if, as point, he neglect to "back up." "A run saved is a run made"—like the old proverb of the penny, "A penny saved is a penny made."

Point, when the bowling is fast, should stand about six yards off the bat, and about one yard in the rear of the bowling crease. When the bowling is slow he may go hazardously near, except where the batsman is proficient in a hit called the cut. In such a case boldness would be madness; besides the difficulty of calculating for a sharp catch.

We now come to speak of the

COVER POINT,

whose duties can only be performed by a man well on his legs, and well practised in catching and in rushing in and throwing in with celerity and great accuracy. In returning a ball, aim at the wicket-keeper's head; the ball will reach him after having fallen a little by the laws of gravitation, making for him an agreeable catch, and which he much prefers to the risk of having his legs bruised by aiming low. Lawn practice will render you wonderfully perfect at dashing in at the ball and returning it with surety and despatch. The position of cover point in the field varies also according to the bowler and the batsman. Sometimes it is good for him to stand in front of the point so as to have a view of the striker. Sometimes, but seldom, in the rear of point. This is when the bowling is outrageously swift. Let the cover point keep his eye upon the ball even after he has thrown it in, as in case of a mistake by the wicket-keeper he (the cover point) may actually have to back up his own throw, *i.e.*, supposing the leg-draw returns the backing-up throw awkwardly. Over-throwing is sad clumsy work; it overturns the gravity of the field, displaces the men, disturbs their tempers, and is often the occasion of losing runs not to be regained. Therefore it is that once more, before I take my leave of the "cover point," I recommend that this important post in the field be intrusted only to those who can catch well, stop well, dash well, and return the ball with surety and despatch.

LONG FIELD OFF.

I have seen it somewhere recommended that this man should "be able to throw well," but I will go a step further, and say that he should also be able to catch well. The lofty-incumbent air catches are often very difficult to judge. The wind and the law of accelerated motion often beat the judgment of the best long field. Let him not dispise to practise long catches. Let four people stand one at each angle of a square, distant from each other about 30 yards, and practise lofty catches. If these sublime catches are well performed, alter the distance of standing nearer or further off. All the time you are practising these catches for the long field off, you are making yourself perfect for long field on. In either of these positions, if you are at all active, you can almost always save two runs.

LONG LEG.

takes his place in the field about fifty or sixty yards from the wicket, almost at right angles to the striker's wicket. I should recommend a larger angle, because most men hit the leg "swipe," as it is called, somewhat late. By so standing he will be able to allow for the twist which nine times out of ten the ball has upon it under the operation of this hit. Of course, it is needless to say, the long leg should be able to throw well, to catch well, and be well upon his legs. Often he will have to cover much ground and catch in the act of running. This should also be a subject of much practise. And the best way of practising this catching in the act of running is to let a person throw the ball upwards (you being distant about sixty yards), not so as to fall without your having to move, but a little wide of you, sometimes about six yards to your left, sometimes about six yards to your right. Run to the right or left and try to make sure of the catch with one hand. You will be surprised at the number you will miss. Be not daunted, but persevere, and you will soon master this difficult but highly important accomplishment of fielding. We next come to the place of

LONG STOP.

which yields to none in point of courage, adroitness, and close watching; and yet, curious to say, it is full of unthankfulness when you perform its wonderful duties well, and full of groans should you appear to be awkward by reason of the difficulties which will present themselves in spite of good ground and great exertions. The pace of the bowling should in a great measure determine your distance from the wicket. Should the bowling be moderately fast and good and true, you may stand to receive the ball on making its second bound from the bowler's hand. Only show the batsmen that you are up to your work by taking the ball "clean" and throwing it well into the wicket-keeper, and they will not attempt to steal a "bye." If you are at all clumsy at your work, the batsmen will worry you sadly, and

steal no end of runs. The long-stop also must be swift of foot, for he will have to save that which in former days appeared to his discredit, and for which he neither was or is really accountable, but which, nevertheless, he is bound to save if possible. These are called "leg byes," and are so registered. They are, in fact, flukes, and scarcely admissible as deserving to score.

SHORT SLIP,

and, as the name implies, gives you but a short time to stop or catch the ball when it slips off the bat. If the bowling be fast, you had better fall back about three paces; this will give you a little more time to judge the catch or otherwise which come to you, and whose pace is that of a flash of lightning. Whenever the wicket-keeper is required to field a ball, the short slip should immediately take his place at the wicket, and represent him for the time being. This requires no separate practice but the practice of thinking, and being most attentive to the above direction.

LONG SLIP,

a position of great importance, requiring much judgment and activity—judgment, because the ball when struck in this direction often travels along with a marvellous twist or bias. The proper place for long slip is just far enough from the wicket to save the run, and having a sight of the wicket half way between short slip and point. If the bowling be very fast, he had better stand about three or four paces nearer the long stop, but not so sharp as not to see the wicket.

MID-WICKET (OFF),

which is another place in the field demanding courage, judgment, and activity—courage to face the tremendous force with which some men drive the ball in this direction—judgment and activity to field the ball and make the catches sure. Wonderful are the attempts of the enemy to force this position, and still more wonderful is the defence frequently offered and sustained. In the execution of the duties imposed upon the mid-wicket (off) there must be no flinching, no shrinking for fear of pain. If you keep your eyes open, you can generally calculate the coming of this hit. The striker rushes resolutely at the ball, and you may judge within a little when the muzzle of the gun is pointed towards you. Be on the alert, but lose not self-possession. Look well to the backing up when the ball is thrown in from "long leg" or the "leg draw." This last precept I cannot urge too strongly.

MID-WICKET (ON),

is the next and the last to be named as completing the field. And though last, and apparently extra, is by no means least in consideration. This post is entrusted to none but the brave, the active, and, I may add, the intelligent. Only substitute for these cardinal attributes, the flincher, the indolent, or the man void of

understanding, and the post is as good as deserted. All his intellect is required to watch the action of the batsman, and judge as to the direction of the coming hit. His intellect is again called into action in judging whether to dash in at the ball, or whether he should fly, as it were, to the right or to the left, as well to field the ball as to make the catch. One of these many circumstances has to be determined upon in a moment of time. The lawn practice with the two nets will make you quite a proficient in returning the ball to the wicket-keeper or to the bowler in the "dash." Accuracy and despatch will, by this practice, have become part and parcel of your fielding, and many a run-out results from the manner in which this picking up and returning the ball is performed. "If it be done, 'twere well it were done quickly;" in fact, when neatly done it is the very essence of good fielding.

Having said thus much upon the field, their position, their qualifications, and their duties, we shall now devote a few words to the

BATSMEN,

It is no easy matter in a work so compressed as the present, to say all that has to be said upon this head. This can be better understood when the young cricketer learns with no little surprise that after he has waded through all the books of instruction, practised batting under the best masters, and in his own mind made himself master of the art, that he, like many of the most celebrated batsmen of this and of the last generation, will occasionally fail to obtain one single run in the two innings of a match. The ominous "spectacles" have been worn by the best sighted men, and by the most skilful practitioners, and will doubtless still be worn long after we have all been bowled down by death's unerring shaft; but these are, happily, among the exceptions to the general rule—the general rule being, that a man, by the time he is fit to be chosen as a proper representative for a County Eleven, is well qualified all round as cricketer. But we are addressing the student in this noble and national pastime, although we may suppose that he has made a little progress. After much study and great practice, I took, says Mr. Felix, the liberty, some few years back of introducing a work to the public, wherein I proved that the best attitude for a cricketer in taking his stand at the wicket was exactly that adopted by the fencer, and was at some pains to show, by illustrations, that many of the movements of the body were analogous to those of the fencer. I recollect saying, and I now repeat it, that the best method is (right or left handed), to stand with your knees slightly bent, just enough to enable you to spring immediately into whatever attitude you may be required to go. Your feet are quite as much required in defence and offence as are your hands; and it is next to impossible to spring out to drive the ball if you are to keep one foot fixed on the ground. Acquire an easy position, with the knees slightly bent all ready for action, and you will have little else to do when the ball leaves the bowler's hand, but to think whether or not you will be required to "hit" or "stop" the ball; and the mind and body must be made up as

to what you will have to do, almost as fast as you can utter either of these words I have put in quotation.

I do not agree with those who recommend that you should begin your practice in batting with one leg fixed firmly on the ground. Take the block, and stand so as to have the toe of the back leg within about five inches of the bat, and immediately behind the popping crease. You must of necessity slightly bend the body in order to get a proper hold of the bat; but do not bend it more than that the eyes should be in a straight line drawn from the middle of your wicket to the bowler. Hold your head as high as you can, and keep steady position (knees slightly bent all ready for the spring forward or back play), until you see what is to be done with the ball. He, who, by holding up his head, looks down on the ball during its passage from the bowler towards him has a much better opportunity of seeing the ball with reference as it were to the ground, and the space it is passing through, and above all he will be the better able to judge of the length. There is a spot of ground between you and the bowler which has truly been called the "blind spot," from the fact that your calculation for a moment (as to whether you shall lunge forward or play the ball back) is at a stand still.

"Pendulum play" is by no means a bad name for that practice, which, as soon as the bowler starts to deliver the ball, you should adopt. In raising the body, in order to lift the bat from the ground, keep the head, if possible, still in the straight line from your wicket to the bowler. With flexibility of wrist, hold the bat so that the lower end of it be thrown back towards the middle stump, then as the ball is coming towards you, it (the bat) is in the best "pendulum position" for defence, either to lunge forward, or to play the back defence, or to dart down upon a shooter. In the "pendulum position" also the bat can sooner be brought into action for any of the offensive operations, as the drive, the cut, and the leg hit, &c.

I confess, says Mr. Felix, to have taken much interest in promoting this game in my pupils, and not unfrequently I have made them stand in a line, "bat in hand," and, at the appointed words of command, such as "cut the ball," "prepare to drive," "forward," "lunge cut," "hanging guard," "leg draw," "square leg," have had the satisfaction of seeing the commands well carried out. At the words "*cut the ball*," the right leg stepped to the rear, during which the bat would be raised so as to rest upon the right shoulder, and simultaneously as the back foot came to the ground was the action of the back cut made, sharp and quick, as if cutting a ball, balanced on the top of one stump, off the stump, and without touching the stump. Immediately this was performed, the words "*en garde*" brought the young practitioners back into position again. At the words "*prepare to drive*," the greatest amount of "pendulum play" would be used by lifting the bat as far back as they could manage, and with one step forward swing the bat, describing the arc of the pendulum, with all possible strength. At the expiration of this exerting affair, the order "*en garde*" was given, and this brought the young practitioners back into position again.

At the words "*lunge cut*," the body, as in the lunge at fencing, must be thrown forward, the bat raised to the shoulder, and simultaneously as the advanced foot reaches the ground, the bat should be brought down with strength and swiftness so as to hit the ball off, and fit to break the legs of the point, and swift enough to evade the vigilance of the cover point. In my humble opinion, when this majestic hit is well executed, it is the grandest hit of the game. Recollect, it should be adopted only when the ball has pitched a little too far, and, of course, on the off side.

"*Hanging guard*," or back block, is made by simply hanging the bat in a vertical position, following the ball back to within half a foot distant from the wicket. Dropping it quickly will kill the shooters. "*Leg draw*" is much the same as the "*hanging guard*" as to action of body, but the blade of the bat is turned inwards, so that the ball may glance off out of the reach of the wicket-keeper. This leg draw is often rewarded with two and often with three runs. Off fast bowling the ball often shoots through the field escaping good fielding. "*Leg square*." This is now reckoned the finest hit of the game. True! when it is well made. But it must be allowed that unless it be well made it is full of danger. To prove this, it needs only to be said, that the ball when hit is still rising, and the hit, unless made quite on the square, will only cause the ball to rise "*higher and higher*," making a long but not unacceptable catch for the square leg. By this "*attitude practice*," even without the ball, I am sure, as I speak from experience, the young cricketer will derive much instruction. It is needless to say that a good bowler, who can command the ball so as to bring these different circumstances of hitting and defence into operation, is a great desideratum for the young cricketer; but in the absence of this desideratum, "*attitude practice*" is as useful as the practising of scales is to the musical tyro on the piano. No one can dispute the validity of the practice which enables you to throw yourself instantaneously into the required attitude, thereby learning how to use the arms and legs.

As soon as you have mastered the "*attitude practice*" by rule, you will play without any apparent effort, and you will unwittingly, as it were, go immediately into the action suited to play, and that almost instantaneously upon the ball leaving the hand of the bowler. Let all your practice be conducted with precisely the same care and attention as your match playing. Avoid all careless hitting and all habits of carelessness, all unnecessary flourishing of the bat, &c., &c., and it will come to pass, that when you take your position at the wicket in a match, you will be all quietude and full of natural decision, instead of being puffed up with any experimental artifice of play. When first you go to the wicket begin the innings with the greatest possible care; being rather more inclined to defend than to hit. Recollect the old adage, "*Play well, the runs are sure to come*." One run well obtained, that is, by a correct style of batting, does more to interrupt the attack of an experienced bowler than your attempt at making splendid hits. Play steady and the opportunities of making these splendid hits will soon come, and come when your eye is well "*in*,"

and when it will be just as easy to punish the bad ball, as you will by this time be well up in playing the good ones.

With respect to the weight of the bat, your strength of wrist and style of play must determine this. Of course, a heavy bat will, by the "pendulum action," drive a ball with more force, but for all the other purposes of play the weight of a bat should not exceed 2lb. 3oz. That *excess* of all kinds is injurious to the senses; that intemperance is incompatible with the success of a good cricketer, inasmuch as the over *indulgence* of the appetite will impair, sooner or later, the muscular and nervous energies upon which the character and great doings of a good cricketer depend. What can a bowler do, if, by strong stimulants, his hand, and his eye, and his temper are under little or no control? The same remark applies to all and to any who may have the happiness to enjoy the health and the means of participating in the pleasures of the Game of Cricket.

MANAGEMENT OF A MATCH.

As a general rule, choose first innings; because it is easier to stop runs than to make them at the critical part of the match; still you may take into consideration that the dinner often spoils the bowling, and some men have better sight and are less nervous after fielding first. If you go in first, let two of your most safe batsmen be put in, that you may "kill" the bowling in the early part of the game. When a player is put out, and the bowling becomes loose, put in a resolute hard hitter; also when two players have been at the wicket some time and become warm, and one is put out, take great care to fill the vacant place immediately, lest the other should become cold and stiff. A fine off-hitter and a fine leg-hitter together puzzle the field.

Take care when you put in one of those fast cricketers who cannot judge a run. He may run your best hitter out.

Two free hitters run each other out of breath.

Before playing a match, let your eleven practise together, each in his own place, and each going in in the same order as in the match.

If your party take the field first, let your bowlers take full time between the delivery of the balls. If your opponents get well in, and are getting runs too fast, change the bowler from whom most runs are obtained, taking care that the bowler you put in his place is opposite to him, both in delivery and speed.

You should avoid indulging nervous practices; if asked to go in first, go immediately; never decline through prejudice and superstition. There is nothing like bringing yourself continually to think (whether you have been at the wicket an hour or not) that you are just beginning again.

If your side have to go in for a certain number of runs in your last innings, always keep back two or three of your best and steady batsmen for the last wickets. Timid or hazardous players seldom do so much, when the game is well contested, as those who are steady and scientific players.

Never put in your best batsmen together, otherwise "the tail" is worth nothing.

In choosing your eleven, let excellence in fielding have great weight with you; provide yourself with one or more *good* change bowlers, as they are often of more use than ordinary batsmen.

HINTS RESPECTING THE DUTIES OF AN UMPIRE.

In pitching wickets, see that your brother umpire does not choose the ground so as to favour a particular bowler; much advantage may be taken in this instance. Pitch upright wickets—fairly 27 inches out of the ground, and 8 inches in width. Take as much pains about the wickets as if you had *yourself* to bowl.

To count the overs correctly, use pence or pebbles, and drop one after each ball from one hand into the other. Some experienced umpires will count with their fingers, as it is of importance that the bowler should bowl no more than four balls.

In calling "no-ball," call the moment the toe is over or *on* the line (ball delivered), or the batsman loses the chance of a hit. If the toe is not over or on the line, do not trouble yourself about it seeming lifted at the moment of delivery, for it is impossible for a bowler to deliver a ball unless his toe is actually on the ground.

To be out "leg before wicket," first, the ball must pitch straight (straight, that is, not merely from hand to wicket, but straight actually from wicket to wicket); secondly, you must be satisfied that no "breaking" away or sudden rise should have prevented the ball from hitting the wicket, if not stopped by the leg. Such is the law. With round-arm bowling "leg before wicket" can very rarely occur—much more rarely than is commonly decided. On this point opinions differ; so let every round-arm bowler join the the near stump of his own wicket with the opposite stump of the other wicket by a white thread, and then try if he can ever hit the wicket with a good length ball that does not pitch outside that line, and, consequently, not straight from wicket to wicket. Without a "break-back," the thing is impossible with any but an over-pitched ball, provided that the bowler do not deliver "over the wicket."

Leg-byes should be called aloud to the scorers, by the umpire at the bowler's wicket, as soon as the run is made. The bowler's umpire, also, is the proper party to give notice of byes to the scorers—best done by holding up the hand. A good umpire will avoid the necessity of questions being unpleasantly screamed out from the scorer's table.

"Wide balls" depend not on the crease, but on being out of the reach of the batsmen,—a point left entirely to the umpire to decide. Take great care that the bowler does not deliver wide of his return crease; this, in effect, gives the batsman wrong guard, and will spoil any match. Umpires should consider that the real interest of a match is destroyed by one single blunder. The odds of 12 wickets to 11 may result from a single mistake.

In "giving guard," calculate at the spot from where the bowler delivers.

The question of a catch either umpire may refer to the other, if he himself could not decide it.

The umpire at wicket-keeper's end should narrowly watch the foot of the batsman, especially in the "draw," or in "forward" play. He must see that the wicket-keeper does not stump when his foot is before or head over the wicket, or when the ball has been taken before the wicket.

The wicket-keeper's umpire will stand with most advantage between the two creases, at least ten yards off—if nearer, and if not between the two lines of the two objects, his eyes cannot so easily take in the foot of the batsman and the hand of the stumper at one view. Look well to "ball in hand," and see that the wicket-keeper does not shake off the bail with his toe.

The umpire should call for roller immediately the last wicket is down.

The runner cannot be out for running round his ground instead of through, because the popping-crease is unlimited.

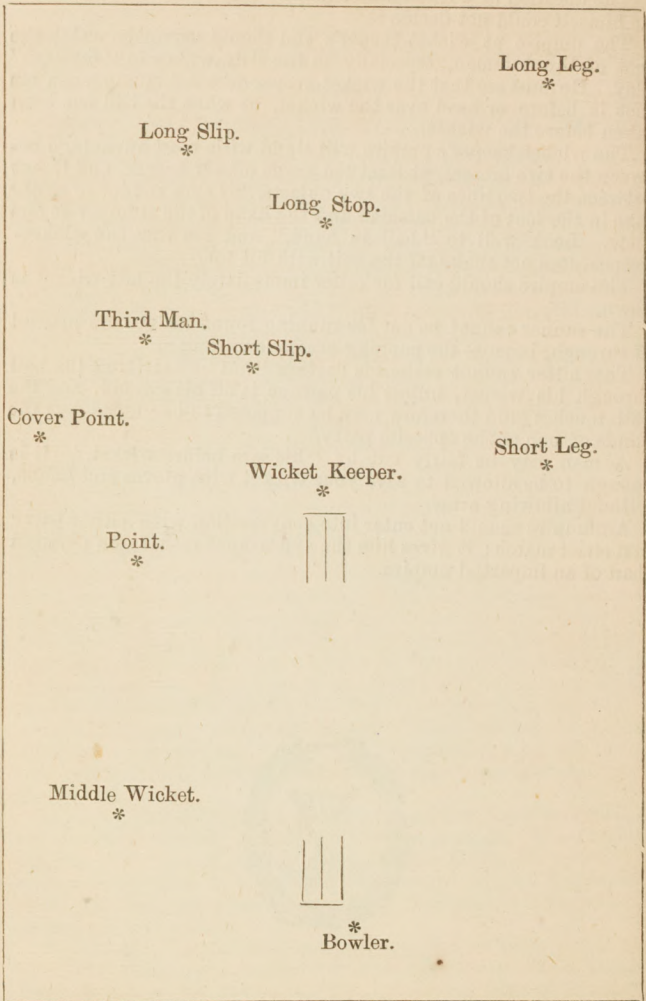
The hitter cannot make his partner "out" by striking the ball through his wicket, unless his partner is off his ground, and the ball touches (and therefore may be supposed to be guided by) the hands of one of the opposite party.

A man may be fairly out by "his arm before wicket." It is enough to be allowed to save your wicket with gloves and hands, without allowing arms.

An umpire should not enter into conversation with either party in a strict match; it gives him the appearance rather of a partisan than of an impartial umpire.

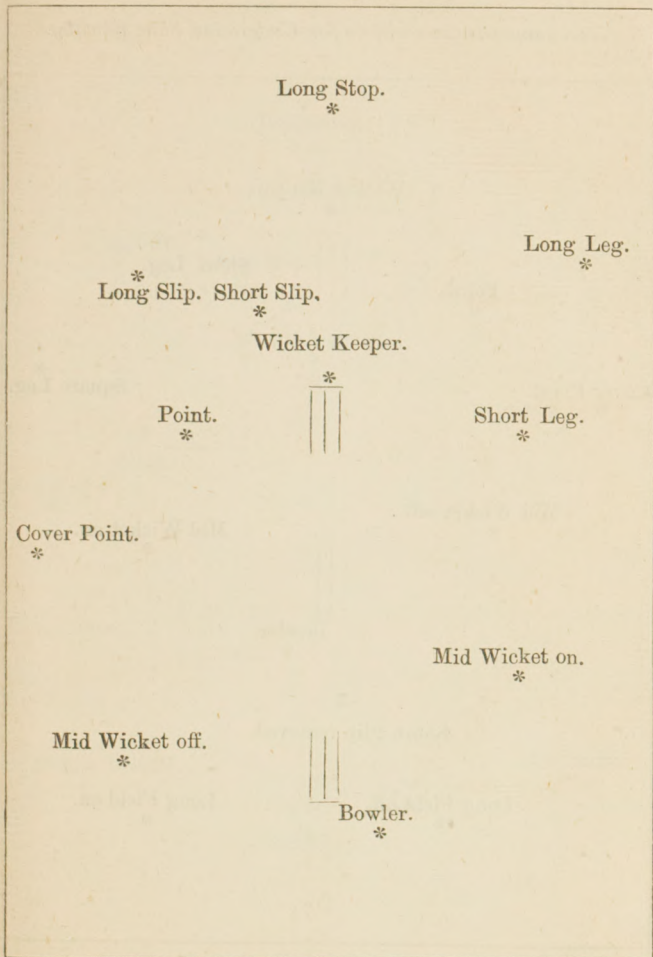


POSITION OF THE MEN TO FAST BOWLING.



Long Slip and Leg should assist each other in "backing up" the Long Stop to prevent byes. The above are right-handed batsman.

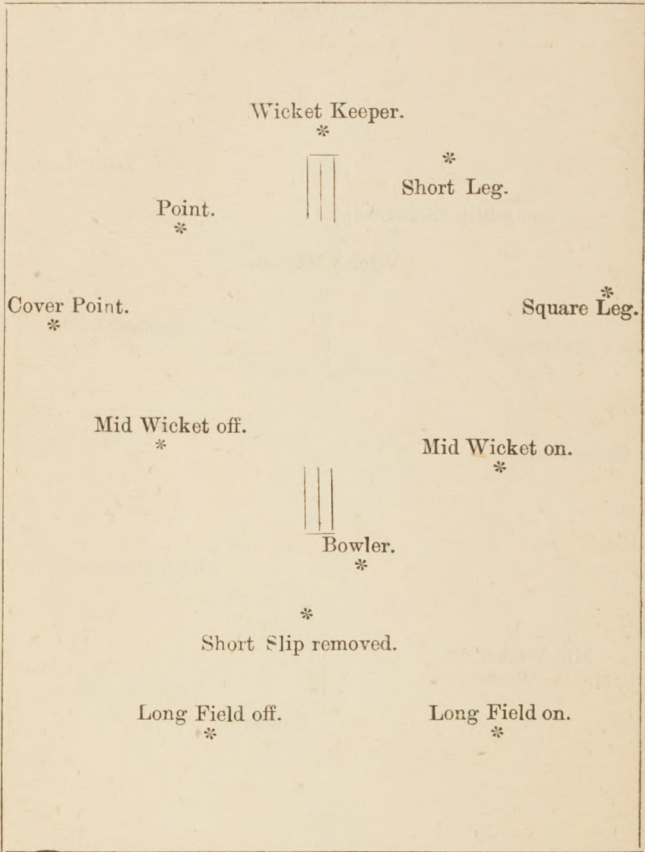
POSITION OF THE MEN TO ROUND-ARM MIDDLE-
PACE BOWLING.



It is necessary for this bowler, as well as others, to change his men according to the style of the batsman's play. The foregoing sketch will enable the bowler to place his men when the game commences. Afterwards his own judgment must be used. The positions in the above sketch are for a right-handed batsman.

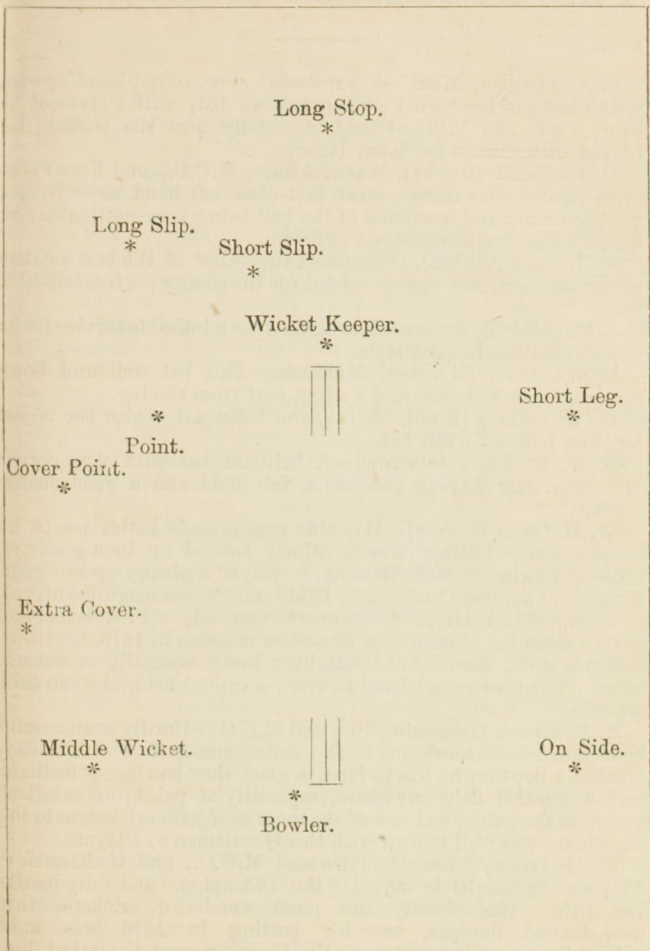
POSITION OF THE MEN TO ROUND-ARM SLOW
BOWLING.

The same positions will do for Underhand Slow Bowling.



A slow bowler should be a very excellent judge of a man's style of play, or a great many hits will be got before his favourite hits are found out. If free in hitting, and you have an efficient wicket keeper, take away your long stop and place him in the long field "on" or "off." Pick your men for point, long-fields, and mid-wicket off, they being, to a slow bowler, very useful men.

POSITION OF THE MEN IN THE FIELD TO A
LEFT-HANDED MEDIUM-PACED BOWLER.



The above sketch is for a right-handed batsman.

If a long leg is wanted, short leg must go back, and the "on side" go nearer the umpire.

The Gentlemen of England.

C. A. Absolom, Kent—A successful slow round-hand bowler, with plenty of head-work; a run-getting bat, with a style of his own; a safe and brilliant field, especially near the wicket; has played with success for Kent latterly.

D. Buchanan (Rugby), Warwickshire, M.C.C., and Free Foresters; has been for many years a first-class left-hand slow bowler, his head-work and command of the ball being very noticeable; requires a safe and attentive set of fields.

A. J. Bush (Clifton), Gloucestershire—One of the best amateur wicket-keepers, and was successful for the county; a free left-hand bat.

J. M. Cotterill, Sussex—Has again done admirable service for his county, batting in good style.

C. E. Cottrell (Harrow), Middlesex—Can bat well and bowls straight, with fair pace and a slight curl from the leg.

H. W. Fellows (Eton), M.C.C., and I Zingari—Once the fastest amateur bowler; a fair bat.

F. E. R. Fryer (Harrow)—A brilliant bat with very correct style and fast scoring powers; a fair field and a good change bowler.

W. H. Game (Surrey)—Has this season made better use of his extraordinary hitting powers, which, backed up by a good eye, atone somewhat for defective style; played a plucky up-hill game for Oxford against Cambridge; fields and throws magnificently.

W. R. Gilbert, Gloucestershire—A fine bat, with defence, and played some long innings in first-class matches in 1876, his three-figure score v. England at Canterbury being especially commendable; a fair slow round-hand bowler; a capital field, and can keep wickets.

E. M. Grace, Gloucestershire, and M.C.C.—Hardly so successful as in previous seasons; one of the fastest run-getters of the day, whatever bowling he has to face; a good slow bowler; a brilliant and unwearied field anywhere, especially at point; an excellent judge of the game, and one of the most energetic cricketers in the kingdom; was well known with the Gentlemen v. Players.

W. G. Grace, Gloucestershire and M.C.C., and Gentlemen v. Players—Is familiarly styled "the Champion," and fully merits the title. Undoubtedly the most wonderful cricketer that ever donned flannels, and his batting in 1876 was most extraordinary. He is at once the largest scorer, the safest bat, and the quickest run-getter off first-class bowling that has ever defended a wicket. The point in which of all others he is unsurpassed is that of "timing" and "placing" the ball; and his skill in adapting his play to meet the varying positions of the fieldsmen must be seen to be understood. As a bowler, has been pretty suc-

cessful this season; has considerably altered his old style, having taken to varying his pace and bowling "with his head." A magnificent thrower, and splendid field anywhere; unsurpassed at point. A good judge of the game. The main-stay and captain of Gloucestershire.

G. F. Grace, Gloucestershire, and Gentlemen v. Players.—A magnificent bat and well worthy of the family name. Has good style and a fine drive, especially on the off side; a good fast bowler, and very effective at times; a grand field, and one of the best all-round cricketers in England.

W. H. Hadow (Harrow), Middlesex, M.C.C. and I Zingari—A fine bat, with good style, and plenty of wrist-play; a good point, and excellent slow round-hand bowler. Was invaluable to Middlesex county.

Lord Harris (Eton), Kent, M.C.C., and I Zingari—A very good bat; a fine hitter, and magnificent field, with a very quick return. Has done a good deal for his county, and has the highest average.

A. N. Hornby (Harrow), M.C.C. Lancashire, and Free Foresters. A magnificent bat, possessing fine upright style and very strong defence and back-play, with free all-round hitting; unsurpassed as a field and catch, and is *ambidexter*. Plays for Gentlemen v. Players.

W. Foord-Kelcey, Kent.—A straight and very fast bowler, with a low delivery; a good bat and very hard hitter.

G. H. Longman (Eton), Hants—A very fine bat, with excellent style, and a brilliant cut. Captain of the Cambridge Eleven, 1875.

A. C. Lucas (Harrow), Surrey—A capital field and good bat.

A. P. Lucas (Uppingham), Surrey—The crack Cambridge batsman. On the on side his play is faultless, as is his back play; in other respects much improved; cannot be left out of the Gentlemen's Eleven; an excellent field.

Lord Lyttleton (Eton), Worcestershire, M.C.C., I Zingari, and Quidnuncs—Was a magnificent bat, fine point, and fair wicket-keeper and bowler in the Cambridge Eleven, and played for Gentlemen v. Players.

Hon. S. G. Lyttleton (Eton), Worcestershire, I Zingari, and Quidnuncs—A fair bowler and good useful bat.

Hon. R. H. Lyttleton (Eton), Worcestershire—Like his brothers, a fine hitter and very fond of the game.

Hon. E. Lyttleton (Eton)—Has combined his hitting with a close and scientific defence, and is, in our opinion, a fine batsman; a fine field and thrower.

Hon. A. Lyttleton (Eton)—Looked upon by many as the coming man, as his style approaches perfection; the chosen wicket-keeper against the Players at Lord's and Prince's, and fully justified the choice.

F. A. Mackinnon (Harrow), Kent—A good bat and free hitter.

W. O. Moberley (Rugby), Gloucestershire—An excellent bat, with good style and very strong defence; has the next best Gloucestershire average to Mr. W. G. Grace.

F. U. P. Pickering (Eton), Sussex and M.C.C.—A slashing bat and fine field.

Hon. S. Ponsonby, M.C.C. and I Zingari—Has been a fast run-getter and good field; a great authority in cricket circles, and has most of the management of I Zingari.

W. N. Powys, I Zingari—Late the fastest gentleman bowler, and one of the most useful members of the Cambridge Eleven.

A. W. Ridley (Eton), Hants, M.C.C., and I Zingari—Decidedly one of the best cricketers of the day. A great batsman against first-class bowling, his reach serving him in good stead; is probably the best slow under-hand bowler since the time of Clarke, and surpassed by few as a fieldsman at point. Plays for Gentlemen v. Players.

V. Royle (Rossall), Lancashire—Brilliant in the field, and unsurpassed at cover-point; has a wonderfully quick return; moderate with the bat, but occasionally gets runs.

D. Q. Steel (Uppingham), Lancashire—Disputes with Hon. E. Lyttelton the second place amongst Cambridge batsmen; has a powerful style of play, and his remarkable success against first-class bowling having been so soon achieved, leads to the belief that he must shortly be found amongst the Gentlemen of England. Bowls slow round-arm, with high delivery and good length.

G Strachan (Cheltenham), Surrey—A careful bat; a straight and steady slow-medium bowler, at times very successful; one of the safest and most brilliant of fields, but did not play last year.

H. F. Tennent, M.C.C. and I Zingari—A very useful bat and field.

C. I. Thornton (Eton), Middlesex—Still enjoys the reputation of being the hardest hitter in England; a good out-field, and bowls fast underhand.

P. M. Thornton (Harrow), Hon. Sec. Middlesex County, M.C.C., and Quidnuncs—A painstaking steady bat: an energetic and indefatigable Secretary.

E. F. S. Tylecote (Clifton)—Oxford Eleven 1869-1872; an excellent bat, and safe run-getter, playing the game thoroughly; cuts well, and has a good defence; a very useful wicket-keeper, and splendid field at point. Played for Gentlemen v. Players.

H. G. Tylecote (Oxford)—Kept wicket for the team, and can bat fairly; bowls medium-pace as a change.

A. H. Walker (Harrow), Middlesex—A good wicket-keeper, and an excellent judge of the game.

R. D. Walker (Harrow), Middlesex, M.C.C., and Harlequins—A very good bat, with peculiar style; an excellent slow round-hand bowler, with plenty of headwork, and like all the family, knows the game thoroughly. Used to play for Oxford and Gentlemen v. Players.

I. D. Walker (Harrow), Middlesex, M.C.C., and Surrey Club—One of the best of all-round cricketers; a splendid bat, both for defence and hitting, generally safe for a score; perhaps the best field at mid-off in England; a useful slow bowler; has all the family knowledge of cricket and cricketers. Acts as Captain of the Gentlemen v. Players.

A. J. Webbe (Harrow), Middlesex—The Oxonian crack, whose great defence and extraordinary all-round hitting were the features of early cricket, both at Oxford and in London. Latterly, although his successes were less marked, he played several good innings. At one time we thought him stale and over-played. Fields surely and carefully, always working hard at the game, which he understands thoroughly well.

W. Yardley (Rugby), Kent—A magnificent bat, with very strong defence and back-play, and unsurpassed driving powers; a fine field at leg. Late of the Cambridge Eleven, and plays for Gentlemen v. Players.



The Laws of Cricket,

AS REVISED BY THE MARYLEBONE CLUB IN 1870.

I.—The BALL must weigh not less than five ounces and a half, nor more than five ounces and three-quarters. It must measure not less than than nine inches, nor more than nine inches and one-quarter in circumference. At the beginning of each innings, either party may call for a new ball.

II.—The BAT must not exceed more than four inches and one-quarter in the widest part; it must not be more than thirty-eight inches in length.

III.—The STUMPS must be three in number: twenty-seven inches out of the ground; the Bails eight inches in length; the Stumps of equal and of sufficient thickness to prevent the ball from passing through.

IV.—The BOWLING CREASE must be in a line with the Stumps; six feet eight inches in length; the Stumps in the centre; with a return crease at each end towards the bowler at right angles.

V.—The POPPING CREASE must be four feet from the Wicket, and parallel to it; unlimited in length, but not shorter than the Bowling Crease.

VI.—The Wickets must be pitched opposite to each other by the Umpires, at the distance of twenty-two yards.

VII.—It shall not be lawful for either party during the match, without the consent of the other, to alter the ground by rolling, watering, covering, mowing, or beating, except at the commencement of each innings, when the ground shall be swept and rolled, unless the next side going in object to it. This rule is not meant to prevent the striker from beating the ground with his bat near to the spot where he stands during the innings, nor to prevent the bowler from filling up holes with saw-dust, &c., when the ground shall be wet.

VIII.—After rain, the Wickets may be changed with the consent of both parties.

IX.—The BOWLER shall deliver the ball with one foot on the ground behind the bowling crease, and within the return crease, and shall bowl one over before he change wickets, which he shall be permitted to do twice in the same innings, and no bowler shall bowl more than two overs in succession.

X.—The ball must be bowled. If thrown or jerked, the Umpire shall call "No Ball."

XI.—He may require the striker at the wicket from which he is bowling to stand on that side of it which he may direct.

XII.—If the Bowler shall toss the ball over the Striker's head, or bowl it so wide that, in the opinion of the Umpire, it shall not

be fairly within reach of the batsman, he shall adjudge one run to the party receiving the innings, either with or without an appeal, which shall be put down to the score of Wide Balls; such ball shall not be reckoned as one of the four balls; but if the Batsman shall by any means bring himself within reach of the ball, the run shall not be adjudged.

XIII.—If the Bowler shall deliver a “No Ball,” or a “Wide Ball,” the Striker shall be allowed as many runs as he can get, and he shall not be put out except by running out. In the event of no run being obtained by any other means, then one run shall be added to the score of “No Balls,” or “Wide Balls,” as the case may be. All runs obtained for “Wide Balls” to be scored to “Wide Balls.” The names of the Bowlers who bowl “Wide Balls” or “No Balls,” in future, to be placed on the score, to show the parties by whom either score is made. If the ball shall first touch any part of the Striker’s dress or person (except his hands), the Umpire shall call “Leg Bye.”

XIV.—At the beginning of each innings, the Umpire shall call “Play.” From that time to the end of each innings no trial ball shall be allowed to any bowler.

XV.—The STRIKER IS OUT if either of the bails be bowled off, or if a stump be bowled out of the ground;

XVI.—Or, if the ball from the stroke of the bat, or hand, but not the wrist, be held before it touched the ground, although it be hugged to the body of the catcher;

XVII.—Or if, in striking, or at any other time when the ball shall be in play, both his feet shall be over the popping crease, and his wicket be put down, except his bat be grounded within it;

XVIII.—Or if, in striking at the ball, he hit down his wicket;

XIX.—Or if, under pretence or running or otherwise, either of the Strikers prevent a ball from being caught, the Striker of the ball is out.

XX.—Or, if the ball be struck, and he wilfully strike it again;

XXI.—Or if, in running, the wicket be struck down by a throw, or by the hand or arm (with ball in hand) before his bat (in hand) or some part of his person be grounded over the popping crease. But if both the bails be off, a stump must be struck out of the ground.

XXII.—Or, if any part of the Striker’s dress knock down the wicket;

XXIII.—Or, if the Striker touch or take up the ball while in play, unless at the request of the opposite party;

XXIV.—Or, if with any part of his person he stop the ball, which, in the opinion of the Umpire at the bowler’s wicket, shall have been pitched in a straight line from it to Striker’s wicket, and would have hit it.

XXV.—If the players have crossed each other, he that runs for the wicket which is put down is out.

XXVI.—A ball being caught, no run shall be reckoned.

XXVII.—A Striker being run out, that run which he and his partner were attempting shall not be reckoned.

XXVIII.—If a lost ball shall be called, the Striker shall be al-

lowed six runs; but if more than six shall have been run before lost ball shall have been called, then the Striker shall have all which have been run.

XXIX.—After the ball shall have been finally settled in the wicket-keeper's or bowler's hand, it shall be considered dead; but when the Bowler is about to deliver the ball, if the Striker at the wicket go outside the popping crease before such actual delivery, the said Bowler may put him out unless (with reference to the to the 21st law) his bat in hand, or some part of his person, be within the popping crease.

XXX.—The Striker shall not retire from his wicket and return to it to complete his innings after another has been in, without the consent of the opposite party.

XXXI.—No substitute shall in any case be allowed to stand out or run between the wickets for another person without the consent of the opposite party; and in case any person shall be allowed to run for another, the striker shall be out if either he or his substitute be off the ground in manner mentioned in laws 17 and 21, while the ball is in play.

XXXII.—In all cases where a substitute shall be allowed, the consent of the opposite party shall also be obtained as to the person to act as substitute, and the place in the field which he shall take.

XXXIII.—If any Fieldsman stop the ball with his hat, the ball shall be considered dead, and the opposite party shall add five runs to their score; if any be run, they shall have five in all.

XXXIV.—The ball having been hit, the Striker may guard his wicket with his bat, or with any part of his body except his hands; that the 23rd law may not be disobeyed.

XXXV.—The Wicket-keeper shall not take the ball for the purpose of stumping until it has passed the wicket; he shall not move until the ball be out of the Bowler's hand; he shall not by any noise incommode the Striker; and if any part of his person be over or before the wicket, although the ball hit it, the Striker shall not be out.

XXXVI.—The Umpires are the sole judges of fair or unfair play; and all disputes shall be determined by them, each at his own wicket; but in case of a catch which the Umpire at the wicket bowled from cannot see sufficiently to decide upon, he may apply to the other Umpire, whose opinion shall be conclusive.

XXXVII.—The Umpires in all matches shall pitch fair wickets; and the parties shall toss up for choice of innings. The Umpires shall change wickets, after each party has had one innings.

XXXVIII.—They shall allow two minutes for each Striker to come in, and ten minutes between each innings. When the Umpires shall call "Play," the party refusing to play shall lose the match.

XXXIX.—They are not to order a Striker out unless appealed to by the adversaries.

XL.—But if one of the Bowler's feet be not on the ground behind the bowling crease, and within the return crease, when he

shall deliver the ball, the Umpire at his wicket, unasked, must call "No Ball."

XL I.—If either of the Strikers run a short run, the Umpire must call "One Short."

XL II.—No umpire shall be allowed to bet.

XL III.—No Umpire is to be changed during a match, unless with the consent of both parties, except in the case of violation of the 42nd law; then either party may dismiss the transgressor.

XL IV.—After the delivery of four balls, the Umpire must call "Over," but not until the ball shall be finally settled in the Wicket-keeper's or Bowler's hand; the ball shall then be considered dead; nevertheless, if an idea be entertained that either of the Strikers is out, a question may be put previously to, but not after, the delivery of the next ball.

XL V.—The umpire must take especial care to call "No Ball" instantly upon delivery; "Wide Ball" as soon as it shall pass the Striker.

XL VI.—The Players who go in second shall follow their innings if they have obtained eighty runs less than their antagonists, except in all matches limited to only one day's play, when the number shall be limited to sixty instead of eighty.

XL VII.—When one of the Strikers shall have been put out, the use of the bat shall not be allowed to any person until the next Striker shall come in.

NOTE.—The Committee of the Marylebone Club think it desirable that, previously to the commencement of a match, one of each side should be declared the manager of it; and that the new laws with respect to substitutes may be carried out in a spirit of fairness and mutual concession, it is their wish that such substitutes may be allowed in all reasonable cases, and that the Umpire should enquire if it is done with the consent of the manager of the opposite side.

Complaints having been made that it is the practice of some players, when at the wicket, to make holes in the ground for footing, the Committee are of opinion that the Umpires should be empowered to prevent it.

THE LAWS OF SINGLE WICKET.

I.—When there shall be less than five Players on a side, bounds shall be placed twenty-two yards each in a line from the off and leg-stump.

II.—The ball must be hit before the bounds to entitle the Striker to run, which run cannot be obtained unless he touch the bowling stump or crease in a line with his bat, or some part of his person, or go beyond them, returning to the popping crease as at Double Wicket, according to the 21st law.

III.—When the Striker shall hit the ball, one of his feet must be on the ground, and behind the popping crease, otherwise the Umpire shall call "No Hit."

IV.—When there shall be less than five Players on a side, neither Byes nor Overthrows shall be allowed, nor shall the striker be caught out behind the wicket, nor stumped out.

V.—The Fieldsman must return the ball so that it shall cross the play between the wicket and the bowling stump, or between the bowling stump and the bounds; the Striker may run till the ball be so returned.

VI.—After the Striker shall have made one run, if he start again he must touch the bowling stump, and turn before the ball cross the play to entitle him to another.

VII.—The Striker shall be entitled to three runs for lost ball, and the same number for ball stopped with hat, with reference to the 28th and 33rd laws of Double Wicket.

VIII.—When there shall be more than four Players on a side there shall be no bounds. All Hits, Byes, and Overthrows shall be allowed.

IX.—The Bowler is subject to the same laws as at Double Wicket.

X.—No more than one minute shall be allowed between each ball.

BETS.

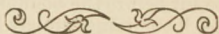
I.—No bet upon any match is payable unless it be played out or given in.

II.—If the runs of one player be betted against those of another, the bet depends on the first innings, unless otherwise specified.

III.—If the bet be made on both innings, and one party beat the other in one innings, the runs of the first shall determine it.

IV.—If the other party go in a second time, then the bet must be determined by the number on the score.

Note by Editor.—It would be far better, in our opinion, that betting on Cricket should be discountenanced entirely. We would like to see the Marylebone Club devise such rules as would, at all events, prevent any of the players in a match having bets upon the game.



Town Cricket Clubs.

Albert Cricket Club.

Established 1852.

President : Richard Jones, Esq. *Vice-Presidents* : J. J. Calvert, F. H. Dangar, R. Driver, M.P., and F. Adams, Esqrs.
Committee : C. Anderson, L. G. J. Bennett, V. Cohen, A. R. Docker, W. Docker, W. C. Goddard, J. M. Gibson, P. J. Josephson, H. Massie, and H. Moses. *Hon. Secretary* : George Morgan. *Hon. Treasurer* : G. L. Lord.

During the season 1877-8, the first eleven played eleven matches, of which they won eight, lost two and one was drawn. The following is a table of the matches played, and the figures scored in each.

Against whom.	Opponents Total.	Alberts Total.	Result.
Warwick	57	96	Drawn
do cup match	313	221	Lost
University	163	164	Won by 7 w
Carlton	116	118	Won by 10 w
East Sydney 15	104	153	Won
Albion, West			
Maitland	38	291	Won
University	43	71	Won by 31
Albion	166	168	Won by 1 w
Bathurst and			
Mudgee	62	222	Won on 1st ins.
University	138	91	Lost on 1st ins.
South Sydney	95	239	Won on 1st ins.

The second eleven played nine matches, of which five were won one resulted in a tie, two were lost, and one drawn.

The third eleven played four Matches, of which one was won, one lost, and two were drawn.

From the above figures it will be seen that the reputation of the club has been maintained during the past season. The first eleven only having been beaten *once on their merits*—viz., in one of the matches against the University; the same club having previously suffered two defeats at their hands. In the cup match, against the Warwick Cricket Club, the first eleven played with one man short in

the first innings, and four short in the second, owing to the departure of three men with the "Australian Eleven" (Murdock, Spofforth, and D. Gregory, during the progress of the match), and Mr. H. Massie's business engagements preventing him completing his grandly played not out innings of 80.

It will be seen by the schedule of averages attached, that the old veteran Nat Thompson, G. Morgan, H. Massie, A. W. Crane, and W. Pocock have been most successful in batting; the first named securing the club badge in both the batting and bowling departments; H. Massie not having played in a sufficient number of matches.

The scoring has not been so large as in the previous season, owing principally to the bad state of most of the grounds played upon, but occasionally some brilliancy was exhibited, notably the not out innings of H. Massie—when he put together 80 in less than an hour—an innings of 52 by "Nat," carefully played; 47 each by A. Docker and H. Moses, the first named against 15 in the field, and two good innings, played by G. Morgan, at West Maitland, of 40 and 34 respectively.

In the bowling department Nat Thompson's performances, all through, were exceedingly good, A. Docker coming very close to him, while A. W. Crane, one of the most promising young players in the club, secured a better average than either of the older bowlers: but unfortunately did not bowl in a sufficient number of matches to qualify for the club badge. If he bowls next year with the same patience and skill as he displayed during the past season, we hope to be able to congratulate him upon securing one of the club trophies.

The absence from the first eleven of three such good men as Murdoch, Spofforth, and D. Gregory has considerably weakened it, but while the club suffers only for the time, the cause of cricket will, without doubt, be materially benefitted by the capital performances of the Australian Eleven in England.

G. Murdoch has secured both the batting and bowling trophies in the second eleven; A. W. Crane, Dickson, and H. Harris making better averages, but have not played in a sufficient number of matches to qualify.

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-8.

Matches played, 11; won 8, lost 2, and drawn 1.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Most in Innings.	Most in Match.	Runs.	Average.
Thompson, N.	9	14	0	52	69	300	21-6
Morgan, G.	10	14	0	40	74	231	16-7
Moses, H.	10	17	0	47	55	179	10-9
Docker, A.	11	18	5	47	48	122	9-5
Gregory, D.*	2	2	1	32	32	35	35
Massie, H. H.*	6	9	0	80	80	232	25-7

	Matches.	Innings.	Times N Not Out.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Runs.	Average.
Pocock, W.	4	7	1	23	34	94	15.4
Crane, A. W.	6	10	4	24	46	93	15.3
Spofforth, F.	2	2	0	15	15	19	9.1
Anderson, C.	7	12	1	20	29	99	9
Docker, W.	5	8	0	28	32	68	8.4
Toohar, J.	7	11	1	32	32	73	7.3
Murdoch, W.	2	2	0	12	12	15	7.1
Murdoch, G.	3	5	1	17	17	39	9
Bodham, L.	3	5	1	14	21	28	7
Docker, T.	3	6	1	16	16	30	6
Lord, L.	4	7	0	9	0	40	5.5
Burrows, S.	6	9	2	15	0	35	5
Oliver, C. N. J.	1	1	0	9	0	9	9
Fairfax	1	2	1	6	0	11	11
Rowley	1	2	1	7	0	13	13
Gibson, J. M.	2	4	2	11	0	22	11

Second Eleven.

Matches played, 9; won 5, lost 2, tie 1, and drawn 1.

Murdoch, G.	7	8	0	50	0	144	18
Burrows, S.	6	7	0	23	0	77	11
Fairfax	6	8	1	19	0	59	8.3
Crane, A. W.	4	4	2	35	0	76	38
Dickson	4	4	1	64	0	100	33.1
Goddard, W.	2	2	0	49	0	59	29.1
Harris, H.	5	6	2	41	0	86	21.2
Rowley	2	3	0	36	0	57	19
Gall, A.	4	3	0	36	0	46	15.1
Docker, W.	3	3	0	28	0	43	14.1
Docker, E. B.	1	1	0	14	0	14	14
Garton	3	3	1	14	0	25	12.1
Lord, G. L.	2	2	0	15	0	20	10
Hawkins	5	5	1	20	0	39	9.3
Cohen, V.	2	3	0	21	0	24	8
Mulcahy	2	2	0	11	0	13	6.1
Wild	2	3	1	7	0	12	6
Moses	1	1	0	6	0	6	6
Johnson	1	2	0	11	0	11	5.1
Josephson	3	3	0	13	0	15	5
Noble	3	3	1	5	0	10	5
Mansfield	3	4	0	8	0	20	5

* Not played in sufficient number of matches to qualify for badge.

BOWLING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-8.

First Eleven.

Matches played, 11.

	Matches.	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
Thompson, N.	9	1326	418	57	48	8-34
Docker, A.	10	1102	456	46	51	8-48
Crane, A. W.*	5	424	117	17	19	6-3
Spofforth, F.	2	114	35	4	6	5-5
Docker, W.	1	42	24	1	4	6
Pocock, W.	3	126	65	5	3	21-2

Second Eleven.

Matches played, 9.

Crane, A. W.	4	328	89	0	20	4-9
Murdock, G.	6	204	84	0	6	14
Noble	2	128	41	0	12	3-5
Moses	1	61	24	3	6	4
Carolan	1	42	19	0	3	6-1
Docker, W.	3	145	75	0	8	9-3
Garton	2	78	39	0	4	9-3
Mansfield	2	0	77	0	7	11
Dickson	2	88	37	0	6	6-1
Lord, G. L.	2	0	79	0	6	13-1

One match played on New Ground v. Carltons 2nd, scoring sheet missing.

Belvidere Cricket Club.

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RESULTS OF MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN—Belvidere v. Redfern: Tie, each 61 runs. v. East Sydney, Domain: Drawn; East Sydney, 1st innings 111; Belvideres 5 for 61. v. Parramatta Alfred: Lost, at Parramatta; Parramatta Alfred, 1st innings 79; Belvidere, 1st innings 74. v. Gladesville: Won, at Gladesville Asylum; Gladesville, 1st ins.

* Has not bowled in sufficient number of matches to qualify for club badge (half required)

† Since deceased.

44, 2nd 76; Belvideres, 1st innings 84, 2nd 41. v. Carlingford: Won, Albert Ground; Carlingfords, 1st innings 40; Belvideres, 64. v. Caergwrle: Lost, at Gresford; Caergwrle, 1st innings 38 2nd 4 wickets for 46; Belvideres, 1st innings 41, 2nd 41. v. Albion, Maitland: Lost by 23 runs; Albion, 1st innings 68, 2nd 76; Belvideres, 1st innings 62, 2nd 59. v. South Sydney, Association Ground: Lost by 4 runs: South Sydney, 1st innings 87, 2nd 100; Belvideres, 1st innings 83. v. Toxteth, Toxteth Park: Won; Toxteth, 1st innings 36; Belvideres, 1st innings 135. v. Ashfield, Ashfield: Won by 121 runs; Ashfield, 1st innings 29; Belvideres, 1st innings 150. v. Carlton, Domain: Lost; Carltons, 1st innings 165; Belvideres, 1st innings 26. v. Toxteth: Drawn in Belvideres favour; Toxteth, 1st innings 5 wickets for 44; Belvidere's, 1st innings 133. v. East Sydney, Domain: Lost; East Sydney, 1st innings 74, 2nd 6 wickets for 67; Belvideres, 1st innings 95, 2nd 45. v. Maitland, Association Ground: Won on 1st innings by 67; Albion, 1st innings 111, 2nd 7 wickets for 108; Belvideres, 1st innings 178: v. Ashfield, Ashfield: Lost; Ashfield, 1st innings 56; Belvideres (seven men only), 1st innings 41. Gladesville, Gladesville Asylum: Won; Gladesville, 1st innings 37; Belvideres, 1st innings 63. Totals—won, 6; lost, 7; drawn, 2; tie, 1.

SECOND ELEVEN.—Belvidere v. Woollahra: Lost by one innings and 24. v. Gladesville: Lost by 31. v. Bronzewing: Won in one ing. and 165. v. University, 2nd: Won by 13 runs. v. Undaunted, 2nd: Won by 1 run. v. Carlton, 2nd: Lost by 90 runs. v. Carlton, 2nd: Drawn; Belvideres, 1st innings 148; Carltons, 1st innings 4 wickets for 74. v. Newtown, 2nd: Lost by 11 runs. v. Derwent: Won by 43 runs. v. Burwood: Won by 74 runs. v. St. Leonards: Won by 44 runs. v. Newtown, 2nd: Won by 7 runs. v. St. Leonards: Won by . . . v. Gladesville: Lost by 2 wickets and 48 runs. v. Redfern, 2nd: Lost by 11 runs. v. Woollahra: Won in 1st innings by 13 runs. v. Parramatta Alfred: Won by 47 runs. Totals—won, 10; lost, 6; and 1 drawn.

During the past season the performances of the first eleven of the Belvidere Cricket Club have not been very satisfactory, which may be accounted for by their practice wickets in the Domain not being very good, which kept many away who would otherwise have practised constantly.

A remarkable match was played with the Redfern Cricket Club at the commencement of the season, which, after a most exciting contest, resulted in a tie, each eleven scoring 61 runs. At one minute to time there was wanting 1 run to tie and there was one wicket to fall. Twice the club has been beaten by only 4 runs; once by the South Sydney Cricket Club; and once by the Parramatta Alfred Cricket Club.

On Saturday, 13th April, a very pleasant match was played with the Albion Cricket Club (Maitland), on the Association Ground, which the Belvideres won on the first innings by 67 runs. This result was mainly owing to the very fine batting of Mr. W. S. Brown, who scored 80 runs, his score consisting of eleven 4's, three 3's, five 2's, &c., &c.

The second eleven have done much better, having won 10 out of 17 matches, one being drawn. They played a curious match on 9th November at the University Oval against the Bronzewing Cricket Club from Parramatta, scoring 224 runs (to which Mr. Sheldon contributed 107) to their opponents 7. They also beat the Undaunted second eleven by 1 run.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.—Mr. W. S. Brown has the highest average in the first eleven, although he has not played in the requisite number of matches to entitle him to the club's badge, having played seven innings for 155 runs. Mr. Barnett comes next with ten innings for 128 runs, Mr. Simpson being very close to him with twenty-one innings for 258 runs. In the second eleven Mr. Sheldon is top with one innings for 117 runs; but Mr. Arthur Ward takes the badge with twelve innings for 216 runs.

BOWLING.—Mr. C. F. Lindeman for the second time has the first eleven average, having bowled 1328 balls for 404 runs, 43 maiden overs, and 64 wickets—average 6.5 per wicket. Mr. Barnett is next with 1013 balls, 406 runs, 24 maiden overs, and 57 wickets—average 7.7. Mr. J. S. Richardson is top in the second eleven, having taken 32 wickets for 153 runs—average 4.7, Mr. S. M. Cay being next with 66 wickets for 354 runs—average 5.3.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Brown, W. S.—Best bat in the club; vigorous forward player, splendid defence. Is very strong to the off, and never lets a leg ball go unpunished. Good at the wicket, and smart field anywhere. Bowls fast with an over-arm delivery.

Barnett, A. N.—Taken all round is the best man in the club; sure and steady bat. Bowls left hand, and can break either way; splendid field with remarkably quick return.

Barry, C. R.—A promising bat, medium field.

Cay, S. M.—Very promising bowler, with an awkward over-arm delivery; fair field.

Docker, T.—Only played three matches. Very good bat, hits freely. Splendid out field. Bowls fairly, with round-arm delivery.

Deuchar, J. S.—Very straight medium pace bowler, good length.

Holden, H. A.—Captain. Steady left hand bat; fair out field.

Lindeman, C. F.—The bowler of the club; very straight with a good length and a work from leg. Splendid slip. Bats rather stiffly, but would improve with practice.

Lindeman, S. A.—Plays with a very straight bat, and has a good defence; slow field; fair round-arm bowler.

Mair, W. D.—The field par excellence of the club; has made some wonderful catches this season. Good bat; tremendous hard hitter. Bowls over arm; very fast.

Richardson, J. S.—Straight and fast bowler; splendid field, with very accurate return. Uncertain bat; but when set scores rapidly.

Rowley, A. W.—With practice would make a good bat; cuts very neatly. Good point.

Simpson, E. P.—Plays with a very straight bat, and has a strong defence; is a slow scorer, although generally at the wickets for a long time. Fair field. Bowls very well, with a great break from the off.

Sheldon, E. M.—Is a good point, and dashing bat; when set scores very fast. Swift round-arm bowler.

Smith, C.—A pretty bat with good defence, and a good field.

Teece, S. H.—At the commencement of the season batted very well; wants practice. Fair bowler and field.

Soutar, W.—Is very strong on the off, and fair field.

Ward, A.—Plays with a very straight bat, but stiff style; good defence. Good field and very fair bowler.

Higgins, Tom.—Only played twice; is a very promising bowler and good field; fair bat.

BATTING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Brown, W. S.	7	0	155	80	80	22-2
Docker, T. S.	4	0	58	27	27	14-5
Barnett, A. N.*	10	3	128	32	32	12-4
Simpson, E. P.*	21	0	258	53	53	12-2
Sheldon, E. M.	9	2	98	40	40	10-8
Holden, H. A.	19	3	188	38	38	9-8
Mair, W. D.	18	0	175	44	44	9-7
Fletcher, —	2	0	17	15	15	8-5
Teece, S. H.	7	3	56	26	13	8
Ward, A.	6	0	42	25	25	7
Lindeman, C. F.	17	1	53	25	21	3-1

Second Eleven.

Sheldon, E. M.	1	0	117	117	117	117
Ward, A.*	12	2	216	51	51	18
Richardson, J. S.	9	2	93	43	32	10-3
Barry, C. R.	17	0	163	39	39	9-1
Soutar, W. M.	16	2	133	22	22	8-3
Lindeman, S. A.	9	0	69	22	33	7-6
Gannon, S.	6	0	39	25	25	6-5
Smith, C.	12	0	75	16	16	6-2
Dowling, R.	9	1	54	18	18	6
Rowley, A. W.	4	0	24	19	19	6
Graham, G. W.	10	1	53	18	18	5-3

* Club's badge.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Average.
Lindeman, C. F.*	1328	43	404	64	0	3	6-3
Barnett, A. N.	1013	24	406	57	1	0	7-1
Simpson, E. P.	752	8	401	46	0	7	8-7
Mair, W. D.,	204	6	84	8	0	0	10-5

Second Eleven.

Richardson, J. S.*	434	11	153	32	0	0	4-7
Cay, S. M.	1037	31	354	66	0	0	5-3
Deuchar, J. S.	357	9	122	21	0	0	5-8
Ward, A.	705	21	264	34	0	0	7-7
Lindeman, S. A.	59	3	21	5	0	0	4-2
Higgins, Tom	107	1	40	12	0	0	3-3
Teece, S. H.	168	3	61	7	4	0	8-6
Langstaff	138	2	77	9	0	0	8-5

Carlton Cricket Club.

Patron: The Hon. Thomas Garrett, Esq., M. L. A. *President:* John Macintosh, Esq., M. L. A. *Vice-Presidents:* Alderman Green, H. P. Hook, Esq., T. Norton, Esq., and J. Coulter, Esq. *Hon. Treasurer:* John A. Portus. *Hon. Secretary:* Charles W. Beal. *General Committee:* J. H. Clayton, A. Lucas, W. C. Marshall, A. Magovney, T. Nunn, R. Usher, and E. C. Weller. *Selection Committee:* J. H. Clayton, A. Lucas, H. Hall, A. Magovney, and T. Nunn. *Delegates to New South Wales Cricket Association:* Messrs C. W. Beal and E. C. Weller.

Matches Played during Season 1877-8, 23; won 16, lost 5, drawn 2.

First Eleven.

Date and Place	Club.	1st ins.	2nd ins.	Won by.
Oct 27, 1877	Redfern	39	8	
	Carlton	63	0	24 runs
Nov 3	Surry United	44	0	
S. U. Ground	Carlton	113	25	69 runs
Nov 9	Warwick	63	19	
Domain	Carlton	137	114	74 runs
Nov 17	East Sydney	82	0	
Domain	Carlton	135	0	56 runs
Dec 1	Toxteth	76	0	
Toxteth Park	Carlton	80	0	4 runs
Dec 8	Redfern	36	23	
Oval	Carlton	65	0	1 ins. and 6 runs

* Club's badge.

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Won by
Dec 15	University	80	0	
Oval	Carlton	123	0	83 runs
Dec 24	Singleton	70	46	
Singleton	Carlton	80	61	25 runs
Dec 25	Hinton United	38	15	
Hinton	Carlton	90	0	1 ings. and 37 runs
Dec 26	Newcastle	36	36	
Newcastle	Carlton	47	89	64 runs
Feb 2, and April 6 and 10	South Sydney	147	96	
Association Gd.	Carlton	198	103	58 runs
March 9	Belvidere	26	0	
Domain	Carlton	165	0	139 runs
March 16	Illawarra	67	0	
Association Gd.	Carlton	225	0	158 runs
March 23	Newtown	59	0	
Newtown	Carlton	70	0	11 runs
April 22	Newcastle	16	67	
Domain	Carlton	93	0	1 ings. and 10 runs
May 4	Toxteth	28	0	
Toxteth Park	Carlton	97	0	69 runs Lost by
Oct 20	Parramatta Alfred	62	0	2 runs
Parramatta	Carlton	60	0	
Jan 1	Albert	108	9	10 w and 1 run
Domain	Carlton	97	19	
Jan 5	Ashfield	67	0	10 runs
Ashfield	Carlton	57	0	
Jan 19	South Sydney	69	0	11 runs
Domain	Carlton	58	0	
March 30	Newtown	94	0	60 runs
Newtown	Carlton	34	0	
Jan 12	Surry united	43	0	
S. U. Ground	Carlton	135	0	Drawn
April 27	East Sydney	86	0	
Domain	Carlton	84	0	Drawn

BATTING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
C. Jessep †	5	1	90	43	18-
A. Geary †	10	0	141	35	14-1

† Did not play in sufficient matches.

	Innings,	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
T. Nunn *	27	1	326	66	12-2
C. Brown	5	3	58	34	11-3
C. Cowcher	26	1	300	45	11-14
A. Lucas	25	1	288	50	11-13
R. Fairweather	26	0	286	36	11-
J. Deery	8	1	83	49	10-3
H. Hall	29	0	265	34	9-4
G. Greenwood	14	2	112	27	8-
J. Thompson	17	2	132	27	7-13
W. McCrea	13	3	94	24	7-3
C. W. Beal	17	2	114	28	6-12
J. Clayton	12	4	80	20	6-8

In the second eleven Mr. F. Hayman won the batting trophy, with an average of 18-4, and Mr. A. Magovney the trophy for the highest aggregate.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Eleven.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls.	Average.
A. Geary †	363	15	135	27	0	0	5-
C. Cowcher *	1867	94	568	109	2	0	5-2
H. Hall	1107	40	380	67	0	0	5-2
T. Nunn	747	20	289	49	0	1	5-9
J. Thompson	955	16	110	12	1	0	9-1

In the second eleven the bowling trophy was won by Mr. G. Walker.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

C. Cowcher, winner of club bowling trophy, bowls fast, very straight, and with good length and pitch; has an over-arm delivery, and is improving every year.

R. Fairweather, one of the most brilliant fields in the colony; bats spiritedly, and generally scores, though lack of patience often diminishes his total. Change bowler, and altogether a really good all round man.

A. Geary—see principal players.

H. Hall, good all round player; most reliable and pretty field and good batsman, possessing plenty patience. Last season came out of his shell as a bowler, and ran a good second for the trophy.

† Did not bowl in sufficient matches.

* Winner of club trophy.

A. Lucas, a very pretty and effective batsman, but rather prone to nervousness; when set, scores quickly, and hits well all round; dashing and splendid field.

T. Nunn, perhaps the most useful man in the club; bowls well at times, fields well always, and generally manages to run up a score with the bat. Has won the batting trophy two successive years, and last season also won trophy for highest aggregate.

Croydon Cricket Club.

Chairman; Daniel Niel. *Hon. Treasurer*: T. Lang. *Hon. Secretary*: H. Johnson. *Hon. Assistant Secretary*: W. Kay. *Selection Committee*: J. O'Hara, W. Kay, and H. Johnson.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

Croydon v. Argyle, won; v. Perseverance, lost; v. Carlisle, won; v. Albion, lost; v. Utopia, drawn; v. Alma, won; v. Kingston, lost; v. Albion, lost; v. Underwood, lost; v. United Brothers, lost; v. Pacific, lost; v. Sussex, lost; v. Kingston, lost; v. Park, won; v. Penrith, drawn; v. M. P., Cambridge, lost; v. Victoria, won; v. Park, won; v. Pacific, lost; v. Underwood, won; v. Royal Oak, won; v. Wentworth, won; v. Ironclads, lost; v. United Brothers, won; v. Windsor, lost; v. United, drawn; v. Balmain Alexandria, won; M. P., Cambridge, drawn; A. combined, drawn.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

H. Boyle is a very good bowler, with a fast delivery, and when on the wicket is difficult to play. He is also a capital field.

W. Kay is a slow break bowler with great judgement. He is also a very careful batsman, and a splendid field. He is the best all-round player in the club.

J. Macqueen is a good bowler with a fast delivery, and very difficult to play. He is a very good field, and a good leg-hitter.

J. Owen is a very good all-round player, a good field, and a very fast bowler.

J. O'Hara is a good batsman, who always plays very carefully and with great patience. He bowls very well, and is an excellent field.

H. Johnson is a good bat with stubborn defence, and hard to get when well set. Punishes loose bowling severely. Good field, and smart wicket-keeper.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	Averages.
H. Johnson	219	7.23
J. Owen	193	7.18
T. Cartwright	116	7.4
W. Kay	193	5.28

BOWLING AVERAGES.

H. John Boyle	4-1 runs per wicket
W. J. Kay	5-1 „ „
John Macqueen	8 „ „

Excelsior Cricket Club.

OFFICERS.—*President*: A. R. Docker, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: H. Westcott, Esq., and J. S. Berry, Esq. *Treasurer*: J. Parker. *Secretary*: W. Moyses.

RESULT OF MATCHES.

Excelsior v. Redfern Cambridge, lost; v. Hyperions, won; v. Redferns lost; v. Pacifics, lost; v. Carlingfords, won; v. Rovers, won; v. South Sydney, lost; v. Railway, drawn; v. South Sydney, won; v. Second Warwicks, won; v. Waterloo United, won; v. Redfern, Cambridge, drawn; v. Carlingfords, lost; v. Redfern Cambridge, won; v. Railway, won; v. Ultimo Cambridge, lost; v. Railway, drawn. Playing 18 matches, 8 won, 5 lost, and 5 drawn.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

First Eleven—Season 1877-8.

W. Harris.—A very good bat, playing very straight, and a splendid field

A. Speechly.—A very good left-handed bat, drives well, and a good field.

D. Dives.—A dangerous bat; when well set hitting very hard.

J. Parker.—A very fair all-round cricketer.

M. Driscoll.—A fair bat, and a good longstop.

John Geddes.—A very fast bowler. In batting too fond of hitting.

A. Docker.—A very good bat, and first-class bowler. Does not play much.

W. Dive.—The best all-round cricketer in the club, being a splendid bat, a good bowler, and a first-class wicket-keeper.

R. Crouch.—A very good bat, and fair change bowler.

W. Moyses.—A good field at point, and slow bowler, with a break.

S. Dive.—A very good bowler, a fair bat, and good wicket-keeper

J. Hickson.—A splendid field, throws in well, and fast runner when set.

Jas. Geddes.—A very steady bat, and good field.

S. Daniels.—A very fast round-arm bowler, and splendid field. Does not play much.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times Not out.	Total Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
W. Dive	18	5	209	30	30	16-1
R. Crouch	18	2	210	43	43	13-2
W. Harris	15	1	153	23	23	10-13
A. Docker	3	3	27	21	21	9
A, Speechley	17	0	132	29	29	7-13
D. Dives	14	1	97	49	53	7-6
Jas. Geddes	13	1	95	24	24	7-11
M. Driscoll	9	1	62	25	25	7-6
J. Hickson	19	3	108	27	27	6-12
John Geddes	6	0	38	34	34	6-2

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
J. Parker	300	12	97	23	4-5
S. Dive	820	37	274	56	4-50
W. Dive	690	22	233	51	4-29
John Geddes	169	3	64	10	6-4
W. Moyse	402	2	197	30	6-17

Gladsville Hospital Cricket Club.

The Gladsville Hospital Club played 21 matches during the past season, of which 15 were won, 5 lost, and 1 resulted in a tie, Each team scoring 71 runs. All the matches were played on the Hospital Ground.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

1877.	Opponents.	Won by—
Oct 27	Belvidere Second Eleven	31 runs
Nov 3	Field of Mars	28 runs
Nov 17	Ryde	114 runs
Dec 1	Belvidere First Eleven	4 runs
Dec 15	St. Leonards	Tie
Dec 22	Ryde	33 runs
Dec 26	Parramatta Asylum	1 ings. and 32 runs
1878.		
Jan 5	Ryde	26 runs
Jan 26	Hunter's Hill	90 runs
Feb 2	Field of Mars	97 runs
March 9	St. Leonards	70 runs

1878.	Opponents.	Won by—
March 16	Newington College, with Mr. Coates	30 runs
March 23	Hunter's Hill	90 runs
March 30	Belvidere's First	48 runs
April 13	Carlingford	66 runs
April 27	Colonial Store Department	154 runs
May 4	Colonial Secretary's Office	4 runs
		Lost by—
Dec 5	Newington College, with Mr. Coates	68 runs
Jan 19	Hunter's Hill	4 runs
May 18	Belvidere's First Eleven	26 runs
May 24	Sydney Rowing Club	43 runs

BATTING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-8.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Times not out.	Average.
George Blagland	10	14	233	61*	61	1	17-12
E. Cape	12	17	282	53	64	0	16-10
A. Short	6	8	103	39	49	0	12-7
James Barker	8	10	64	26	26	5	12-4
Thomas Boon	21	27	261	47	47	2	10-11
William Golby	9	11	90	28	28	1	9
R. R. Terry	10	13	96	20	20	2	8-6
J. E. Moore	20	27	188	39*	39	4	8-4
John Crehan	17	21	161	37	39	0	7-14
Harry Clarke	16	22	158	28	28	1	7-11
John Murphy	20	26	192	38	38	0	7-10
Robert Betts	14	19	135	26	26	1	7-9
Herbert Digby	13	17	53	19*	24	7	5-3
E. M. Betts (capt.)	17	21	96	24	24	2	5-1
Thomas Folkard	17	22	56	11	11	3	2-18

BOWLING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-8.

	Overs.	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	verage.
Thomas Folkard	37	222	7	85	29	0	0	2-27
A. Short	36	340	15	120	31	0	0	3-27
John Murphy	285	1712	85	532	96	1	2	5-52
Harry Clarke	26	156	5	61	9	0	0	6-7
John E. Moore	232	1393	62	435	60	0	0	7-15
E. Cape	74	445	12	180	20	2	0	9
Thomas Boon	36	216	5	104	11	0	0	9-5

* Signifies not out.

Mansfield Bros. Office Cricket Club.

Captain: A. C. Mansfield. *Secretary*: J. S. Wigram. *Treasurer*: S. H. Sapsford.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

Matches played, 8; won, 5; lost, 3.

Mansfield v. Council of Education on Albert Ground, December, 1877: Council of Education, first ins. 91, second 190; total, 281. Mansfield, first ins. 78, second 46 for 9 wickets; total, 124. Highest scorers—Council of Education: M'Cann, 45 and 88; Strong, 21 and 0; Chatfield, 3 and 50; Kilminster, 6 and 28. Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 33 and 20; G. A. Mansfield, 22 and 0.

Mansfield v. Toxteth, Toxteth Ground, February, 1878: Toxteth, total 111; Mansfield, total 45. Highest scorers—Toxteth: R. Allen, 45 (not out); Smithers, 23. Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 9; J. Sheerin, 7.

Mansfield v. Builders and Contractors, Botany, February, 1878: Mansfield, first ins. 48, second 60; total, 108. Builders and Contractors, first ins. 30, second 13; total, 43. Highest scorers—Mansfield: J. S. Wigram, 13 and 9; A. C. Mansfield, 2 and 17; T. H. Sapsford, 4 and 11; E. Hobbs, 4 (not out) and 11. Builders and Contractors: J. Shepherd, 14 and 2; W. Mackey, 1 and 9.

Mansfield v. Combined Eleven of Messrs. Parbury, Lamb, and Co., Albert Ground, March, 1878: Mansfield, first ins. 118; total, 118. Combined Eleven, first ins. 22, second 68; total, 90. Highest scorers—Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 51; Parrott, 41. Combined Eleven: Fairland, 0 and 24; Bedford, 2 and 14.

Mansfield v. Parbury, Lamb, and Co (return match), University Oval, March, 1878: Mansfield, first ins. 78. Parbury, Lamb, and Co., first ins. 44. Highest scorers—Mansfield: H. Steel, 19; J. Sheerin, 18; A. C. Mansfield, 10 (not out). Parbury, Lamb, and Co.: Unwin, 18.

Mansfield v. Council of Education (return match) Association Ground, April, 1878: Mansfield, first ins. 227. Council of Education, first ins. 119, second 5 for 71; total, 190. Highest scorers—Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 136; T. Parrott, 39; H. Steel, 36. Council of Education: M'Cann, 78 (not out); T. West, 15 and 8 (not out); Strong, 8 and 16; Chatfield, 0 and 15; Gibson, 1 and 16.

Mansfield v. Toxteth (return match), Toxteth, April, 1878. Toxteth, first ins. 103. Mansfield, first ins. 40. Highest scorers—Toxteth: B. Clark, 19; Mitchell, 18; Smithers, 14. Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 18 (not out).

Mansfield v. Builders and Contractors (return match), Albert Ground, May, 1878: Mansfield, first ins. 81. Builders and Contractors, first ins. 24, second 47; total, 71. Highest scorers—Mansfield: A. C. Mansfield, 46 (not out); J. Sheerin, 11. Builders and Contractors: Ranger, 13 (not out) and 8; Scott, 2 and 11.

The bowling analysis has not been kept; but A. C. Mansfield has an average of 6 wickets per innings, and A. Wilshire of 3 wickets per innings.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Times out out.	Average.
A. C. Mansfield	8	10	343	136	136	3	49
T. Parrott	7	8	117	41	41	0	14.5
H. Steel	5	5	62	36	36	0	12.2
G. A. Mansfield	2	3	22	22	22	0	7.1
J. J. Sheerin	6	8	44	18	18	0	5.4
J. S. Wigram	7	9	45	13	22	0	5

The eleven average 110 runs per innings.

Newtown Cricket Club,

Established 1859.

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Patron: The Hon. W. J. Foster, Attorney General. *President:* S. C. Brown, Esq., M.L.A. *Vice-Presidents:* John Lucas, Esq., M. L. A., William Crane, Esq., P. M., and Andrew Hinchcliffe, Esq. *Hon. Treasurer:* C. R. Watson, Esq., M.D. *Hon. Secretaries:* Charles N. Patten, and Robert Rogers,

This club has now been founded nearly twenty years, during which time it has always maintained a leading position among the metropolitan clubs, in addition to which it has achieved victories with the Albert, Warwick, University, and all the other leading clubs, a fact which speaks for itself as to the quality of the cricket displayed by its members.

It has just completed a very successful season in the cricket field, as the epitome of the matches won, &c., as shown in the report attached hereto, will demonstrate. The club possesses an excellent ground, wickets are there obtainable equal to any in the colony; but, unfortunately we cannot say the same of the fielding ground, it being very rough, and not at all favorable to the fieldsmen; this defect has long been the regret of the members, but at present no improvement can be made, as the heavy expense it would entail prevents them from accomplishing such a desirable work; and in addition the keeping of a ground in proper order is no very easy matter, as far as finances are concerned, indeed as it is, it absorbs all the surplus funds, and thus prevents them from saving money to improve it. We think this is a matter which the New South Wales Cricket Association should take in hand, allowing a grant to all clubs who possess a ground near the metropolis in order that cricket may be advanced, as it will be admitted that nothing tends more to the advancement of such an object than having a good ground to play upon.

It would be a great boon to all cricket clubs if some arrangement could be made in which all clubs would join, with the object of preventing any member, who leaves a club in arrears, from being received as a member into another club, unless he can produce his ticket of membership (or some other satisfactory statement in writing) for the past season, from the club in which he last played. Such a rule would prevent a large body, calling themselves cricketers, having all their pleasure and cricket at their fellow cricketers expense.

NOTE.—The rule in the Albert Club, and one that has on several occasions been brought effectually into practice, is, that the club refuse to meet any person who has been one of their members and has left them owing any subscription not arranged for. We think that if all clubs had a similar rule, and steadfastly carried it out, it would have a beneficial effect.—ED.

MATCHES PLAYED.

	Matches Played.	Matches Lost.	Matches Won.	Matches Drawn.
First eleven	14	4	8	2
Second eleven	13	7	5	1
Third eleven	7	2	3	2
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	34	13	16	5

Date and place.	Club.	Total.
Nov 3	Newtown	66
Newtown	University	104

Won by University by 38 runs.

Two only of the Newtown team made anything like decent stand, viz.: Scanlan who made 26, and Crane with 11, by steady batting. In the bowling department nothing extraordinary was done, Neale not having got into form; Tindall's 4 wickets for 34 being the best.

Date and place.	Club.	1st Ings.	2nd Ings.	Total.
Nov 9 and 10	Newtown	99	227	326
Bathurst	Bathurst	81	90	171

Newtown won by 155 runs.

In the first innings Sheridan contributed 35 by his usual patient play, Gawthorpe 12, Tindall 13, and Webster 12.

Of the 227 obtained in the second innings, Tindall, by one of the finest innings he has ever been known to play, contributed 103, it was played without a chance, and was characterised by judgment, patience, finish, and clean determined hitting combined; it was decidedly the best innings of the season.

Crane's score of 44 was next on the list, it was obtained by good stirring cricket. Gawthorpe 16, Watson 14, and Sheridan 13 were the only other contributors worth mentioning. In the bowling—

first innings—Webster had 4 wickets for 30, Tindall, 3 for 32, and Sheridan, 2 for 13. The bowling in second innings was done by Tindall and Payten, Tindall getting 2 for 65, and Payten 7 for 49.

Date and place	Club	Total
Nov 17	Newtown	61
Newtown	University	47

Newtown won by 14 runs.

The "Varsity" here had the tables turned upon them, though, as seen, the scores for both teams were extremely low; of the 61 Watson put 15, J. Neal 12, and Tindall 10. Tindall with the ball in this match was especially crushing, as his analysis will show—

Balls	Runs	M. O.	Wickets
68	19	2	8

December 1st, 8th, and 22nd, at Albert Ground; This was the only competition by the Newtown club against the holders (Warwicks) of the "Cup" during last season, and proved a very one-sided affair, the Newtowners appearing to have been utterly demoralised in their play.

Club	1st Innings	2nd Innings	Total
Newtown	104	31 for 8 w	155
Warwicks	249		249

For the losers Scanlan obtained 34, by a really good innings, and had the other members of the team played in anything like his style a different result might have been recorded; Crane 17, J. Neale 18, and G. Neale 17, were the only other double figures. In the second innings our team went from bad to worse, 8 wickets for 31, being but a sorry show. At the fall of the 8th wicket, it being time, and the match then having occupied two days, it was thought desirable, considering the state of the game, not to waste another day over it; the match was therefore abandoned.

Date and place	Club	Total
January 19	Newtown	52
Oval	University	85

University won by 33 runs.

Another victory for the "Varsity;" J. Neale 17 (not out), was the only double figure; perhaps accountable to the somewhat treacherous wicket. Tindall being in bad health was unable to bowl, Chizlett took his place and secured 4 wickets for 41; Neale with 5 wickets for 41, was slightly better.

Date and place	Club	1st Ings.	2nd Ings.	Total
Jan 12 and 19	Newtown	128	140 for 7 w	268
Newtown	South Sydney	73		

Newtown on the first innings by 55.

A most decisive victory. An admirable 47 by Webster, the captain, backed up by a well got 20 from Watson, 17 from Crane, and 12 from Chizlett, made, with a few from each remaining man, a respectable score for the Newtown ground. The South Sydney were dismissed for a little more than 50 less than their opponents. Neale obtained 5 wickets for 36, and Chizlett 5 wickets for 34, (Tindall was not playing.) In the second innings Newtown improved on the first, losing 7 wickets for 140; Watson was again to the fore with a good 28, and when time was called Webster was not out with 48, and J. Neale not out 19, both playing strongly.

Date and place	Club	Total
March 23	Newtown	59
Newtown	Carlton	70

Carlton won by 11.

The last two men of the Carlton team, by hitting, ran the score up about 20 runs, thus winning the match. The Newtowners not considering themselves beaten, and thinking they were quite a match for the Carltons, arranged a return match for the following Saturday, and, as events proved, were perhaps justified in their surmises.

Date	Club	Total
March 30	Newtown	94
	Carlton	34

Won by 60 runs.

Played upon almost a perfect wicket. For Newtown, G. Neale with a carefully got 25, Deely with 23, Scanlan with 18 (not out), and Crane 13, were the chief scorers. The Carlton could do nothing with the Newtown bowling, Tindall obtaining 5 wickets for 16, Neal 1 wicket for 8 runs, and Webster 2 wickets for 4 runs.

April 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, Grafton: this trip was the longest ever taken by the Newtown club, in fact, with the exception of the Alberts trip to Tasmania some years ago, we believe the longest trip ever taken from this colony by any club. The Grafton men played with 15, selected from the district.

Club	1st Innings	2nd Innings	Total
Newtown	50	84	134
Grafton (15)	30	38	68

Newtown won by 66.

This was essentially a bowlers match, it being played on what is known as a "chipped wicket" which played true, but the ball kept low, often giving "shooters." In the first innings none of the Newtowners made a stand, with the exception of Sheridan, who went first to the wickets, and carried his bat through for a carefully well played 26. In the second innings Bullen topped the list with 24, and showed an unusual amount of patience; Webster,

obtaining 23, got his lot in much less time by nice free hitting. No other bowlers were put on during the match except Tindall and Neale. We append the extraordinary analysis.

First Innings.

	Balls	Runs	M. O.	Wkts.
Tindall	77	13	13	8
Neale	73	14	10	5

Second Innings.

Tindall	84	14	10	3
Neal	82	20	10	11

During the stay of the Newtowners at Grafton, they were entertained by the residents in the most hospitable manner, each seeming to vie with the other, to make the time of their visitors pass pleasantly. Before their departure they were entertained by the Grafton eleven at a dinner; The Mayor of Grafton (Mr. H. Dean) occupied the chair, and Mr. T. Bawden M.P. the vice-chair, about 40 guests sat down. A silver cup and a prize bat were presented to Mr. Bullen, as highest aggregate scorer, and a silver mounted ball to Mr. J. Neale, as best average bowler during the match.

RESUME OF THE SEASON.

Some years have elapsed since this club (in early years invincible) has had so successful a season as that of 1877-8; certainly the successes have almost been confined to the first eleven, but the defeats suffered by the other two elevens may be accounted to the constant changes being made to fill vacancies, occasioned by promotion, &c., the teams generally being composed of men who had not played together before, which every cricketer knows militates against success. A good deal of talent has been unearthed in the young players, the Neales, Butler, and Chizlett; Butler and the Neales as batsmen, and J. Neale and Chizlett as bowlers.

The successes of the eleven are mainly due to the excellence of its bowling, Tindall, Neal, Chizlett, and Webster being a quartette hard to be beaten. A little more batting element would be desirable, which we trust to have secured by the opening of the coming season. The ground was in very good order during the last season, the clubs who visited it having expressed their perfect satisfaction with its condition, notwithstanding the fact, that the grass outside the made ground was so long as to retard the course of the ball; the length of the grass in a great measure accounting for the small scores made on the ground, a century being considered a good score for a team. In the absence of the Australian Team in England, cricket in the colony was almost at a standstill, especially in the metropolitan clubs, to which may be attributed the smaller number than usual of important matches played by the Newtown Club. But we think the following deserve mention, viz.—Bathurst, Cup Match, Grafton, 3 with University, and 2 with Carlton and South Sydney, in the majority of which the club was successful.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

William Webster, generally captain of the team. A fast scorer on any wicket; possesses a nice easy free style. Bowls with a low delivery, very fast, and generally gets wickets.

Edwin Tindall. [See principal players.]

Edmund Scanlan. [See principal players.]

James Bullen has a most stubborn defence. Scores slowly. The wicket-keeper of the team, and being both quick and safe, good anywhere in the field.

John Neale, a bowler with high delivery and plenty of spin, and with attention will yet be heard to advantage in the cricket field. A good bat, his back play being very pretty. An uncertain field.

Edward Sheridan. [See principal players.]

John Deely, possesses a nice style and hits cleanly. Good field and catch with quick return.

Charles Watson, a fair bat; sometimes makes a long score. Fields well at point.

George Neale has a good defence, but cannot hit much. When he exercises his patience generally makes a score. A change bowler.

William Crane, jun., left-handed batsman, and useful when playing an up-hill game. His favourite hit is to leg. Sure catch.

Albert Chizlett, a young player. Especially strives as a bowler; has a high delivery and always on the wicket, with slight break from off, extraordinary quick rise, and good spin. If he exercises a little more head-work, will no doubt make for himself a name next season. Middling bat.

F. Gawthorpe, should play with a straight bat, but compensates for deficiencies by his long-stopping, a ball seldom getting past him. Returns well from field.

Charles Small, formerly a good batsman, but did not devote himself sufficiently last season to practice to sustain his reputation. Good field, reliable catch, and fair change bowler.

BATTING AVERAGE FOR 1877-8.

First Eleven.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings.	Average.
W. Webster*	20	1	217	95	48	11-8
E. Scanlon	12	1	141	41	34	12-9
E. Tindall	13	0	184	116	103	14-2
Dr. Watson	19	1	146	54	28	8-2
W. Crane	18	0	130	46	44	7-4
J. Neale	17	2	116	20	19	7-11

* Winner of badge for highest aggregate score.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings.	Average.
J. Deeley	16	3	104	31	23	8
F. Gawthorpe	16	5	85	37	21	7-8
G. Neale	15	0	89	26	25	5-14
J. Bullen	15	1	75	28	24	5-5
E. Sheridan	4	1	75	48	35	25
A. Chizlett	11	1	65	25	25	6-5

Second Eleven.

A. Black*	15	1	115	23	23	8-3
C. Payten	17	2	83	31	31	5-8
J. Gannon	14	0	79	27	27	5-9
H. Brunn	11	1	60	18	18	6
A. Davis	5	0	70	31	31	14
H. Turner	7	0	50	23	22	7-1
R. Dunlop	13	3	47	20	20	4-7
J. Copp	7	0	45	18	18	6-3
F. Gawthorpe	7	1	33	20	20	5-3
F. Fallick	2	0	24	23	23	12
Powell	5	0	27	15	13	5-2
T. Watson	12	4	34	8	8	4-2
F. Dunlop	2	1	15	8	8	15

Third Eleven.

Average not made up. Scores wanting.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls	Runs per Wicket.
W. Webster	369	20	109	12	6	0	9-1
J. Neale	1138	61	347	65	0	2	5-22
E. Tindall	1112	53	337	59	0	0	5-42
A. Chizlett	617	21	190	29	0	3	6-16

Second Eleven.

C. Payton	848	23	382	50	0	1	7-32
A. Black	225	8	88	15	0	2	5-13
A. Chizlett	461	19	111	28	0	0	3-27
J. Gannon	120	9	22	5	2	0	4-2
H. Turner	122	3	57	8	0	0	7-1

Third Eleven

Average not made up. Scores wanting.

* Winner of badge for highest aggregate score.

Redfern Cricket Club.

We have not been favoured with any report of this club's doings. It is, we believe, a very good one, and contains many coming men. The club retains the Junior Cup presented by the New South Wales Cricket Association.

Rovers Cricket Club.

Patron: G. F. Want Esq. *President*: Isaac Ellis Ives, Esq. *Vice-President*: — Paine, Esq. *Secretary*: W. Connell. *Treasurer*: George Read. *Committee*: P. A. Fitzpatrick, J. W. Lloyd, T. J. Harpham, T. Nickson, R. Fitzgerald, and H. Anderson.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED.

Matches played, 14; won, 2; lost, 6; drawn, 6.—Rovers v. Liverpool, played at Liverpool: Liverpool, 25; Rovers, 51; Rovers winning by 26 runs. v. Eastern, played on Eastern Ground: Eastern, 18; Rovers, 42; Rovers winning by 24 runs. v. Ultimo Cambridge, played at Camperdown: Ultimo, 43; Rovers, 32; Ultimo winning by 11 runs. v. Hyperions, played at Camperdown: Hyperions, 81; Rovers, 73; Hyperions winning by 8 runs. v. Excelsior, played at Botany: Excelsior, 71; Rovers, 23 and 34; Excelsior winning by 14 runs on their first innings. v. Lorne, played at Battersea Park: Lorne, 115; Rovers, 35 (only three first eleven men played); Lorne winning by 80 runs. v. Victoria, played at Redfern: Victoria, 37; Rovers, 30; Victoria winning by 7 runs. v. Victoria, played at Aldersons: Victoria, 80; Rovers, 45; Victoria winning by 35 runs. v. Ashfield, played at Ashfield: Ashfield, 130; Rovers, 29 (6 wickets down); drawn. v. St. Leonards, played at St. Leonards: St. Leonards, 62; Rovers, 62; tie. v. Norwoods played at Battersea Park: Rovers, 178; Norwoods did not bat; drawn. v. Surrey, played at Balmain: Rovers, 46; Surrey, 60 (4 wickets down); drawn. v. Alfreds, played at Parramatta: Rovers, 19 (8 wickets down); Alfreds, 129; drawn. v. Liverpool, played at Liverpool: Rovers, 130; Liverpool, 34 (9 wickets down); drawn.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

George Read (captain), a fast round-arm (left-hand) bowler, with a very easy delivery, and a good break from leg.

P. A. Fitzpatrick, a fair all-round cricketer, Good field anywhere, and a fair fast round-arm bowler, with an easy delivery. Not so successful with the ball as in previous seasons.

H. Martyn, a very useful bat, steady, with plenty of patience. A good change bowler, having a very awkward delivery.

R. Cooke, a free bat, but over anxious to get runs too quickly. A hard-working and excellent field. A fair change bowler.

W. Connell, a very useful man. Usually obtains runs. A good field.

A. J. Bragg, good leg-hitter. Useful change bowler, and excellent field.

L. Emanuel, fair bat with good defence.

A. Rigg, expected to be a very great help to the team early in season, but failed to sustain this promise; bowls fairly at times. A very good field.

J. Bragg, a useful man in any eleven, being a good long-stop against any bowling.

W. Douglass, a very useful bat, though his style is wanting in finish. Has good hitting powers. Excellent field at point.

H. Anderson, the colt of the team. An improving bat; played some very fair innings. Fair field.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Most in a Match.	Total Runs.	Average.
Fitzpatrick, P. A.*	10	10	3	50	140	20
Martyn, H.	14	14	2	30	100	7.2
Douglas, W.	4	4	0	47	67	16.3
Cooke	9	11	0	32	64	5.9
Connell, W.	10	9	1	12	51	6.3

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
Read, G.*	11	765	229	43	51	4.25
Fitzpatrick, P.	7	225	88	8	14	6.4
Martyn, H.	8	167	71	4	12	5.11

South Sydney Cricket Club.

President: Captain M. Macdonald. *Vice-Presidents*: F. E. Winchcombe, Esq. *Secretary*: Henry C. Taylor. *Treasurer*: John Oliver. *Committee*: C. Waters, H. Taylor, E. Elliott, J. Hall, J. Marshallena, J. Oliver, and W. Moon. *Practice Captains*: A. Newcombe and H. Taylor. *Delegate to New South Wales Cricket Association*: John Urquhart.

RESULT OF MATCHES.—October 13th, 1877, drawn against Newtown; October 20th and 27th, defeated Surrey United by 4 runs—South Sydney, 66, Surrey United, 62; November 9th,

* Winner of trophy.

1877, defeated Parramatta Alfreds by 2 runs with 7 wickets to spare—Parramatta Alfreds 47 and 61, South Sydney 73 and 37 with 3 wickets down; November 17th, 1877, drawn against Redfern—South Sydney, 99; Redferns, 8 out for 59; December 1st, 1877, defeated Excelsiors at Botany by 4 runs—South Sydney, 50; Excelsiors, 46; December 15th and 22nd, 1877, defeated by Alberts by 4 runs—Alberts, 1st innings, 137; 2nd innings, 8 out for 102; South Sydney, 95; January 1st, 1878, defeated Belvederes by 8 runs—South Sydney, 1st innings, 91; 2nd innings, 100; Belvederes, 83; January 5th and 12th, 1878, defeated by Newtown by 55 runs—South Sydney, 73; Newtown, 128; January 19th, 1878, defeated Carltons by 11 runs—South Sydney, 69; Carltons, 58; February 2nd, April 6th, and April 15th, 1878, defeated by Carltons by 58 runs—Carltons, 1st innings, 198; 2nd innings, 103; South Sydney, 1st innings, 147; 2nd innings, 96; March 9th, 1878, defeated Ashfield by 97 runs—South Sydney, 143; Ashfield, 46; March 16th, 1878, drawn against Hyperions; April 13th, 1878, defeated by Surrey United by 28 runs—South Sydney, 46; Surrey United, 74; April 27th, 1878, defeated by Toxteth by 3 runs—South Sydney, 38; Toxteth, 41. Second Eleven: November 3rd, 1877, v. Redferns—South Sydney, 100; Redferns, 7 out for 47; drawn; November 17th, 1877, v. Surry United—South Sydney, 83; Surry United, 29; won by South Sydney 54 runs; December 8th, 1877, v. Redferns—South Sydney, 36; Redfern, 66; won by Redfern by 30 runs; December 15th, 1877, v. Easterns—South Sydney, 54; Easterns, 16; won by South Sydney by 38 runs; December 19th, 1877, v. Alberts; this match terminated in a tie, both teams securing 146 runs; December 22nd, 1877, v. Carltons—South Sydney, 60; Carlton, 84; won by Carlton by 24 runs; South Sydney played three short; January 5th, 1878, v. Excelsiors—South Sydney, 25; Excelsiors, 6 out for 76; won by Excelsiors by one run and 4 wickets; January. 9th, 1878, v. Easterns—South Sydney, 25; Easterns, 18; won by South Sydney by 7 runs; March 9th, 1878, v. Easterns—South Sydney, 81; Easterns, 37; won by South Sydney by 44 runs; March 16th, 1878, v. Redferns—South Sydney, 32; Redferns, 43; won by Redfern by 11 runs; March 29th, 1878, v. 15 Sock and Buskin—South Sydney, 1st innings, 22; 2nd innings, 35; Sock and Buskin, 70; won by the actors by one innings and 13 runs; April 6, 1878, v. Nationals—South Sydney, 39 and 11; Nationals, 73; won by Nationals one innings and 23 runs; April. 12th, 1878, v. Sock and Buskin—Sock and Buskin, 63; South Sydney, 7 out for 193; won by South Sydney by 130 runs with 3 wickets to spare; April 20th, 1878, v. Nationals—South Sydney, 8 and 37; Nationals, 84; won by Nationals one innings and 39 runs; May 4th, 1878, v. Carltons—South Sydney, 87; Carlton, 35; won by South Sydney by 52 runs.

As will be seen from the foregoing statement, both elevens have been busily engaged during the season, and with a fair amount of success. The senior team played 14 matches, of which 7 were won, 6 lost, and 1 drawn. The most interesting

matches played were those played against the Carlton Cricket Club, the contests causing a great amount of excitement between the two teams, the clubs being old enemies in the cricket field. The first match resulted in a victory for the southerners, but later in the season the Carltons turned the tables and won by 58 runs, the match occupying three days.

The second eleven performed in 15 matches winning 6, losing 7, 1 being drawn, and the other—that against the Albert Cricket Club—terminated in a tie, both teams scoring 146.

Two of the club members—Messrs. Brown and Hannigan—were chosen to play against the Australian Eleven, and, judging from the form displayed during the season, there is every reason to believe that “representative teams” may be again recruited from their ranks.

The practice wicket on the Association Ground was largely availed of, and the thanks of the cricketing community are due to the gentlemen who took so much trouble to form this really excellent recreation ground.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

H. Ayres, sharp field close to the wicket, was at one time the most reliable bowler in the team, bats fairly.

F. Brown, an excellent bowler with a good work, bats and fields nicely, the club lost his services about the middle of the season owing to his departure to the country.

H. Blanchfield, medium pace bowler with a good pitch, did not do much execution with the bat.

F. Duncan, winner of the bowling trophy with a good average secured against high class batsmen, would bat well if he practised oftener.

E. Elliott, a dashing left-handed batsman, is a fast run-getter. won the batting trophies for the two previous seasons, a rather uncertain field.

W. Farnsworth, a good steady batsman, bowls a difficult ball with slight break.

J. Hanigan, bats with a very taking style, but was rather unfortunate during the season, plays strong on the off, an excellent long field.

G. Hall, a very stylish batsman, cuts and drives prettily, fields well and bowls fairly.

J. Hall, bats well, hits hard on the leg side, fields excellently. is a good change bowler, very fast.

J. Marshallena, a really excellent field, has a stubborn defence, but does not score rapidly.

A. Newcombe, the most reliable batsman in the team, hits well all round, has an unlimited stock of patience, won the batting trophy with an average of 17·8 runs per innings.

J. Urquhart, longstop for the team, moderate batsman, acted as captain and got plenty of work out of the team.

C. Waters, first-class field, batted well in practice, but was out of luck in most matches.

R. Brindley, bowls with very good judgment, had an excellent average at close of season, bats poorly.

H. Bennett, a most consistent batsman, invariably making a decent score, sharp field.

J. Davis, with a little tuition would ripen into a first-class trundler, made some decent scores with the bat.

H. Evers, bats nicely, hits very cleanly, also bowls well.

H. Taylor, bats fairly (left-handed), particularly strong on the leg.

T. Waters, a vigorous batsman, hits hard all round, very severe on loose bowling, won the batting trophy in second eleven.

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
A. Newcombe	12	1	195	52*	84	17-8
J. Hall	11	2	137	36*	40	15-2
E. Elliott	13	1	132	39*	39	11
F. Elliott	2	0	52	33	52	26
W. Farnsworth	4	0	35	16	20	8-3
J. Hannigan	10	1	89	36	36	9-8
F. Duncan	12	1	96	55	55	8-8
W. McCrea	4	0	32	21	21	8
G. Hall	12	0	82	27	27	6-10
F. Brown	6	1	37	18	18	7-32
J. Marshallena	15	1	88	21	21	6-4

SECOND ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

T. Waters	15	1	147	54*	54	10-7
T. Davis	17	0	95	28	28	5-10
H. Bennett	11	0	91	15	15	8-3
H. Evers	5	0	80	49	49	16
J. Ferris	4	0	22	10	10	5-2
R. Moore	1	0	22	22	22	22
G. Carey	4	1	19	15	15	4-3
A. Brady	3	0	23	20	20	7-2

FIRST ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
F. Duncan	1092	376	41	48	7-40
H. Blanchfield	689	256	27	36	7-4
F. Brown	818	190	32	22	8-14
H. Ayres	209	83	3	11	7-6
J. Hall	426	170	11	16	10-10
G. Hall	282	96	10	16	6
W. Farnsworth	268	89	9	11	8-1

*Signifies not out.

SECOND ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maiden overs.	Wickets	Average.
R. Brendley	523	177	26	40	4-17
J. Davis	529	205	18	36	5-25
H. Evers	228	87	4	11	7-10

Stanley Cricket Club—Season 1877-8.

President : T. S. Hutchinson, Esq. *Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. A. Alston and H. Hutchinson. *Secretary* : J. Bryant. *Treasurer* : H. Mc. A. Altson.

During the past season 26 matches were played, of which 17 were won, 5 lost, 3 drawn, and 1 tie.

The following are the batting averages and critical remarks :—

H. Middilston 11·9, (awarded batting trophy) a splendid bat, magnificent field, and first-class bowler.

F. Thompson 7·2, a very good bat, splendid field. and a fair change bowler.

R. Mason 6·5, a very fair bat and good field, does not bowl.

J. Bryant 6·3, a splendid bat and field, does not bowl.

J. Ferguson 6·1, a very good bat and field.

B. McGrade 5·7, a first-class bat, and the best field in the team.

J. Heddelston 5·6, a good bat and a first-class field, fair change bowler.

A. Alston 5·4, a fair bat, good field, and a fair change bowler.

J. O'Connor 5·3, a good bat, plenty of style, good field, and a first-rate bowler.

H. Hutchinson 5·1, good bat and field, fair change bowler.

Bowling average not kept. Trophy awarded to J. O'Connor.

Stanmore Cricket Club, Established 1876.

Patron : Rev. H. A. Palmer, Petersham. *President* : Rollo A. Cape, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Marrickville. *Vice-Presidents* : Septimus A. Stephen, Esq., Stanmore ; A. E. Jacques, Esq., Petersham. *Hon. Secretary* : Mr. Andrew S. Abbot, Petersham, and 124 Elizabeth-street, Sydney. *Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. James McShane, Marrickville. *General Committee* : Messrs. G. Abbot, S. Baley, E. Lee, D. McCall, F. Searl, A. Abbot, and J. McShane. *Select Committee* : Messrs. Curnow, Searl, and McShane.

The ground of the Stanmore Cricket Club is situated on the Addison Road, Marrickville, and is known as Norwood Park. It is one of the most picturesque and pleasant spots out of the Metropolis, and during the past season was quite a favourite resort on Saturday afternoons. The best route to Norwood Park is by train to Petersham Station, from which the ground is about five minutes walk. The club has only been in existence two seasons, and during both it has been singularly successful, as the annexed table of result of matches for season 1877-8 will show.

Being as yet in its infancy, the Stanmore Club is perhaps little known. At present its members number about 40, the limit fixed by the committee, but for the coming season this limit will be extended, and so allow a number of gentlemen who were unable to join last season to become members. The following table shows the matches played last season by the 1st. Eleven Stanmore Cricket Club, and the result of each match.

MATCHES PLAYED SEASON 1877-8.

- Sept. 22nd, 1877—Independents, 10 runs ; Stanmore, 85 runs ; won.
- Sept. 29th, 1877—Young Australians, 37 runs ; Stanmore 25 runs ; lost.
- Oct. 6th, 1877—Berresford, 16 runs ; Stanmore, 40 runs ; won.
- Oct. 20th, 1877—Carlingford, 27 runs ; Stanmore, 35 runs ; won.
- Oct. 27th, 1877—Ashfield, 50 runs ; Stanmore, 59 runs ; won.
- Nov. 3rd, 1877—Ultimo, 50 runs ; Stanmore, 46 ; lost.
- Dec. 1st, 1877—Prince Alfred, 101 runs ; Stanmore, 56 runs ; lost.
- Dec. 8th, 1877—Petersham, 34 runs ; Stanmore, 41 runs ; won.
- Dec. 15th, 1877—Lorne, 62 runs ; Stanmore, 46 runs ; lost.
- Dec. 22nd, 1877—Perseverance, 28 runs ; Stanmore, 56 runs ; won.
- Dec. 26th, 1877—Valentia, 46 runs ; Stanmore, 109 runs ; won.
- Jan. 1st, 1878—Mittagong District, 36 runs ; Stanmore, 84 runs ; won.
- Jan. 5th, 1878—Parramatta, 76 runs ; Stanmore, 39 runs ; lost.
- Jan. 12th, 1878—Ashfield, 26 runs ; Stanmore, 71 runs ; won.
- Jan. 26th, 1878—Liverpool, 42 runs ; Stanmore, 110 runs ; won.
- Feb. 2nd, 1878—Norwood, 53 runs ; Stanmore. 95 runs ; won.
- Feb. 23rd, 1878—Canterbury, 19 runs ; Stanmore, 30 runs ; won.
- March 2nd, 1878—Hunters Hill, 27 runs ; Stanmore, 51 runs ; won.
- March 9th, 1878—Ultimo Cambridge, 36 runs ; Stanmore, 76 runs ; won.
- March 16th, 1878—Prince Alfred, 25 runs ; Stanmore, 31 runs ; won.
- March 23rd, 1878—Redfern, Excelsior, 6 runs ; Stanmore, 96 runs ; won.
- March 30th, 1878—Hunters Hill, 18 runs ; Stanmore, 61 runs ; won.
- April 6th, 1878—Woolahra L.I., 42 runs ; Stanmore, 42 runs ; tie.

- April 13th, 1878—Norwood, 12 runs ; Stanmore, 58 runs ; won.
 April 19th, 1878—Redfern, Excelsior, 27 runs ; Stanmore 61 runs ; won.
 April 20th, 1878—18 of 2nd and 3rd Stanmore, 15 runs ; Stanmore, 55 runs ; won.
 April 22nd, 1878—Penrith District, 70 runs ; Stanmore, 30 runs ; lost.
 April 27th, 1878—Underwood, 4 runs ; Stanmore, 121 runs ; won.

BATTING AVERAGES FIRST ELEVEN.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Average.
F. Searl	27	287	30	10-6
F. Brown	15	107	23	7-1
E. Lee	16	111	17	7
A. Abbot	28	181	23	6-5
J. Giles	13	82	12	6-1
F. Curnow	24	147	29	5-1
G. Abbot	21	118	27	5
D. McCall	24	102	15	4-1
J. Berry	24	91	17	4
J. Searl	17	65	11	3-1
H. Baly	19	60	17	3-1
T. Loveridge	13	27	15	2-1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average.
G. Abbot	1200	60	299	109	0	2-81
A. Abbott	774	38	250	60	0	3-70
F. Brown	630	23	226	74	0	3-4
T. Loveridge	582	38	132	57	0	2-18
D. McCall	144	4	59	10	0	5-9
F. Curnow	64	2	21	10	0	2-1

As a batting team the Stanmore Cricket Club are rather weak, but it possesses a few steady and reliable bats, whose defence has often proved serviceable. The names of Berry, T. Searl, J. Searl, Loveridge and McCall may be mentioned as steady batsmen, the rest of the eleven being free hitters.

The success that has hitherto attended the club may be attributed to the strong combination of bowling talent to be found in the eleven, of which 8 are good bowlers, viz. :—G. Abbot, Loveridge, Brown, McCall, Curnow, J. Searl, Giles, and A. Abbot. All of these have been tried during the season, and generally came off, as will be seen from the bowling averages ; however, in consequence of

the execution done by G. Abbott and Loveridge, a change is not often necessary, but, whenever made, proves effectual. The bowling of G. Abbot and Loveridge is somewhat singular, both over-arm, fast, the latter breaking a good deal from the off. Brown is a left-hand over-arm bowler, medium pace, and breaks from either side of the wicket. The other bowlers are McCall, round-arm, very swift; Curnow, slow round-arm, with very low delivery; J. Searl, fast over-arm; Giles, over-arm, fast, with break from the off, and A. Abbot, over-arm, medium pace.

From the table of matches, it will be seen that the club has played 28 matches, of which 21 have been won, six lost, and one was a tie. The best batting average has been obtained by F. Searl with 10.6 runs per wicket, and the bowling average by G. Abbot with the fine average of 2.81 runs per wicket.

St. Leonard's Cricket Club—North Shore.

Patron: Thos. Cadell. *President:* W. Tunks. *Secretary:* H. Gillfilan. *Treasurer:* W. J. Slack. *Committee:* S. Kendall, W. Sayers, R. Moodie, J. Buchanan, J. Moir. *Delegate:* New South Wales Cricket Association, J. Moir.

This club, although formed in 1874, has gradually gained strength year by year, and has now over sixty paying members. Last season 16 matches were played—*Club colours*—Magenta sash.

The Cricket Ground is a portion of the St. Leonard's Reserve, and some £150 or thereabouts have been expended in making same; water has been laid on to the made portion. It promises to become one of the best of the Suburban Grounds, the situation being specially good, and further improvements are in contemplation by the committee, who hope to be shortly in a position to erect a small pavilion, &c.

The annual subscription is £1 1.

The average not being complete are omitted. Mr. W. Sayers received the trophy for batting.

Surrey United Cricket Club.

This club is formed from employees in the establishment of Messrs. Aldersons and Sons, Bourke-street, Surrey Hills. It is strongly supported by Mr. W. M. Alderson, Mr. W. Alderson, jun., being its president. They have an excellent wicket on the southern side of Moore Park close to the factory, and from its appearance great care has been bestowed upon it, which reflects high credit on Mr. Beavis, the honorary secretary. We earnestly hope that this club will maintain its present position during the coming season.

BATTING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Most in Innings.	Runs.	Average.
J. Oram	10	9	1	14*	69	8-5
T. McDonald	11	11	0	30	82	7-5
J. Thompson	9	10	0	15	64	6-4
D. Hourigan	11	11	1	16	59	5-9

Second Eleven.

T. McDonald	8	9	0	65	110	12-2
F. Fischer	6	6	0	23	55	9-1
Qual	7	8	0	27	50	6-2
J. Mooney†	5	5	0	46	54	10-8
A. Smart†	4	5	0	36	44	8-8

BOWLING AVERAGES.

First Eleven.

	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
C. Clark	932	280	65	4-20
J. Thompson	625	208	29	7-5
J. Mooney	393	167	22	7-13
W. Furness	206	72	9	8

Second Eleven.

G. Polley†	259	78	10	7-8
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Telegraph Cricket Club.

President: E. C. Cracknell, Esq. *Vice-President and Captain:*
P. B. Walker, Esq. *Hon. Treasurer:* W. Wilson. *Secretary:*
H. Usher. *Committee:* Messrs. Clay, Wilson, Dalgarno, and
McCracken.

This club, as its name implies, is limited to gentlemen in the Telegraph Office.

The scores and averages being incomplete, the club have decided not to publish them.

* Not out.

† Not played in sufficient number of matches.

† The only bowler who bowled in sufficient number of matches.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Their principal players are—

Cleland, a rising cricketer fast coming to the front rank ; patient batsman, and good field.

Walker, P. B., captain of the team, and can keep wicket well on a good ground.

Burrows, H., and Geary, A. [See principal players.]

Rush, W. C. [See Warwick Cricket Club.]

Thornton Cricket Club.

President : Fred. Breakwell. *Hon. Secretary* : Edward Cohen, 424, George-street. *Hon. Treasurer* : G. Morris.

The club have played 34 matches during the season, of which 20 were won, 10 lost, and 4 drawn.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

J. Campbell, a very good change bowler ; fair field.

E. Cohen, good bat, hard hitter. Over-arm bowler, medium pace, splendid field. Receives trophy all round play.

T. Dingle, best bat in club ; splendid wicket-keep ; gains batting trophy.

R. C. Galbraith, a fair bat and field.

H. Matton, a medium pace over-arm bowler ; good field ; free bat. Receives bowling trophy.

G. Morris, fair bat ; good long-stop.

B. Palmer, steady bat and excellent field.

H. Ross, fast change bowler, average bat, and field.

H. Rumsey, a useful all round player.

Speerway, a fast round-arm bowler, *often* comes off. Good bat and field.

R. Warren, fair bat ; useful change bowler ; good field.

R. Riemenschneider, a steady bat ; good far out field.

J. Hardie, a medium bat and field.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
T. Dingle	24	252	56*	56*	10-12
E. Cohen	34	326	35*	39	9-20
H. Matton	27	227	45	45	8-11
R. Warren	26	167	36	36	6-11
R. Riemenschneider	29	155	22	30	5-10
B. Palmer	22	115	28	28	5-5

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Matton averages 3-1 runs per wicket ; Cohen, 3-40 runs per wicket.

* Not out.

Toxteth Cricket Club.

President: Honourable Sir George Wigram Allen. *Vice-President* George Allen Mansfield, Esq. *Hon. Secretaries:* R. A. Clark, R. Allen. *Hon. Treasurer:* A. C. Mansfield. *Committee:* W. Clark, W. Smithers, P. Mitchell, J. Macnamara.

MATCHES PLAYED.—9 won, 7 lost, 2 drawn.

Mr. R. Allen was top average for both batting and bowling, with Mr. A. C. Mansfield close up for second. Both gentlemen are considered their best players all round.

Ultimo Cambridge Cricket Club.

(*Officers and Committee elected quarterly.*)

Captain: Thos. Field. *Hon. Secretary:* Sam. Duncan. *Hon. Treasurer:* J. Brousdon. *Committee of Management:* J. Smith, C. Radford, J. Brown, T. Field. (Sam Duncan and J. Brousdon *ex officio.*)

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

The club consists of thirty members.

The club inaugurated the season on the 22nd September with a match between the first eleven and the Redfern Cambridge. This proved rather a one-sided affair. The U.C.C.C. went first to the wickets and were not disposed of till they had reached 98, when time was called. The R.C.C.C. had lost 8 wickets for 46. Hall, 22, Field, 21, Kean (not out), 21, were the chief contributors for the 98, Webb contributing 17 towards the 46.

U.C.C.C. v. Petersham, played at Petersham, and resulted in a win for the Cambridge team by 10 runs. thanks to the batting of Kean (not out, 24) and Field, who brought the score from 25 to 57. The P.C.C. scored 47, to which C. Shortus put 24 (not out) and Dawes 11 by fine batting. W. and J. Smith bowled for the Cambridge, and Dawes and Seale for the Petersham; in the fielding Maidment and Duncan both made two excellent catches.

U.C.C.C. v. Rovers.—This was a bowlers' match. The Cambridge team scored 43, Hall contributing 16, Kean 9, and G. Brown 6. The Rovers were disposed of for 32 runs, being left in a minority of 11 runs. In the bowling line, J. Smith was most successful for Cambridge, and Read and Martin for Rovers.

October 20th, v. Derwent.—This was the worst played match of the season, the opposing team being anything like a strong one, and the Cambridge having a very fair team. When time was called the Cambridge found that they were in a minority by 21 runs, their total being 40, to which Maidment contributed 10. Kean was the hero of the afternoon for the Ultimo's, with a really well-earned 19. The Derwents scored 60; Salia 13, and Passan (not out) 12 were the principal scores for the winners.

October 27th, v. St. Pete.s, Surrey.—For the last four years these two clubs have met on the cricket field and had the closest and most exciting and also the pleasantest matches ever played. Only one match was played this season, and that resulted in a drawn game. The totals were—Cambridge, 71; Hall, 20; W. Smith, 10. The Surreys had lost 8 wickets for 29 when time was called. Two splendid catches were made by Londen, of the Surreys.

November 3rd, v. Stanmore.—The Stanmore club has a very strong bowling team, but their batting is not quite so strong. The Cambridge took possession of the creases first and totted up 50 runs, to which Duncan (who was in an hour and a quarter) contributed 12, and J. Smith 10. The Surrey 42, and out of this total J. Brown was credited with 20 made in a fine free style. In the bowling Brown was to the fore, securing 6 wickets; W. Smith, for Cambridge, was credited with 5 for 24. The return match resulted in the Stanmore regaining their lost laurels by beating their opponents by 40 runs. In this match the bowling of G. Abbott for Stanmore was first-class, he being almost unplayable and managed to secure 8 wickets for a small total of runs. The Ultimos scored 36, Maidment 10 and Field 10 being the only men who seemed at all at home to the bowling. S. Abbott ran up a total of 22, Wiseman followed with 19, and their total reached 76, and thus the Stanmores won. W. Smith secured 7 wickets for 24 runs for the Ultimos.

November 17, U.C.C.C. v. Chippendale.—The latter team brought anything but a club combination, and the state of the ground being something similar to that of a road, the only difference being that there was more grass on it. The Ultimo's scored 44—W. Smith, 12. Chippendale scored 55, thus winning by 11 runs—Burrows, 12, J. Smith bowled 72 balls, 5 runs, 4 wickets.

December 1st, Ultimo v. Parramatta Alfred.—This match was won by the Alfreds by 29 runs, owing to the heavy batting of Rutter (not out 30) and thanks for the bad fielding of some of the Ultimo men, total being 61. Ultimo team scored 32; W. Smith secured 6 wickets for 29 runs. The return was played on the 20th April, when the Cambridge turned the tables in their favour, winning by 25 runs; the totals were—Ultimo, 62; J. Smith, 16, Oliver, 10. Alfreds, 37.

Ultimo v. Newcastle Ironclad.—This was the third of a series of annual matches between these two clubs, and was played at Newcastle on Easter Monday. Cambridge went in first and scored 89; Maidment (in for three hours), 43, Smith 17, and Field 12. The Newcastle team scored 51. In the second innings of the Ultimos they only scored 42—Sullivan (not out) 18. The Newcastle men scored 56—Hall 17 and Chapman 15, losing the match by 24 runs.

April 27th, Ultimo v. Botany Excelsior, at Botany. The former had a very weak team, but still managed to secure a win by 16 runs. Ultimo, 45—Kean 19. The Botany team scored 29.

May 11, Ultimo v. Surrey United, Alderson's ground. Ultimo total was 32, Kean 19. Surreys, 108—McDonald 29, Hourigan 16, J. Thompson 14, J. Oram 13.

Date and Ground.	Club.	Total.	Result.
Sept. 22	Ultimo Cambridge	98	Drawn, Redfern lost
Redfern	Redfern Cambridge	46	8 wicket for 46.
Oct. 6	Ultimo Cambridge	57	Won by 10 runs.
Petersham	Petersham	47	
Oct. 13	Ultimo Cambridge	43	Won by 11 runs.
Camperdown	Rovers	32	
Oct. 20	Ultimo Cambridge	40	Lost by 21 runs.
Derwent	Derwent	61	
Oct. 27	Ultimo Cambridge	71	Drawn, St. P. Surrey
St. Peters	St. Peter Surrey	29	lost 8 wickets when time called.
Nov 3.	Ultimo Cambridge	50	Won by 8 runs.
Stanmore	Stanmore	42	
Nov. 17	Ultimo Cambridge	44	Lost by 11 runs.
Chippendale	Chippendale	55	
Dec. 1	Ultimo Cambridge	32	Lost by 29 runs.
Parramatta	Parramatta Alfred	61	
Dec. 8	Ultimo Cambridge	134	Drawn, U.C. at wickets all the afternoon.
Waterloo	Waterloo		
Dec. 15	Ultimo Cambridge	70	Won by 6 runs.
Camperdown	Willows	64	
Jan. 5	Ultimo Cambridge	95	Drawn, Nationals lost 4 wickets for 16 runs.
Moore Park	National	16	
Jan. 12	Ultimo Cambridge	69	Won by 17 runs.
Waterloo	Waterloo United	52	
Feb. 2	Ultimo Cambridge	76	Lost by 16 runs.
Camperdown	Prince Alfred	92	
Feb. 9	Ultimo Cambridge	72	Drawn, Hyperion lost 5 wickets for 32 runs.
Camperdown	Hyperion	32	
March 9	Ultimo Cambridge	36	Lost by 40 runs.
Stanmore	Stanmore	76	
March 16	Ultimo Cambridge	31	Drawn, U.C. lost 2 wickets for 31 runs.
Balmain	Balmain Surrey	87	
March 23	Ultimo Cambridge	90	Won by 65 runs.
Camperdown	Prince Alfred	25	
March 30	Ultimo Cambridge	...	Lost.
Waterloo	Waterloo United	...	
April 20	Ultimo Cambridge	62	Won by 25 runs.
Parramatta	Parramatta Alfred	37	
April 22	Ultimo Cambridge	131	Won by 24 runs.
Newcastle	Newcastle Ironclad	107	
April 27	Ultimo Cambridge	45	Won by 16 runs.
Botany	Excelsior	29	
May 11	Ultimo Cambridge	32	Lost by 76 runs.
Aldersons	Surrey United	108	

The second eleven played 20 matches ; winning 8, losing 9, drawing 2, tie 1.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Brown G, a good bat, very severe on loose bowling, fair bowler, good catch and wicket-keep.

Brown G. J., a fair bat, very hard hitter.

Duncan Sam, a good left-hand bat, drives well on the off-side, as vigilant a field as could be wished for, good catch; the third bowler of the club, won trophy 1875-6, has been Honorary Secretary of club over five years. (Played for the Glebe against Balmain, in Borough Cup Match.)

Douglass H., a very nice bat, but rather nervous, bowls occasionally, a good long-stop, wants practise.

Field T., the captain of the eleven, take him all round, is a very promising colt, is a good field anywhere, splendid wicket-keep, hits hard, (was Captain of Glebe team against Balmain in the Borough Cup Match.)

Hall W. H, a fine free hitter all round, and altogether an excellent bat, good in any part of the field, especially point. (Won trophy season 1875-6.)

Kean J., the stonewaller of the club, always sure for runs. (Played in Borough Cup Match.)

Maidment A., the best bat in the club, (wins medal for best average this season) best field in the club, bowls well at times, (and can throw 104 yards.)

Nutt J., a steady batsman, a good change bowler. and fair field.

O'Brien W., a very hard hitter, not very strong defence, great punisher of loose bowling, is a good bowler, and a fine catch and field.

Oliver T., a nice little batsman, very sure hitter, especially out to field on, a good point, and a sure catch.

Rogers G., very steady bat, and moderately good long-stop.

Smith W., a fine slow break bowler, very successful as a slow bowler, can also bowl trimmers when bowling fast, (as he bowls round, off the hip) a fine batsman, having a very pretty style, best short-slip in the team, an active and vigilant field, works hard for the club.

Smith J., the best bowler in the team, and by far the fastest, with a splendid pitch, has proved himself a good bowler against good batsmen, his bowling average season 1876-7 being 1181 balls, 415 runs, 58 maiden overs, and 102 wickets, average runs per wicket, 4-7. For season 1877-8, he has bowled 1208 balls, 345 runs, 56 maiden-overs, 75 wickets, average runs per wicket being 4-45 over. He has won the medal two consecutive seasons, is a good bat, and a fine field.

Sullivan J. plays in good style with a good reach and with precision. splendid medium-pace bowler having a good break, very successful in most of his matches, (played with Glebe against Balmain in Borough Cup Match, and won trophy for best bowling average, see report Borough Cup Match.)

Wright J., an improving player, and an unerring thrower at the wicket.

Brousdon F, a very nice bat, wins medal for best batting and bowling average, second eleven, this season can drive very well, bowls very straight with a good pitch, a fine long-stop and good field.

FIRST ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

	Total innings.	Not out	Total runs.	Most in innings.	Most in match.	Average.
Brown G. J.	13	1	39	10	10	3
Brown G.	7	1	31	13	13	4.3
Duncan Sam	25	0	89	20	20	3.14
Douglass H.	12	1	31	11	11	2.7
Field T.	20	0	162	36	36	8.2
Hall W. H.	11	0	82	22	22	7.5
Kean J.	20	3	157	24*	24*	7.17
Maidment A.†	20	0	233	45	45	†11.13
Nutt J.	8	1	19	10*	10*	2.3
Oliver T.	4	0	20	10	10	5
Quill T.	5	1	10	5	5	2
Rogers G.	9	4	25	5	5	2.7
Smith W.	17	4	105	29*	29*	6.3
Smith J.	20	0	142	20	20	7.2

SECOND ELEVEN, BATTING AVERAGES.

Brown G.	15	0	40	10	10	2.10
Brown T.	17	2	90	30‡	30‡	5.5
Brown J.	17	2	137	20	20	8.1
Black J.	7	2	32	11	11	4.4
Brousdon E.‡	21	2	194	26	26	†9.5
Brousdon J.	18	4	97	30‡	30‡	5.7
Corderoy S.	3	1	34	20	20	11.1
Radford C.	19	2	53	13	13	2.5
Rogers W.	15	4	67	12	12	4.7
Stevenson W.	19	0	93	15	15	4.17
Waight J.	18	0	76	21	21	4.4
Warner V	8	1	32	11	11	4
Zucker C.	7	0	18	10	10	2.4

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Smith J.†	1208	56	345	75	†4.45
Smith W.	960	32	367	64	5.47
Duncan S.	204	5	101	18	5.11
Maidment A.	172	3	75	5	13.5

* (Signifies not out.) † (Winner of Gold Medal.) ‡ (Winner of Trophy)

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Brown J.	776	35	316	65	4.56
Brousdon E. *	757	30	278	64	*4.22
Corderoy S	208	30	50	22	2.6

 University Cricket Club.

Patron: Sir E. Deas Thomson, K.C.M.G. *President*: Professor Bell. *Vice-Presidents*: Sir G. W. Allen, K.C.M.G., Professor Liversidge, H. Kennedy, Esq., and M. H. Stephen, Esq. *Delegates to New South Wales Cricket Association*: T. Powell and J. H. Carruthers. *Hon. Secretaries and Treasurers*: J. H. Carruthers and H. Feez. *Director of the Oval*: R. Teece. *Committee*: E. Barton, H. M. Faithful, T. Buckland, H. M. Prior, R. Bowman, H. Kelly, H. Wilkinson, and R. C. Allen.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED.

FIRST ELEVEN.—University v. East Sydney, won; v. East Sydney, drawn; v. Newtown, won; v. Orange, won; v. Newtown, lost; v. Alberts, lost; v. Carlton, lost; v. Redfern, drawn; v. Newtown, won; v. East Sydney, won; v. Alberts, drawn; v. Warwicks, drawn; v. Warwicks, drawn; v. Schools (15), drawn; v. Alberts, won.

This club has during the season maintained its high position as one of the leading metropolitan clubs. Having two practice-grounds, the Oval and the Domain, its members played in very fair form. It will be seen by reference to the foregoing analysis that it has played 15 matches, of which 6 were won, 3 lost, and 6 drawn, most of the drawn games being decidedly in the club's favour. Twice has it defeated the East Sydney Club, once the Alberts, twice Newtown, and once Orange. The matches with the Warwick Club were unfortunately both drawn, and as both clubs were scoring well, it is probable that if played out there would have been close finishes. The matches lost were to the Alberts one, to the Carlton one, and to the Newtown one; but in the Carlton match the club played with a very weak team, owing mainly to the absence of the leading players, who took part in the intercolonial match in Melbourne.

The Schools match was quite a new idea, and did much good in its way, bringing out much latent talent in the youngsters. It was well patronised, and was a very close contest. As far as it went, time not allowing it to be played out. The country trip was taken to Orange, and was a very successful affair, the team enjoying the trip very much.

 * (Winner of Gold Medal)

It may be mentioned that the University played the Schools on the 19th and 26th of October next, Wagga Wagga if possible on the 9th of November, and the Melbourne University at Sydney on Boxing Day and the following days.

We must congratulate the club on having published its first annual, a pamphlet specially composed for the amusement of its own members. The end in view has so far been attained by a successful issue.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Allen is the best "colt" in the club, and gives promise of being a great player. His batting is very good, owing mainly to fine back play. He is a fair bowler; but slow as a field.

Coates, J., is the club captain, and carried off the bowling trophy. [See principal players.]

Faithful, H. M. [See principal players.]

Fletcher. [See principal players.]

Garrett. [See principal players.]

Ice-ton, T., the winner of the trophy for batting average. [See principal players.]

Powell, Thos. [See principal players.]

Sly, Dr., is one of the best batsmen of the club, and when once set makes very long scores. He fields excellently, but does little with the ball.

Wilkinson, H., is a very promising colt, being a capital batsman, bowler, and field. He was tried against the All England Eleven, and acquitted himself well.

Messrs. Gibson, Teece, Woodriff, Wright, and Docker are all fair batsmen and field well.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Lord*	2	0	73	41	73	36-1
Fletcher*	7	1	128	48	48	21-2
Ice-ton†	15	0	227	50	73	15-2
Wilkinson	7	3	57	26	36	14-1
Faithful‡	17	0	239	71	71	14-1
Sly	14	0	192	42	42	13-5
Powell	14	1	175	33	33	13-6
Wright	4	2	19	10	10	9-1
Coates	11	0	103	25	25	9-4
Gibson	14	4	93	27	27	9-3
Allen	7	0	62	28	28	8-6
Woodriff	9	1	70	24	24	8-2
Garrett	2	1	8	8	8	8
McMahon	7	2	40	14	27	8
Teece, R.	16	0	123	16	17	7-11
Buckland	12	2	67	20	20	6-7

* Did not qualify for the trophies. † Winner of the batting trophy. ‡ Winner of trophies for highest aggregate and for highest score in a single innings.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average.
Coates*	881	50	312	43	1	7-11
Powell	375	18	132	17	0	7-13
Ice-ton	1125	68	353	37	0	9-20
Faithful	1071	47	431	44	0	9-35
Garrett†	48	1	13	4	0	3-1

 Utopia Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*President*: Alderman Carpenter, J.P. *Vice-Presidents*: W. S. Buzacott, Esq., J.P.; C. E. Wigzell, Esq. *Secretary*: J. R. Mutton. *Treasurer*: E. J. Salier. *Committee*: D. Ogilvie, D. Bradford, J. Dilling, E. J. Salier, J. R. Mutton.

During the season 1877-78 25 matches were played, of which 13 were lost, 10 won, and 2 drawn, being in favour of the Utopia.

RESUME OF THE SEASON.

The Utopia Cricket Club was formed in 1876, but did not meet any clubs till last season, when they commenced by playing the Balmain Alexander, whom they defeated easily.

At present they number about thirty members, but out of that large number often have trouble to get eleven.

Their last match (24th May) was at Parramatta against the "Bronzewings." The strength of the Utopia's lies chiefly in its bowling, having some seven or eight bowlers of a very good class. The batting is very fair, but the fielding is the weak point.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Matches.	Average.
A. Baxter	17	7-2
J. Newnham	22	6-15
J. Caldwell	22	6-3
R. Sullivan	24	5-1
W. Tallentyne	8	5-3
D. Bradford	9	5-4
B. Moyson	8	6-3

The bowling analysis has not been kept.

* Winner of bowling trophy.

† Did not qualify.

Victoria Cricket Club,

Established 1st August, 1874.

Secretary: J. Rigg. *Treasurer:* A. H. Moore. *Committee:* J. Purcell, W. Palmer, A. Dennis, J. Kelly, T. Stafford, A. H. Moore, and J. Rigg.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED—SEASON 1877-8.

- 15th Sept., 1877—v. Willow: won by Victoria, by 38 runs. Victoria first innings 50, second 5 out for 41; Willow, first innings 12.
- 22nd Sept.—v. Waterloo United: won by Victoria, by 72 runs; Victoria 86, Waterloo United 14.
- 29th Sept.—v. Pacific: won by Victoria, by 26 runs. Pacific first innings 27, second 8 for 36; Victoria 53.
- 3th Oct.—v. Surrey United: won by 2 runs; Surrey United 42, Victoria 44.
- 13th Oct.—v. Perseverance: lost by 24 runs; Perseverance 29, Victoria 5.
- 20th Oct.—v. Balmain Surrey: won by 7 runs; Victoria 42, Balmain Surrey 35.
- 27th Oct.—v. Alfred: won by 76 runs; Victoria 89, Alfred 13.
- 9th Nov.—v. Sussex: won by 26 runs. Victoria first innings 70, second 4 for 114; Sussex 44.
- 1st Dec.—v. Surrey United: lost by 26 runs; Victoria 34, Surrey United 60.
- 8th Dec.—v. Parramatta Alfred: won by 24 runs. Parramatta Alfred first innings 35, second 8 for 41; Victoria 59.
- 15th Dec.—v. National: lost by 6 runs; National 47, Victoria 41.
- 25th Dec.—v. Newcastle Ironclad: lost by 11 runs; Newcastle Ironclad 62, Victoria 51.
- 5th Jan., 1878—v. Redfern Cambridge: won by 118 runs; Redfern Cambridge 16, Victoria 134.
- 19th Jan.—v. Rover: won by 7 runs; Rover 30, Victoria 37.
- 26th Jan.—v. Balmain Surrey: lost by 13 runs; Victoria 94, Balmain Surrey 107.
- 2nd Feb.—v. Perseverance: won by 33 runs; Perseverance 66, Victoria 99.
- 9th Feb.—v. Sussex: won by 32 runs; Sussex 21, Victoria 53.
- 9th March—v. Norwood: won by 72 runs; Victoria 111, Norwood 39.
- 23rd March—v. Osborne: won by 47 runs; Osborne 35, Victoria 82.
- 30th March—v. Redfern Cambridge: won by 64 runs; Victoria 108, Redfern Cambridge 44.
- 6th April—v. Eastern: won by 2 wickets and 145 runs; Eastern 33, Victoria 8 for 178.
- 13th April—v. Royal Albert: won by 11 runs; Royal Albert 32, Victoria 43.
- 20th April—v. Rover: won by 35 runs; Rover 45, Victoria 80.
- 27th April—v. Surrey United: lost by 22 runs; Victoria 44, Surrey United 66.

- 4th May—v. Stanley: won by 7 runs; Stanley 48, Victoria 55.
 11th May—v. Waterloo United: won by 47 runs; Waterloo United 39, Victoria 88.
 18th May—v. Willow: Victoria lost by 76 runs; Victoria 26, Willow 102.
 24th May—v. Clyde: won in 1 innings and 32 runs. Clyde first 39, second 41; Victoria first 112.

Club played a total of 28 matches, of which they have won 21, and lost 7.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Fred. Ayres, free bat; good point.

Fr. Ayres, medium bat.

P. Brewster, middling bat, and good field.

A. Dennis, good bat, and free hitter; first-class bowler, and fine field.

G. Fisher, excellent bat, good change bowler, and fine field.

F. Fowler, nice bat (plenty of defence), and excellent field.

J. Kelly, fine bat—good forward play, good field.

H. Luland, good bat, brilliant field, and change bowler.

F. Luland, fine bat, and very quick run getter; good field.

G. McDaermid, a good bat, fine long stop, and fair change bowler.

J. Purcell, good bat, splendid field, change bowler.

J. Rigg, as good a bat as in team, first-class bowler, and shows excellent all round play.

A. Rigg, good bat, fair bowler and field.

J. Steel, fair bat, smart field, and good change bowler.

W. Palmer, left hand bat, splendid field.

T. Stafford, very free bat, fine field, change bowler.

BATTING AVERAGES, SEASON 1877-8.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Dennis	31	0	362	43	43	11-21
Ayres, Fd.	19	5	174	52	52	12-6
Rigg, J.	21	1	189	43*	43*	9-9
Luland, F.	22	1	179	26	43	8-11
Stafford	10	0	83	30	30	8-3
Luland, H.	24	0	180	46	46	7-12
Moore	8	2	43	18*	18	7-1
Dovey	7	1	48	16	16	8
Fisher	22	0	140	33	33	6-8
Purcell	17	2	90	22*	22*	6
Palmer	18	3	121	70*	70*	8-1
Rigg, A.	2	0	13	7	13	6-1

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES, SEASON 1877-8.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
Rigg, J.	1316	355	66	116	3.7
Dennis	1832	490	96	113	4.38
Fisher	500	173	22	39	4.17

Warwick Cricket Club.

President: Thomas A. Dibbs. *Vice-Presidents*: W. Clark and A. L. Park. *General Committee*: Joseph Clark, Charles Davis, J. Daly, J. Humphreys, J. Hair, Samuel Kendall, D. Moon, Philip Sheridan, and W. B. Walford, junr. *First Selection Committee*: James Kellick, J. Oatley, and L. J. Park. *Second Selection Committee*: Joseph Clarke, D. Moon, and L. J. Park. *Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association*: Samuel Kendall and A. L. Park.

During the past season 1877-8 the first eleven were engaged in 8 matches, 3 of which were for the Challenge cup. Two of them were won and one drawn—viz., v. Alberts, won; v. Newtown, won; v. University, drawn. The other 3 matches were against the following clubs—viz., Albert, drawn; Newtown, drawn. The first eleven visited the town of Bathurst, and played the Bathurst Club there, securing a victory on the first innings by 1 run only. The Warwick team was, however, a weak one, owing to the absence of several of their best players at Victoria.

RESULTS OF MATCHES PLAYED.

13th Oct.—v. Albert, drawn.
 27th Oct. and 3rd Nov.—v. Alberts (Cup), won by Warwicks.
 1st and 8th Dec.—v. Newtown (Cup), won by Warwicks.
 22nd Dec.—v. Newtown, drawn.
 26th Dec.—v. Bathurst, won by Warwick.
 2nd Feb.—v. University (Cup), drawn.
 March 9.—v. University, drawn.

Three won and 4 drawn.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Bannerman, C. (professional.) [See principal players.]
 Bannerman, A. (professional.) [See principal players.]
 Burrows, H. [See principal players.]
 Daly, J., fair bat and field, can keep wicket tolerably.
 Dummett, W. [See principal players.]
 Eury, W., an effective bat and fair field, a good change bowler, medium pace, lobs with a high delivery.

Evans, Edwin, did not play with his club last season. [See principal players.]

Hand, good bat and fair field.

Geary, Alfred. [See principal players.]

Gregory, Edward. [See principal players.]

Humphreys, J., a good bat, hits well but lacks patience, bowls occasionally (left hand) with success,

Oatley, James. [See principal players,]

Walford, J. W. B., a patient bat and reliable field, a good change bowler.

Rush, W. C., a fair bat and shines as an out-field, bowls well occasionally with a high delivery and breaks each way.

Seale, Joseph. [See principal players.]

Rigg, Joseph, the best colt of the club for this season, fair bat and field, medium pace bowler with break from the off, very successful in the club matches.

Last season the club the second eleven were engaged in 8 matches, of which 3 were won, 2 lost, and 3 drawn.

Adamson, T., a fine wicket-keeper, bowls and bats fairly.

Beaver, C. H., medium bat, a fair field.

Chapman T., good bat and change bowler.

Clarke, J. (captain), bats well, smart field.

Daly, R., fine bat, hits hard all round, good field, winner of the club badge for batting.

Hair, J., fair all-round man.

McCall, steady bat and fast bowler.

Moon, D. D., fair bat, scores quickly when in form.

Tait, J., pretty bat, bowls fast or slow, winner of club badge for bowling.

Walford, S., straight and steady bat, fair field but wants more energy.

Ward, a good bat, will be heard of ere long.

Hiddlestone, a most promising colt, good all round.

BATTING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-8.

First Eleven.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
Oatley	4	1	3	85	41*	85
Geary	1	1	0	43	43	43
Rigg	5	3	2	90	52*	30
Eury	3	5	0	123	40	24.6
Bannermann, A.	2	3	0	72	61	24
Dummett	4	4	1	92	66	23
Daly, J.	2	2	0	38	31	19
Seale	4	4	1	72	49	18
Humphreys	3	4	0	62	22	15.5

* Not out.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Average.
Bannerman, C.	2	3	0	43	27	14-3
Hand	4	5	0	57	18	11-4
Gregory, E.	3	3	0	33	25	11
Walford	6	6	1	61	16	10-2
Burrows	2	2	0	20	17	10
Rush	4	4	1	24	13	6
Chapman	3	3	0	15	8	5

SECOND ELEVEN BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Times not out.	Average.
Beaver	5	25	13	1	6-1
Burrows, H.	1	36	36	...	36
Butchart	1	6	6	...	6
Daly, J.	2	21	20	...	10-1
*Daly, R.	9	174	62	...	19-3
Hair	8	82	41	1	11-5
Hiddleston	2	45	44	...	22-1
Jackson	3	33	13	1	16-1
McDonald, J.	1	14	14	...	14
McLaughlin	1	5	5	...	5
Moon	6	55	23	...	9-1
Nutt	3	43	27	...	14-1
Oatley, J.	2	44	34	1	44
Rigg	2	23	21	...	11-1
Tait	8	37	11	1	5-2
Walford, S.	6	55	23	3	18-1
Ward	5	63	23	...	12-3

BOWLING AVERAGES—SEASON 1877-78.

First Eleven.

	Matches.	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Gregory, E.	3	167	84	12	7
Rigg	5	578	214	27	7-9
Bannermann, A.	2	162	80	9	8-9
Humphreys	4	192	97	8	12-1
Rush	3	241	114	9	12-7
Eury	4	108	58	2	29
Geary	2	48	29	1	29

*Winner of club badge and Vice-President A. L. Park's cup.

SECOND ELEVEN BOWLING AVERAGES.

	No. of Matches.	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wides.	Wickets.	Average.
Adamson, T.	4	156	40	6	1	9	4-5
Austin	2	60	31	2	...	3	10-1
Boulton	3	60	35	...	...	3	11-1
Burrows	1	12	7	...	...	...	...
Chapman	6	95	37	2	1	6	6-2
Daly, R.	5	157	45	2	4	7	7
Hair	4	117	41	4	2	6	7-1
Jackson	3	222	89	2	...	10	8-9
McCall	1	162	54	4	...	8	6-6
Rigg	2	153	30	7	...	7	4-2
*Tait	7	332	114	8	...	21	5-9

Waterloo Royal Albert Crick et Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*President*: J. Peck, Esq *Hon. Secretary*: J. Hutchinson. *Hon. Treasurer*: P. Merr.

Matches played, 24 ; won 14, lost 7, drawn 3.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Average.
P. Marr	22	254	11-12
W. Martin	17	106	6-4
J. Clune	21	110	5-5

BOWLING AVERAGE.

	Wides.	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
P. Marr	2	1334	288	78	88	3-24
E. DeCarle	2	427	128	18	41	3-5
W. Martin	2	1341	293	90	86	3-37

Bank Matches.

During the numerous matches of the season those between our various banking institutions are deserving of notice, as many of the contending players belong to the leading clubs ; nor must we forget that the "demon bowler" hails from one of these establishments. The matches reported to us are—

*Winner of club badge and Vice-President Clark's cup.

Commercial Bank v Joint Stock Bank (see Incidents and Curiosities of Cricket).

Bank of Australasia v. E. S. and A. Bank, played on Moore Park: Australasia, 31 and for 8 wickets 56; E. S. A. and C., 20. The former won by 11 runs on first innings.

BATTING.—The principal scores were—Australasia: Gillespie, 2 and 12; E. S. and A. C.: Learmonth, 12.

BOWLING.—Australasia: Birkmyre 4 wickets for 8 runs; Moore, 5 for 10. E. S. and A. C.: Barber, 4 for 12; Drice, 6 for 14.



Cricket in the Country.

WE hardly think that the past season has been so brilliant a one as it might have been; the various clubs have pursued the even tenor of their way without any extraordinary matches, except one between 22 of the Northern district against the now renowned Australian Eleven, at West Maitland, which the latter won with comparative ease. The "Jones" challenge cup in the Tumut district occasioned 2 matches (one of which was drawn), and a report of same will be found under its proper heading. We may here mention that fully one-half of the country clubs are unrepresented in the Annual, and these only can blame themselves: circulars sent early and late in the season have failed to bring answers, and honorary secretaries must know that we have to depend upon them for details: in many cases it is stated the scoring books have not been sufficiently well kept. We hope this Annual will bring about quite a different state of affairs. We think an annual match between 15 or 16 country players against a picked town eleven could be arranged with advantage, and if undertaken by the New South Wales Cricket Association, might be the means of discovering many useful players who could render service to the colony; the match should come off about a month before the Intercolonial contest: an *Evans* in their ranks could be drafted to play against Victoria, and the country cricketers would be satisfied their merits had not been overlooked. Bathurst and Newcastle have visited the metropolis, but the once famous Goulburn Club has been nearly extinct. With every probability of the English team visiting some of the districts, we would urge our country friends to be getting themselves ready. The following short notices give a tolerable idea of each clubs progress, and for further particulars we refer our readers to the details published under the heading of country clubs. We must here return our thanks to the secretaries of those clubs who so promptly sent us the information now published.

ALBURY CRICKET CLUB.—The club has a strong first eleven and excellent bowlers: during the season they played 2 matches with the St. Kilda (Melbourne) Club: the eleven average 127 runs per match, and have won 10 out of 14 matches played. C. H. Dight heads the batting averages with 20 and 9 over for 17 innings, and no less than 7 others range between 16 and 10 runs. The three bowlers shew splendid averages. Mr. J. Wilkinson, honorary secretary, has sent all the particulars for the season in a very complete form to which our readers are referred. We notice an old Intercolonial player Mr. E. Brown among their ranks.

AURIMBAH CREEK CRICKET CLUB.—Cricket thrives anywhere in the colony where an eleven can be got together: this club has played 4 matches, winning 2 and losing 2. All the batting averages below 5 runs are not published.

BATHURST DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.—One of the leading country clubs, and who have won 11 out of 35 matches against crack teams; among others they have played the Warwick and Newtown (Sydney) Orange and Mudgee Clubs. Unfortunately their funds have run short, but the fair sex rallied to their rescue, whose names are most deservedly mentioned in the club report. The president, E. Webb, Esq., erected entrance-gates at one portion of the ground at his own expense. Our old friend James Cassidy, whose name is well-known to all lovers of cricket, heads the batting average with 21 per innings, and W. Clark, takes the bowling trophy for 3.15 per wicket. Such full particulars are given under the club heading that it is unnecessary for us to say more than to hope our Bathurst friends will appear in Sydney during the coming season. There are now 83 members on the roll of the club.

BERRIMA—BELMORE CRICKET CLUB.—This club played 10 matches, winning 4 and losing 6. Unfortunately no bowlers analysis has been kept. Messrs. A. Small and J. Armfield head the batting averages, and we are told the secretary is getting ready to recover some of last season's defeats: we hope they may be successful.

BOURKE CRICKET CLUB.—This was only formed last March, and the inhabitants of the district, at a public meeting, promised the club their support, but it was too late in the season to make any matches of sufficient importance to record. The business people of Bourke have agreed to make a half-holiday every Wednesday, and that will be very advantageous to the cricketers, who are making vigorous efforts to carry on next season successfully.

BRAIDWOOD CRICKET CLUB.—Won 2 matches against Nerriga, one of which was due principally to a fine not out innings of 50 played by the Hon. Secretary, G. Wilson. But the grounds are not in the best order, and the fielding of the team is capable of improvement; no doubt this will come in time as the batting and bowling is quite up to the average of country clubs.

BRANXTON CRICKET CLUB.—The members have a good ground, but lose some of their advantage in this respect through insufficient practice, which accounts for the batting averages being so low. The bowling analysis has not been kept sufficiently well to record. They expect a large accession of new members, and hope for a prosperous season. Their players are staunch supporters of the game, and we wish them every success.

BUNGOWANAH CRICKET CLUB.—The Secretary, with great modesty, tells us the club is a small one, but they are none the less deserving of notice, as we intend to give *every* club a place in our Annual, who will publish the names of their office-bearers. Only 3 matches were played last season, but we can state reliably their eleven will be more busy this summer.

BURROWA CRICKET CLUB.—The first eleven are a good country team, but from want of practice together lost 4 matches out of seven played. The season 1876-7 passed without a match, so that few of the players were in form when the season commenced. As in many other cases the incomplete state of the scoring books will not allow reliable averages to be published.

COOMA ROYAL CRICKET CLUB.—This club have many difficulties to contend against. They have no ground, and the public of the district are apathetic. Perhaps a liberal appeal might be successful; still the members are determined to keep cricket alive if they can. They played 7 matches, and won 3, but they hope for better results next season. The bowling averages are excellent, but the bad grounds favour them, and batsmen have little chance. Players who appeared in one match only, are omitted in club report.

COROWA CRICKET CLUB.—This club has won 5 matches out of 8 they have played. They have a good ground, kept in excellent order, and plenty of promising talent. Willis (12), Whitehead (12) and Davis (10) head the batting averages. All the bowlers have good result, ranging from 3 to 7 runs per innings.

DUBBO DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.—The club won 3 out of 4 matches against other districts, but the scores have not been sent. They also had a married and single match, resulting in a tie. The club has a good income, as will be seen by the last annual report, which we publish under the club heading. The wickets are so bad that the committee are considering whether they will play on coccoanut fibre matting.

GOULBURN CRICKET CLUB.—Perhaps the best way of showing the affairs of this once famous club would be to quote the words of their Hon. Secretary, who, with great candour gives a "plain unvarnished tale," as follows:—

"I am sorry I cannot give you the information you require (for the New South Wales Cricketers' Annual) as our books were so badly kept during last season, that it would be impossible to make out anything like a fair statement of averages, &c., &c.: in fact Goulburn Club last year was in a state of chaos. We have this season a first-rate ground (second to none but the Domain) and have laid water on, so that any Sydney Team feeling disposed to pay us a visit during the summer will find a good wicket ready for them, and a pretty warm eleven to play against. I must say that, personally, I am rather disgusted at not being able to contribute our share to what must be a very interesting work, but my association with the club only dates from the latter part of the cricket season."

GRAFTON: WARWICK CRICKET CLUB.—Matches are played all the year round in this district, the weather in winter being mild. The ground favors bowlers more than batsmen, which a glance at the averages will shew. 203 wickets for 776 runs is an excellent united total of the club's 3 premier bowlers. They played 15 matches, won 11, lost 3, and 1 was drawn.

GRESFORD CRICKET CLUB.—Although this club did not enter the lists last season, they intend making a good effort in the coming one; some of their past performances are mentioned among country clubs, and they still have the nucleus of a good team. Mr. John Glennie, the treasurer, is an ardent supporter of the game, and we are sure, will use all his efforts and influence to bring his club to its old standard.

GULGONG CRICKET CLUB.—Played 9 matches, of which 3 were won, 4 lost, and 2 drawn. J. Moverley heads the batting averages with 11.2 for 16 innings. There are 6 bowlers tolerably equal, J. Bowes heading the list taking 18 wickets for 109 runs. R. Marshall's average is somewhat lower, but he is only credited with 3 wickets.

HILL END CRICKET CLUB.—Only a match with the Pyramid Cricket Club, and a return match were played by this club, each team winning on their own ground. Principal batsmen and bowlers are noticed under the club heading.

MAITLAND ALBION CRICKET CLUB.—One of the principal country clubs in the colony. They have an excellent ground 7 acres in size, which is kept in good order by James Moore, a veteran of intercolonial fame. The first and second elevens played 17 matches each, both teams winning seven. Among the first eleven matches two may be mentioned as against the Albert Cricket Club, one of which was remarkably close. Williams and George Moore (both intercolonial players) belong to their ranks, the latter of whom is so well known for his slow bowling. Some extensive improvements to the ground and pavilion have been made during the winter. Our editor has in his report given all particulars so fully that there is little need to say much here. Mr. D. A. Garvan, the secretary, is untiring in his efforts to arrange matches and keep the ground in order. He informs us he will try and get the English team of Gentlemen Players to Maitland, and, from what we know of his perseverance, we think he is very likely to keep his word. He first originated the match between "North and South," to give Sydney people all opportunity possible to choose the best country talent for the intercolonial matches, and we hope to see such a match made annual. Mr. Garvan will give such a proposal his hearty co-operation. The President of the club (E. P. Capper, Esq.) is a staunch supporter of the game, and at the head of the club is "the right man in the right place."

MILTON CRICKET CLUB.—W. F. Hayley, Esq., Hon. Secretary, informs us that the club has passed a very enjoyable season, but as the averages are not complete the committee have decided not to publish them. A better season is anticipated as the club has a very fair eleven, and some promising young players, and many enthusiastic supporters.

MORPETH CRICKET CLUB had a successful season, winning 9 matches out of 11 played; 4 of these were against junior clubs in the city. The two matches lost were only defeats by 5 and 14 runs respectively, by the "Osbornes" (Sydney) and Singleton.

The batting could be improved, only R. Waddy (whom we well recollect as an old Albert man) and G. Robins averaging doubles. The performances of Myers and Guilfoile are excellent, and with two such bowlers the club is likely to keep its reputation in the field.

MUDGE CRICKET CLUB has won 10 matches of 12 played, and only lost their match against Bathurst by 2 wickets. Their chief talent lies in bowling, 6 of their trundlers all showing good averages; the batting is poor, and no one player has reached an average of 10 for the season, though C. D. Meares scored 193 for 20 innings, and has moreover 3 not outs.

NATTAI CRICKET CLUB.—This club has won 5 matches and lost 4 during the season, but they often find it difficult to play their best team; the batting averages are not very high, and the bowlers analyses have not been recorded. Now that clubs know we reserve a place for them, we hope full returns will be kept. Mr. A. McCullum has been captain of the team in most matches.

NEWCASTLE ALBION CRICKET CLUB, WICKHAM.—An enthusiastic little club, who like plenty of work. The first eleven engaged in no less than 33 matches, winning 17. One match was a tie, 2 were drawn, and 13 lost. Mr. A. Wilkins wins the batting trophy, and Mr. John Allan the bowling trophy. The latter gentleman is a most energetic honorary secretary, and much of the club's success is due to his efforts.

NEWCASTLE: BURWOOD CRICKET CLUB (JUNCTION).—This club has played 23 matches, winning 13, and losing 8. One was drawn, and one disputed. The batting averages are not quite up to standard, no one averaging 10 runs per innings, but the bowling is excellent. Mr. W. Williamson's average is a special performance, considering the large number of balls bowled. His analysis reads as follows:—4619 balls, 94 maidens, 523 runs, 147 wickets, no wides nor no-balls; average 3.82, or as nearly as possible $3\frac{1}{2}$ runs per wicket. This is the best average of any country club of which we know. The hon secretary, Mr. John Roach, is a very enthusiastic cricketer, and much credit is due to him for his endeavours to make a successful season for his club.

NEWCASTLE CRICKET CLUB.—The coal city always supported the game well. This club is the leading one, and has a ground where nearly always a good wicket can be pitched, and it is kept in excellent order. The matches have all been against good teams, such as Maitland, Singleton, the Carlton (Sydney) Cricket Clubs, and others. The Australian Eleven played against 22 of the Newcastle district, and created much local interest. The names of Charles Lawrence and Tracy, the bowler, are familiar to most cricketers, and we hear that Lawrence will play during the coming season; he is invaluable in their team for his experience and judgement. Our remarks on the leading players have been carefully studied, and convey a strictly critical view of individual merit. Gilbert, in bowling, averages 4 runs for 83 wickets, and Tracy four and two-thirds for 66 wickets. On many occa-

sions the elevens in the field fell short of the actual strength of the club. The second eleven were more successful, and comprises some rising talent likely to be very useful this season. To prevent error we may say Mr. G. Gilbert, of this club, is not the veteran "George" of same name. *His excellent bowling has been of great service during the season.*

NEWCASTLE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CRICKET CLUB, HONEYSUCKLE POINT.—Most of the members belong to other local clubs, so that on many occasions they are unable to play with their full strength. They hardly devote sufficient attention to fielding, which neutralises their success. The averages being to some extent incomplete, we are unable to analyse them as well as we would wish. We must advise the members to try and remedy their defects in fielding before next season.

NEWCASTLE IRONCLAD CRICKET CLUB.—It seems that Ironclad Cricketers are nearly as invincible as ironclad men-of-war, for this club have won 23 matches of 27 played by the first eleven, and 15 of 21 played by the second eleven. G. W. Webb secures the batting honours, with an average of 11.1 in 24 innings. B. Morley has the bowling trophy, taking 95 wickets at a cost of 3½ runs each. We give a short notice of each player in the first eleven. R. Allan in the second eleven is first both in batting and bowling.

PITNACREE CRICKET CLUB, RAWORTH, *via* MORPETH.—This club has been successful in the majority of matches played, and according to last annual report is, financially, in a flourishing condition, it is therefore to be congratulated upon its present position. As an incentive to good cricket during the coming season, several trophies have been promised, and doubtless in our next Annual we shall be busy recording some large scores of the Pitnacree folks.

RICHMOND RIVER—YOUNG AUSTRALIAN CRICKET CLUB.—Codrington. This is one of the best instances how cricketers are made in New South Wales, as 2 years ago few of the present members had seen the game, but the old players, headed by Mr. H. French, showed they had the true sporting spirit and coached up the youngsters, they have now the satisfaction of seeing a good club, as the result of their disinterested exertions. Mr. A. Cameron is a most useful member, as he not only acted as honorary secretary, but succeeded in topping the batting averages, scoring nearly 10 runs per innings. The club won 4 matches out of 6 played.

SINGLETON CRICKET CLUB has won 6 out of 8 first-class matches played, 2 of which were against Maitland, and 1 each against Newcastle and Morpeth. Many minor matches have also taken place, not recorded here. The Hon. Secretary, F. W. Gardiner, has taken much trouble to give all subscribing members a chance of playing, and his exertions have been of great benefit to his club. We refer our readers to the averages of the bowlers and batsmen, and as they have plenty of rising talent, we anticipate a prosperous season for them. When we see 3 bowlers

who can take over 130 wickets, at an average of less than 7 runs per wicket; and 4 batsmen who average 12 to 17 runs an innings, it is a sure fact that cricket flourishes in Singleton.

TAMWORTH CRICKET CLUB.—The club has only played 2 matches of which they won 1 and lost 1. The number is too few to publish averages, but as there are some very fair players in the first eleven, they anticipate doing more next season.

TENTERFIELD ALLIANCE CRICKET CLUB.—This club has played 5 matches without a defeat, 2 being victories in 1 innings. J. W. Dickson, A. G. Andrews, C. Bentley, and D. Dickson have shown themselves excellent batsmen; the first gentleman named winning the gold medal, with an average of 18. In bowling, G. H. Tindale took 46 wickets for 110 runs, and A. G. Andrews is credited with 38 wickets for 195 runs. G. H. Tindale has been of great service to his club in the double Honorary offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

TUMUT CRICKET CLUB.—This club only played 2 matches for the "Jones" challenge cup, of which they are now the holders; the first against Wagga Wagga they won in one innings, and the second against Cootamundra was drawn. For further particulars refer to article headed "*Jones Challenge Cup.*"

WALLSEND UNITED CRICKET CLUB.—Among details relating to country clubs will be found the list of office bearers, the batting and bowling averages of their chief players, and a notice of the batsman and bowler winning the last trophies, but no further particulars have reached us owing to the illness of the Honorary Secretary.

WARRIALDA CRICKET CLUB.—It is a pity this club plays so seldom, as they have several good cricketers in their ranks. Their captain, Mr. G. H. Gordon, is a host in himself, and is well known as sometime one of the first eleven of the Albert Cricket Club, and also as an intercolonial player. In 1866 at Sydney he scored 19 in his only innings, and at Melbourne in the following year 1 and 31. His big hits and throwing are recorded in our "*Notable Incidents and Curiosities of Cricket.*" The club only played one match, and the principal scores and bowling feats will be found under the club heading. Mr. W. B. Geddes is very good at point, and acts as hon. secretary.

WEST MAITLAND.—Undaunted Cricket Club. This club was only formed last February, but has played 11 matches, and only lost 2: one match was a tie. They appear well able to cope with the junior clubs of their district, and their bowlers averages are very good; it will be seen that Mr. F. G. Brown, their captain has the best average in batting, while in bowling, R. Hammond is first.

WOLLONGONG (ILLAWARRA) CRICKET CLUB.—8 matches were played, of which 6 were won and 2 lost. The most important game lost was against the Carlton Cricket Club (Sydney), but

when we consider the team had to travel on a steamer the previous night, it is no wonder they were in bad form. Jamberoo and Kiama had each to strike their colors twice during the season.

YOUNG: UNITED CRICKET CLUB.—Won 3 matches of 5 played, but we have no particulars of their opponents. The averages will be found among the country cricket clubs.



Country Cricket Clubs.

ALBURY CRICKET CLUB—SEASON 1877-8.

President: J. Walker Jones, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: C. H. Dight, Esq., and E. Brown, Esq., J.P. *Committee*: Messrs. Fowler, Carne, Dawson, Bradley, Holahan, and J. Wilkinson. *Secretary*: J. Wilkinson.

RESULT OF MATCHES.—Albury *v.* Twenty-two Moorwatha: Albury, 1st ings., 40; 2nd ings., 133. Moorwatha, 1st ings., 38. Won by one innings. *v.* Corowa: Albury, 1st ings., 42. Corowa, 1st ings., 73. Lost on 1st ings. *v.* Chiltern: Albury, 1st ings., 158. Chiltern, 1st ings., 31; 2nd ings., 20. Won in one innings. *v.* Benalla: Albury, 1st ings., 86. Benalla, 1st ings., 78. Won by 8 runs. *v.* Yackandandah: Albury, 1st ings., 157. Yackandandah, 1st ings., 101. Won by 56 runs. *v.* Chiltern: Albury, 1st ings., 53. Chiltern, 1st ings., 33. Won by 20 runs. *v.* Kilmore: Albury, 1st ings., 106; 2nd ings., 200. Kilmore, 1st ings., 48. Won by 58 runs on 1st ings. *v.* Benalla: Albury, 1st ings., 180. Benalla, 1st ings., 3. Drawn. *v.* Twenty-two, Moorwatha: Albury, 1st ings., 119. Moorwatha, 1st ings., 35. Won by 84 runs. *v.* Fifteen of Germanton: Albury, 1st ings., 155. Germanton, 1st ings., 26; 2nd ings., 33. Won in one innings, with 96 runs to spare. *v.* Corowa: Albury, 1st ings., 170. Corowa, 1st ings., 30. Won by 140 runs. *v.* Kilmore: Albury, 1st ings., 44. Kilmore, 1st ings., 88. Lost by 44 runs. Fifteen *v.* St. Kilda, at Melbourne: Albury, 1st ings., 25; 2nd ings., 46. St. Kilda, 1st ings., 39; 2nd ings., 37. Lost by 5 runs. Fifteen *v.* St. Kilda (return match): Albury, 1st ings., 43. St. Kilda, 1st ings., 48. Lost by 5 runs.

RESUME.—During the season the club played 14 matches, winning 10 and losing 4. Six matches were played at Albury, and were all won by the local club. Out of 8 matches played from home, 4 were won and 4 lost. The last 3 matches were played at Easter, and the heavy rain prevented any attempt at anything like cricket; and to this bad weather is attributed the defeats experienced at end of the season at the hands of the St. Kilda and Kilmore teams. It is worthy of remark that the total scores of the Albury team in all matches during the season amounts to 1,783, as against their opponents' 882 runs. The Albury team averaged 127 runs per match right through the season.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Brown, Edward.—The veteran of the team. A fine bat and field; bowls slow round arm, and is one of the best up-country

wicket-keepers to be found. Played at Sydney on occasion of visit of the first All England Eleven to the colonies (Stephenson's team), and has taken part in Intercolonial contests.

Dight, C. H.—Undoubtedly the best batsman in the team. A certain scorer, and grand-field. Combines a most dogged and persevering defence, with great hitting power. Well known in Melbourne cricketing circles. Member of "Bohemians."

Dight, T.—One of the best and steadiest bowlers to be found up country, and capable of taking a leading position in a metropolitan club. A most obstinate defence at the bat, and hits splendidly to the leg. Member of "Bohemians."

Ryan, M. P.—A very free but uncertain bat, good field, and medium bowler.

Wilkinson, J.—A fine but rather unsteady bat, magnificent field, and very fair behind the sticks. Hits tremendously hard, and is very dangerous if the ball is at all off the wicket.

Warden, C. F.—A good free bat and rapid scorer, and excellent in the field. The first change bowler.

Wilkinson, C.—The most promising colt in the team. Good defence. Very pretty and wristy style of play. A certain scorer.

Stafford, H. E.—Very rapid scorer, and good all-round man.

Holahan, W. J.—Next to Dight, the best bowler in the team. Rather fluky bat, and indifferent field. With practice will yet be heard of as a bowler.

Dawson, A. L.—A very good change bowler, and a regular "slogger" at the wickets. Medium field.

Duncan, Dr.—A first-class bat, and splendid longstop. Rather out of practice.

Day, D.—A young player of great promise. Good field, and careful bat.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Dight, C. H.	17	1	349	89	99	20.9
Ryan, M. P.	15	2	238	51	70*	15.13
Wilkinson, J.	14	2	173	55	56	12.5
Dight, T.	12	3	145	50	50	12.1
Stafford, H. E.	11	1	125	49	49	11.4
Warden, C. F.	14	1	158	27	27	11.4
Wilkinson, C.	17	1	178	32	43*	10.8
Brown, E.	9	1	84	34	34	9.1
Day, D.	1	0	6	6	6	6

N.B.—See column most in a match.

* Those marked thus had two innings to make their score; the others only one.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls bowled.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Runs per Wicket.
Dight, T.	1234	66	305	79	3.8
Holahan, W. J.	586	27	200	40	5
Warden, C. F.	759	49	200	36	5-20

ALBION CRICKET CLUB, WEST MAITLAND.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*Patrons* : Messrs. John Eales and John Wyndham. *President* : Mr. E. P. Capper. *Vice-Presidents* : Messrs. J. S. Carroll and R. Cracknell. *Treasurer* : John Rourke. *Hon. Secretary* : D. A. Garvan. *Committee* : G. J. Sefton, N. Healy, M. Costello, C. H. Caspersonn, J. Morris, O. C. Williams, W. G. Smith, J. Gillies, G. Eldridge, S. Owen, junr., H. S. Pritchett, and G. Turner. *Match Committee* : Messrs. Sefton and Garvan.

RESULT OF MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN.—Morpeth *v.* Albions, won by Morpeth, W. Smith 50 (2 innings), October 20th, Singleton Ground. Ironclads (Newcastle) *v.* Albions, won by Ironclads, D. Garvan 26 (2 innings), 9th November, Albion Ground. Newcastle City *v.* Albions, won by Albions, W. Smith 24 (2 innings), 24th November, Newcastle Ground. Morpeth *v.* Albions, won by Morpeth, D. Garvan 24 (2 innings), 1st and 15th December, Albion Ground. Belvidere (Sydney) *v.* Albions, won by Albions, W. Smith 30 (2 innings), 26th December, Albion Ground. Singleton *v.* Albions, won by Albions, T. Onus 43 (2 innings), 1st January, Albion Ground. Newcastle City *v.* Albions, won by Newcastle, D. Garvan 15 (2 innings), 19th January, Albion Ground. Alberts (Sydney) *v.* Albions, won by Alberts, W. Smith 10 (1 innings), 26th January, Association Ground. Paterson (15) *v.* Albions, won by Albions, W. Smith 49 (1 innings). Mount Vincent and Cessnock (18 combined) *v.* Albions, won by Albions, O. C. Williams 49 (not out), Caspersonn 49 (1 innings), 23rd March, Albion Ground. D. Cohen & Co. and Pitnacree (18 combined) *v.* Albion, won by Albion, W. Smith 30 (1 innings) 30th March, Albion Ground. Branxton and Greta (15 combined) *v.* Albion, won by Albion, T. Onus 20 (1 innings) 6th April, Albion Ground. Belvidere (Sydney) *v.* Albion, won by Belvidere, M. Costello 33 (2 innings) 13th April, Association Ground. Alberts (Sydney) *v.* Albion, won by Alberts, T. Fawcett 51 (2 innings), 20th and 22nd April, Albion Ground. Singleton *v.* Albion, won by Singleton, O. C. Williams 26 (2 innings), 24th May, Singleton Ground. Dungog *v.* Albion, won by Dungog, A Lawrie 32 (1 innings) 25th May, Albion Ground.

SECOND ELEVEN.—Undaunted (West Maitland) *v.* Albion, won by Albion, J. Proctor 31 (2 innings), 20th October, Albion Ground. Branxton *v.* Albion, won by Albion, W. Hack 42 (2 innings), 9th November, Branxton Ground. Newcastle City *v.* Albion, won by Albion, W. Hack 36 (2 innings), 24th November, Albion Ground.

Sacred Heart College v. Albion, won by Albion, F. Hermann 47 (1 innings), 1st December, Albion Ground. Branxton v. Albion, won by Branxton, C. Waters 47 (2 innings), 8th December, Albion Ground. Buchanan v. Albion, won by Buchanan, H. Pritchett 34 (2 innings), 5th January, Albion Ground. Morpeth v. Albion, won by Morpeth, A. Logan 17 (2 innings), 12th January, Morpeth Ground. Newcastle City v. Albion, won by Albion, W. Hack 21 (2 innings), 19th January, Newcastle Ground. Ironclads (Newcastle, v. Albion, won by Ironclads, W. Hack 36 (2 innings), 26th January, Newcastle Ground. Undaunted (West Maitland) v. Albion, ended in a tie, W. Hack 26 (2 innings), 9th February, Albion Ground. D. Cohen & Co. v. Albion, won by Albion, W. Hack 22 (2 innings), 23rd February, Albion Ground. Bellvue v. Albion, won by Bellvue, H. Pearson 22 (2 innings), 2nd March, Albion Ground. D. Cohen & Co. v. Albion, won by Albion, C. Eldridge 28 (1 innings), 16th March, Albion Ground. Sacred Heart College v. Albion, won by college, W. Hack 11 (1 innings), 30th March, College Ground. Pitnacree v. Albion, won by Pitnacree, G. Howitt 54 (2 innings), 13th April, Albion Ground. Pitnacree v. Albion, won by Pitnacree, G. Johnson 23 (2 innings), 27th April, Albion Ground. Singleton Grammar School v. Albion, won by Singleton, W. Hack 36 (2 innings), 11th May, Albion Ground.

Result of matches, 1877-8—Matches played, 17; won, 7; lost 10.

First Eleven.

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Won by.
Nov 24	Newcastle City	45	46	1 run, 6 w d
Newcastle	Albion	70	22	
Dec 26	Belvidere (Syd)	62	59	23 runs
A. Ground	Albion	68	76	
Jan 1	Singleton	32	29	80 runs
A. Ground	Albion	53	88	
March 9	Paterson (15)	43	34	127 runs, 8 w d
A. Ground	Albion	170		
March 23	Mt. Vincent and Cessnock (18)	21		236 runs
A. Ground	Albion	257		
March 30	D. Cohen & Co. and Pitnacree (18)	39	43	41 runs, 1st. ings.
A. Ground	Albion	80		
April 6	Branxton and Greta (15)	16	45	1 ings. and 9 runs
A. Ground	Albion	70		Lost by.
Oct 13-27	Morpeth	82	46	1 run, 2 w d
A. Ground	Albion	80	47	
Oct 20	Singleton	108		1 Innings, and
Singleton	Albion	38	60	10 runs

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Lost by.
Nov 9	Ironclads, New-			
	castle	61	36	1 run, 7 w d
A. Ground	Albion	75	21	
Dec 1-15	Morpeth	30	86	35 runs
A. Ground	Albion	42	39	
Jan 19	Newcastle City	84	100	85 runs
A. Ground	Albion	44	25	
Jan 26	Alberts, Sydney	96	195	9 w d, 58 runs,
Ass. Ground	Albion	38		1st ings.
April 13	Belvidere, Syd.	178		67 runs, 1st
Ass. Ground	Albion	111	*108	ings., *7 w d
April 20-22	Alberts, Sydney	78	90	2 runs, 9 w d
A. Ground	Albion	54	112	
May 24	Singleton	102	62	31 runs, 6 w d
Singleton	Albion	71	28	
May 25	Dungog	95		1 run, 6 w d
A. Ground	Albion	94		

Second Eleven.

Matches played, 17; won, 7; lost, 9; drawn, 1.

Oct 20	Undaunted, W.			Won by.
	Maitland	29	10	40 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	69	52	ings., 2 w d
Nov 9	Branxton	40	60	4 runs
Branxton	Albion	22	82	
Nov 24	Newcastle City	70	55	3 runs, 9 w d
A. Ground	Albion	29	99	
Dec 1	Sacred Heart			
	College, W.			
	Maitland	30		100 runs
A. Ground	Albion	130		
Jan 19	Newcastle City	20	48	3 runs, 4 w d
Newcastle	Albion	28	43	
Feb 23	D. Cohen & Co.,			
	W. Maitland	60	20	4 runs, 3 w d
A. Ground	Albion	51	33	
March 16	D. Cohen & Co.,			
	W. Maitland	46	55	53 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	99		ings:
				Lost by.
Dec 8	Branxton	84		55 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	29	142	ings., 9 w d
Jan 5	Buchanan	38	27	10 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	28	71	ings., 8 w d
Jan 12	Morpeth	105		1 Innings and
Morpeth	Albion	20	23	62 runs
Jan 26	Ironclads, New-			
	castle	69	45	4 runs, 8 w d
Newcastle	Albion	28	82	
March 2	Bellvue	56	56	8 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	44	23	ings., 5 w d

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Lost by.
March 30	Sacred Heart College, W. Maitland	67		3 runs
Col. Ground	Albion	64		
April 12	Pitnacree	75		48 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	27	84	ings., 4 w d
April 26	Pitnacree	96		6 runs, 1st
A. Ground	Albion	32	26	ings., 5 w d
May 11	Singleton Gram- mar School	83	24	6 runs, 4 w d
A. Ground	Albion	38	63	
Feb 9	Undaunted, W. Maitland	58	27	Drawn.
	Albion	39	46	Both scores equal

RESUME.—This old established club is undoubtedly one of the best clubs out of the Metropolis. From its formation it has always been fortunate in having on the committee, gentlemen, who at all times worked together energetically for the advancement of the manly sport. The President of the Club (E. P. Capper, Esq.) and the Treasurer (John Rourke, Esq.) are deserving of special praise in this respect. The Albion ground, comprising seven acres, is situated in a most picturesque part of the town, and immediately opposite the Railway Station. The playing ground, under the able management of Mr. James Moore, the care-taker, (an old intercolonial player) is always kept in first-class order, and highly spoken of by visiting teams.

The season of 1877-78 was a most prosperous one, as regards the long list of matches that the members were engaged in. Though not successful enough as on the previous season, to win the majority of the matches, yet their well filled programme will be the means of increasing the ranks of the playing members during the coming season. The total number of matches played was thirty-four, consisting of seventeen first and seventeen second eleven matches; resulting as follows:—First eleven, seven won, ten lost; second eleven, seven won, nine lost, one ending in a tie.

The committee sent two teams to Sydney during the season, to try their strength with the Alberts and Belvideres; both matches were played on the Association Ground, on each occasion victory declared for the metropolitan clubs. A very strong representative team was sent away to oppose the Alberts, but a rough passage by sea seriously interfered with the play of our men. The return two days match with the Sydney Alberts took place on the Albion Ground at Easter-tide, and proved the most interesting contest that has taken place on the ground. The Alberts wanted three runs to win the match when the last man took his stand at the wickets, the excitement at this particular time was very great indeed among the spectators, the batsman snicked the ball away for two two's, and thus secured a victory by two runs and one wicket. Fawcett's bowling in this innings was remarkably good—38 balls getting 3 wickets, at a cost of only 5 runs.

The match committee kept the ball rolling, by arranging a match for every Saturday during the season. The committee, during the winter vacation, have made extensive improvements, by planting trees all round the ground, placing additional seats, and sinking a well for the purpose of watering the playing ground. The pavilion will shortly undergo some very necessary alterations, and when completed will be a great boon to the members of the club and their friends. The committee have lately purchased from the New South Wales Cricket association a large stone roller. The surrounding districts go in strongly for cricket, and this will account to some extent for the financial prosperity of the club.

The probability of the Gentlemen players visiting Maitland, and the fact that two or three good cricketers have lately come to reside in the locality, will no doubt give additional stimulus to cricket in this town.

A well deserved word of praise is due to D. A. Garvan, Esq., the Hon. Secretary of the club, who has heaps of work to do, and has the happy tact of being successful in all he undertakes; his duties are no sinecure, and his efforts are not only fully appreciated by the members of the club, but by all other secretaries forming engagements or visiting Maitland. He plays in the first eleven, and is *the* longstop of the team, besides being a fair bat.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

W. Smith is an excellent bat, with a stubborn defence; difficult wicket to get. His style is not pretty, being too much cramped, a good bowler; winner of the President's (E. P. Capper, Esq.) Gold Medal this season for batting average.

Owen C. Williams (see principal players.)

D. Garvan (Secretary to the Club), a very fair batsman; has a good defence, strong wrist play, punishes off balls with telling effect, a capital long stop.

R. Wyndham, a good change bowler, when on, but very erratic at times; unfortunate as a batsman.

M. Costello, the prettiest bat in the club, his style being free, and his forward play very neat; was unlucky during the season; scores well when set.

G. Moore, the old veteran of many a well fought battle in Sydney and Melbourne, in the intercolonial matches, is pre-eminent as a slow bowler; his bowling this season was equal to days of past fame. A true cricketer in every sense of the word, and although 57 years of age, enters into the spirit of the game with wonderful alacrity; and his wholesome advice often leads the Albions on to victory.

R. Hammond and W. Tracy, the leading bowlers of the Club, the former a good bat, and winner of Dr. R. J. Pierce's silver cup, for best bowling averages; the latter, particularly smart as a fieldsman.

T. A. Onus, who is always looked upon for a big score, is a brilliant bat, with severe punishing powers; hits hard to the off and leg, scores rapidly; generally falls a victim to his over anxiety for hitting; as a wicket-keeper he is not to be surpassed out of Sydney.

With regular practice Mr. Onus would be worthy of a place in the annual intercolonial matches.

A. Lawrie, a most patient and reliable batsman, who goes in to weaken the bowling of his opponents; bowls occasionally.

J. Moore, a good bat, not out of place in any part of the field.

F. Brown, a fine forward player, but always unfortunate; a good field.

J. Morris, a good change bowler, and safe catch.

G. Sefton, a hard hitter, and quick run getter; played but little this season.

G. Langley, a very fast bowler, with good effect, can keep the pace up all day; an improving batsman.

W. Hack, Herrmann, and Waters, are all fair batsmen, who did Yeoman services for the second eleven this season; Waters is a good bowler.

Hack and Waters secured the club silver medals for batting and bowling.

The club engagements numbered 34 matches, which consisted of 17 first eleven and 17 second eleven matches. This is by far the largest number of matches played in one season since the formation of the Albion Club. The first eleven won 7 and lost 10 matches. The second eleven has not been more successful than their elder brothers with the bat. In their list of contests 7 were won, and 9 lost, and 1 match ended in a tie. Mr. W. Smith has the highest batting average for the season, and consequently is the winner of a very handsome gold medal, presented by the president of the club (E. P. Capper, Esq.); Mr. R. Hammond takes the silver cup, presented by Dr. R. J. Pierce, for the best bowling average. In the second eleven the badges presented by the club, consisting of silver medals, are won by Mr. W. Hack for batting, and Mr. C. Waters for the bowling. The tables below will show the performances of the other members:—

BATTING AVERAGE FOR 1877-8.

First Eleven.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times Not out.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings.	Total Runs.	Average.
Smith, W.*	17	27	0	50	49	298	11-1
Caspersonn, C.	15	18	4	49	49	109	6-1
Garvan, D.	14	20	2	26	24	162	8-1
Costello, M.	12	19	0	33	28	96	5-1
Moore, G.	12	13	5	22	12	77	5-12
Hammond, R.	12	14	4	24	24	94	6-5
Onus, T.	10	15	0	43	37	166	11-1
Williams, O.	8	10	2	49	49	160	16
Eldridge, C.	5	7	0	30	26	72	10-3
Pearson, H.	5	6	0	21	11	47	7-5
A. Lawrie	6	9	0	32	32	123	13-2

* Winner of E. P. Capper's Medal,

Second Eleven.

	Matches.	Innings.	Times not out.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings	Total runs.	Average.
Hack, W.*	15	21	6	42	42	304	14-10
Herrmann, F.	15	22	3	47	47	162	7-4
Waters, C.	15	22	2	47	41	100	4-6
Pritchett, H.	13	21	3	34	27	106	5-1
Howitt, G.	12	19	2	54	52	133	7
Proctor, J.	11	16	1	31	22	83	5-3
Pearson, H.	7	12	0	22	13	62	5-1
Johnston, G.	6	9	1	23	20	81	9
Doyle, C.	5	8	0	25	18	54	6-3
Logan, A.	4	6	2	17	12	36	6
Allen, J.	4	5	1	29	25	38	7-3
Weatherill, G.	4	5	2	18	18	28	5-3

BOWLING AVERAGE FOR 1877-8.

First Eleven.

	Matches.	Balls.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Runs.	Runs per Wicket.
Smith, W.	16	1501	85	0	4	481	5-56
Hammond, R.†	12	1128	72	1	2	348	4-5
Moore, G.	10	532	27	0	0	240	8-8
Wyndham, R.	9	467	13	4	0	175	13-6
Morris, J.	6	382	24	0	0	135	5-3
Pearson, H.	5	228	11	0	0	84	7-7
Langley, G.	2	267	21	0	1	94	4-10

Second Eleven.

Waters, C.†	11	592	40	2	0	257	6-17
Parnell, M.	8	636	54	1	0	254	4-19
Pearson, H.	6	475	37	2	0	181	4-33
Logan, A.	4	181	20	1	0	93	4-13
Morris, J.	2	215	17	0	0	85	5

Aurimbah Creek Cricket Club.

Committee : E. Hawkins, J. Robley, E. Wamsley, R. Terraid, and J. Gavenlock. *Captain* : E. Hawkins. *Secretary and Treasurer* : J. Robley

RESULT OF MATCHES : Played, 4 ; won 2, lost 2. Cooranbong, won by 32 runs. Scores : Aurimbah Creek Cricket Club, 36 and 116. Cooranbong Cricket Club, 69 and 51. Carlisle Club (Sydney), lost by 13 runs. Aurimbah Cricket Club, 42 and 71. Cooranbong Cricket Club, 61 and 65. Wyong, Cooranbong, and Mangrove combined, won by 62 runs. Aurimbah Cricket Club, 73 and 54 ;

* Winner of Dr. Pierie's Cup.

† Winners of Club Badges.

combined clubs, 31 and 34. Return match against same clubs, lost by 7 runs. Aurimbah Cricket Club, 28 and 53; combined clubs, 41 and 27.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings.	Not Out.	Average.	Over.
E. Hawkins	4	7	78	35	25	1	11	1
J. Buscombe	4	8	90	31	31	1	11	2
J. Robley	4	8	42	18	14	0	5	2
F. Gavenlock	4	8	37	17	17	0	4	5
J. Hitchcock	4	8	42	21	19	0	5	2
H. Taylor	1	2	8	8	5	0	4	0
W. Earl	4	8	32	14	14	3	4	0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls.	Runs per Wicket.
J. Robley	625	35	155	36	0	0	4-11
R. Izzard	491	18	155	24	0	2	6-11
J. Hitchcock	136	3	55	10	0	0	5-5

Bathurst District Cricket Club.

The annual meeting of the above Club was held at the Town Hall, on 23rd August, 1878; Mr. Butler in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. K. A. H. Mackenzie) read the Annual Report for the year 1877-78, as follows:—

The club has during the past season had an accession of 35 members to the number for the previous season. The number for the season 1876-7 having been 48, and that for 1877-8 being 83.

At the beginning of the season, the club was in debt to the extent of £50. The debt, your committee are happy to say, has been reduced to £20.

The season altogether may be looked upon as having been very satisfactory, taking into consideration the discouraging circumstances of a most severe drought, and an excessively hot summer, accompanied by scorching winds, which materially affected the ground. It was only by the most careful attention and assiduous watering that the playing-ground could be brought to, and kept in a fit state for matches; and your committee are pleased to remark that the ground was highly spoken of by players in the visiting metropolitan and provincial teams during the season.

In consequence of the severity of the season, it was impossible to maintain a better practice-ground than with chipped wickets, which proved most destructive to the playing materials.

Notwithstanding the untoward circumstances, the attendance at practice was unusually large; and it was necessary at times to provide an extra practice-ground

The expense for material during the season, has been somewhat excessive; this is due to the destructive effect on the balls by the chipped wicket, as well as to the increased number of players, and the consequent demand for extra material.

For the want of funds, your committee regret that they have been unable to adopt means for the more effectual irrigation of the ground; except the purchase of a new and extra long canvas-hose-pipe.

Your committee are pleased to say that a new and substantial pair of entrance-gates—the gift of your president, E. Webb, Esq.—have been erected at the Durham-street side of the ground; also, that presents of a garden-seat for the front of the players' pavilion, and several seats round the circular enclosure were made by Mr. S. Hodge and Messrs Mugridge Brothers respectively.

Your committee endeavoured to arrange attractive matches for the holidays during the season, but did not meet with the encouragement they expected in the way of patronage by the public; this is in a great measure attributable to the counter attractions and facilities offered at holiday times for our citizens to visit the metropolis.

It was thought desirable to give an entertainment in aid of the funds of the club. Your committee, therefore, made arrangements for a tea-meeting and concert, which was held on the evening of Wednesday, 19th July last, and by which the funds of the club were augmented. Your committee take this opportunity of cordially thanking the ladies who so generously assisted them by their contributions and exertions in carrying out these arrangements in aid of the club funds. The ladies who contributed were—Mrs. W. Butler, Mrs. G. Denny, Mrs. A. H. Kennedy, Mrs. T. J. M'Carthy, Mrs. Charles McPhillamy, Mrs. John McPhillamy, Mrs. George Palmer, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. Walter Spencer, Mrs. F. B. Suttor, Mrs. W. H. Suttor, Mrs. W. G. Thompson, Mrs. E. Webb, and Mrs. E. T. Webb.

Your players during the season competed in fifteen matches; having won eleven, and lost four. The principal matches were those against Newtown, Warwick (Sydney), Orange and Mudgee. The match with the latter terminated the season at Easter.

Your committee have much pleasure in appending the batting and bowling averages for the season, from which it will be seen that your players have materially improved in their play. For the season 1876-77, the highest scorer was Mr. George Bonnor, with an average of 12.3 runs per innings. Last season, Mr. James Cassidy attained the high average of 21 runs per innings.

Five badges have been presented during the season—one presented by Mr. George Denny to the highest scorer in the match Bathurst v. Warwick, which was won by Mr. George Bonnor; one presented by Mr. George Lee to the highest scorer (Mr. W. B. Cadell of Mudgee) in the match Bathurst v. Mudgee. Another presented by Mr. T. J. M'Carthy, for best bowling average in the match Bathurst v. Mudgee. This badge was won by Mr. C. J. West of Bathurst. One presented by Mr. W. Butler for the best batting average for the season, was won by Mr. James

Cassidy. One presented by Mr. James Cassidy for best bowling average for the season; won by Mr. W. Clark.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The following office-bearers were elected:—*President*: Edmund Webb, J.P. *Vice-Presidents*: F. B. Suttor, M.P., and W. G. Thompson. *Hon. Secretary*: K. A. H. Mackenzie. *Hon. Treasurer*: W. G. Thompson. *Committee*: J. Cassidy, T. McKell, S. Smith, D. Ferguson, C. E. Maybury, Jno. Palmer, junr., A. Payne, and K. A. H. Mackenzie.

Fifty new members names being handed in, the meeting terminated.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in Match.	Average.
J. Cassidy	11	5	126	30	46	21
T. Docker	5	2	103	27	30	30.13
C. West	6	0	84	26	26	14
S. Webb	6	0	77	29	29	12.5
D. Ferguson	13	1	164	34	34	12.8
G. Bonnor	7	0	87	51	53	12.3
A. Paul	14	1	162	56	65	11.8
W. Clark	8	1	81	26	26	10.1
E. Turrell	3	1	29	15	28	9.2
W. Croaker	3	1	26	22	26	8.2
J. Durack	8	0	66	18	26	8.2
H. Rotton	12	0	98	42	51	8.2
A. G. Thompson	4	0	31	21	22	7.3
T. Dawson	5	0	36	21	23	7.1
T. McKell	2	0	14	7	14	7
W. Morgan	11	1	76	17	23	6.10
J. Palmer	14	0	96	32	40	6.12
J. Hambly	7	1	48	17	28	6.6
F. Halliday	5	2	32	13	14	6.2

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls	Runs	M. O.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls	Runs per Wicket.
W. Clark	263	63	14	20	0	0	3.15
C. West	524	112	32	34	0	0	3.29
J. Ward	588	158	26	37	0	0	4.27
D. Ferguson	154	55	5	11	0	0	5.00
J. Cassidy	782	255	33	46	0	1	5.54
H. Rotton	837	283	35	48	2	1	5.89
J. Palmer	376	163	9	14	0	0	11.64

Berrima—Belmore Cricket Club.

Secretary and Treasurer : F. Galbraith.

Matches played, 10; lost, 6; and won, 4.—Belmore v. Nattai, Nattai winning by 30 runs; v. Sutton Forest, Sutton Forest winning by 4 wickets; v. Nattai, Belmore winning by 3 runs; v. Sutton Forest, Sutton Forest winning by 10 runs; v. True Blue, Belmore winning by 2 wickets; v. Marulan, Belmore winning by 10 runs; v. Nattai, Nattai winning by 49 runs; v. Marulan, Marulan winning by 4 wickets; v. True Blue, Marulan winning by 4 wickets; v. True Blue, True Blue winning by 13 runs; v. Mittagong, Belmore winning by 5 runs.

The best batting averages were obtained by A. Small and J. Armfield, who averaged $7\frac{1}{8}$ and $5\frac{1}{2}$ respectively for each innings. They are both free hitters, and very severe on loose bowling. No bowling analyses has been kept.

Braidwood Cricket Club.

President : R. Maddrell, Esq. *Vice-President* : R. Llewellyn, Esq.
Committee : G. Wilson, C. C. Robinson, W. F. Robertson, P. Hyland, G. Fisher, H. Larmer, and F. Mackenzie. *Treasurer* : W. Darke. *Secretary* : G. Wilson.

The club played only 2 matches against Nerriga, both of which they won easily. The principal scorers were P. Hyland (57), G. Wilson 74 (including 56 not out), and F. De Boos, 32.

Branxton Cricket Club.

President : Dr. W. Schulzen. *Vice-President* : E. Martin, Esq. *Secretary and Treasurer* : W. J. Forrest. *Committee* : J. A. Tulloch, A. Richardson, R. Smith, and H. Chapman. *Match Committee* : E. Martin, W. Forrest, R. Smith, W. Shepherd, and H. Chapman.

RESULT OF MATCHES.—Greta, one innings only played, Branxton beaten by 28 runs; Maitland Albions (second eleven), Branxton defeated by four runs, played at Branxton; match in return with Greta, played at Branxton, Branxton lost by 17 runs; return match with second Albions, Branxton victorious by 35 runs, played at Maitland; match with Phoenix Park, played at Morpeth, Branxton defeated by two runs and two wickets; match with Stanhope, played at Branxton, Branxton won in one innings with 47 runs to spare; match with Scott's Flat, played at Branxton, one innings, Branxton won by 17 runs; match Branxton and Greta combined against the first eleven Maitland Albions, played at Maitland, one innings played, and combined team defeated by 54 runs; match with Morpeth, at Morpeth, Morpeth won in one innings with 10 runs to spare; return match with Scott's Flat, played at Morpeth, Branxton victorious by 5 wickets; return match with Stanhope, played at Stanhope, Branxton won in one innings with 30 runs to spare.

RESUME.—During the season 1877-78 the Branxton Cricket Club did not distinguish itself by having achieved many victories, owing principally to a want of practice, especially so was this the case during the early part of the season. This club, although rather dilatory last season in the matter of practice, exhibited otherwise a lively interest in the cause of cricket by possessing themselves of a ground second only to the Albion cricket ground, which fact, together with the solvent character of the club, makes it one of no ordinary type. Among its members are several individuals who exert every effort to advance the noble game, and to speak the truth, their efforts have been crowned with success. Better things (especially as far as play is concerned) is looked for during the approaching season, which it is expected will be marked by a large accession of new members, and that continued unanimity which alone will ensure a prosperous era.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

J. Chalker, bowls well and makes a very stubborn defence, splendid field and sure catch, is an enthusiast in the game; to sum up, he is capital in every department and an acquisition to the club.

W. Shepherd, good all-round player, especially in batting, makes a splendid defence, inflicting severe punishment on loose balls, with constant practice would make a name for himself, splendid catch.

H. Rassbeck, an improving player, being especially good as longstop, is a capital field, business only allows him time to play in a few matches each season, with practice would become one of the cracks of the district.

E. Martin, in batting exhibits some pretty cricket, keeps wicket with commendable accuracy, is a capital field.

A. Holmes, premier bowler of club, in which department he is grand, bats tolerably, and is a good all-round player.

S. Wyndham, a good and sure bat, being a very hard hitter, bowls well, and is good in every department of game; more frequent play looked for from this gentleman during the coming season.

W. Wyndham, first rate bowler; batting, however, not too sure, fielding also slightly lax.

H. Chapman, an all-round player of very fair merit, keeps wicket with fair amount of success.

J. Neely, the hardest hitter of club; necessary, however, that he should use more judgment in playing, hits out at everything, splendid field and excellent catch.

J. Martin, shows some pretty cricket, slow bowler, and good field.

C. Holmes, very fair all-round player, the longstop of club, in which place he is unique.

R. Smith, also an improving player, batting is, however, without freedom, makes a stubborn defence.

J. Brown, rapid bowler of very fair merit, weak in batting, fielding of fair average merit.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
W. Shepherd	17	0	130	34	35	7-6
J. Chalker	10	3	62	12	17	7-7
H. Raisbeck	6	1	36	11	12	7-2
S. Wyndham	10	0	66	20	30	6-6
J. Martin	15	2	82	32	32	6-3
H. Chapman	13	2	60	12	16	5-4
J. Freel	19	0	99	23	23	5-1
G. Martin	...	0	116	19	19	5-1

Bungowarra Cricket Club.

Secretary, Treasurer, and Captain: W. Kruse. *Committee:* Wm. Kruse, A. Sawbell, W. Kelton, and H. White.

Matches played, 3; won, 2; lost, 1.

J. P. Meyrick averages	13-1	for 4	innings
H. Bassett	„	7-3	„ 4 „
A. Sawbell	„	7	„ 6 „
W. Kruse	„	6-1	„ 6 „

All the other batsmen are below 5 runs each, and no bowling analyses has been kept.

Burrowa Cricket Club.

President: W. D. Campbell, J.P. *Vice-Presidents:* F. W. Hume, J.P., T. S. Gardiner. *Committee:* H. O'Brien, F. Poplin, E. B. Hume, C. L. Hume, and T. Bell. *Treasurer:* T. S. Gardiner. *Secretary:* C. W. Russell.

Out of 7 matches played during the season, Burrowa lost 4 and won 3. Owing in a great measure to the incomplete way in which the scoring-book has been kept, we are unable to furnish particulars.

The club has been in existence many years; but unfortunately the season 1876-7 was allowed to pass over without a match being played, and consequently they commenced the season 1877-8 without having had any practice whatever. The first eleven are what might be termed a strong country team. During the whole of last season they never once practised together, and therefore we attribute the majority of their losses to this cause.

Cooma Royal Cricket Club.

President: W. B. Crang, Esq. *Secretary:* J. E. P. Walker. *Treasurer:* F. Brigstocke. *Committee:* Messrs. Brooks, Miller, and Mawson.

Matches played: Royal v. Omeo (Victoria), lost by 5 wickets; v. Government Officials, lost by 36 runs; v. Government Officials, lost by 7 wickets; v. Leesville, won in 1 innings and 40 runs; v. Snowy River, lost in 1 innings; v. Nimitybelle, won in 1 innings and 43 runs; Nimitybelle (return), won by 12 runs.

The season has not been a successful one, either in the results of the matches or in the quality of the play exhibited. We can chiefly attribute the latter to the want of a good ground, and until this want is supplied no skill can be attained in the game. The amount of patronage bestowed by the public upon cricket here is less than in any other part of the colony, and until a change takes place in this respect we must be content to remain in the background. However, we hope that with the impetus given by the success of our Australian representatives in England, a more creditable state of things may transpire.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Cohen, W. J.	3	0	7	6	7	2-3
Hepburn, J.	5	1	50	43	45	10
Mawson, E.	6	0	36	13	13	6
McGeorge, I.	4	0	28	15	18	7
Vernon, S.	4	0	28	12	12	7
Welch, C. F.	4	0	27	18	18	5-2
Walker, J.	12	2	60	17	20	6

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Average.
Brigstocke, F.	267	15	103	24	2	0	4-3
Bradly, R.	258	14	104	23	0	2	4-5
Hepburn, J.	66	4	20	10	2	0	2
McGeorge, J.	87	5	31	13	0	0	2-4
Walker, J.	94	6	36	10	0	0	6-3

Corowa Cricket Club.

President: Reg. Hare, P.M. *Vice-President*: L. Ginn, J.P. *Secretary*: L. Whitehead. *Treasurer*: F. W. Browne. *Committee*: Willis, Hicks, Ford, and Dr. Harricks. Number of members, 60.

Matches for past season: Corowa v. Chiltern, at Corowa, won by Corowa; v. Albury, at Corowa, won by Corowa; v. Rutherglen, at Corowa, won by Corowa; v. Twenty-two All-comers, at Corowa, won by Corowa; v. Rutherglen, at Rutherglen, won by Rutherglen; v. Chiltern, at Chiltern, won by Chiltern; v. Rutherglen, at Corowa, won by Corowa; v. Albury, at Albury, won by Albury. The club played eight matches lost three, and won five.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
Louis Willis	9	0	108	28	28	12
L. Whitehead	8	0	96	37	37	12
J. Davis	6	0	61	15	25	10-1
C. Roope	8	1	66	24	24	8-2
T. Ford	2	1	30	18	18	15
J. Neill	7	1	55	22	22	7-1
A. Daly	2	0	15	13	13	7-1
R. Warner	1	1	5	5	5	5

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Runs per Wicket.
J. V. Neill	429	14	142	38	2	4
L. Whitehead	312	10	111	16	8	7
L. Willis	194	2	77	11	0	7
J. Davis	198	2	71	19	0	3-14

GENERAL REMARKS.—Our cricket ground is prettily situated on the banks of the Murray River, between the towns Corowa and Wahgunyah, and about 300 yards distance from the former place. We have it well laid down in couch grass and ornamented with trees and shrubs. Our cricket club promises to be one of the best clubs in the district, and, as will be seen by the results of our matches, our premier batsman (Willis) and bowler (Neill) are real specimens of good cricketers. The fielding of Browne at point, Whitehead at short-slip, and Willis at short-leg was excellent all through the season. Our junior players are all promising cricketers; and with a little enthusiasm next season we shall have a very strong eleven.

Dubbo District Cricket Club.

Annual Report for the year ending August, 1878.

Your committee have to report the club in a flourishing condition, although the match engagements during the past season are less than compared with the prior season, owing, undoubtedly, to the late protracted drought.

The club has been engaged during the season in 4 matches with foreign clubs, in 3 of which they scored a win. A match was also arranged between teams of the married and single members of your club, which resulted in a tie at 96 runs, it being a single innings match. The married men played only with nine men, and the single with eleven.

Your committee beg to append the usual batting averages, showing Mr. F. Oakes at the top of the list, followed by Messrs. Fitz-

hardinge, Raper, and Blaxland.* The bowling analysis was not kept.

Your committee with great regret have to report the loss of the late honorary secretary, Mr. Waddell, together with Messrs. Donaldson and Leyton, who have all left the district.

Your committee, considering the very bad state of the wickets, have secured the use of a piece of cocoanut fibre matting, 22 yards long and 6 feet wide, which they recommend the purchase of for playing on, they having made inquiries of the suitability of the matting, and hoping thereby to alleviate the danger incurred last season.

By referring to the Treasurer's balance-sheet annexed, it will be found that the club has a credit balance of £4 10s. 2d.

It is now the duty of the meeting to elect the officers for the season, consisting of a Patron, a President, two Vice-Presidents, sixteen members of a committee, two match captains, a secretary, and treasurer.

Your committee have to report that they have accepted the tender for right of meetings of the club for the season of Mr. W. G. Orbell, of the Royal Hotel, for £2 2s.

G. H. FITZHARDINGE,
Hon. Sec.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Treasurer read the balance-sheet, from which it appeared that the receipts for the year, including a balance of £37s. 1d. from the previous year, amounted to £77 0s. 8d. The expenditure was £72 10s. 6d.; leaving a balance to the credit of the club of £4 10s. 2d., as mentioned in the report. The accounts having been duly audited, were found correct, and the statement was adopted.

The secretary was instructed to obtain and forward to the late honorary secretary (Mr. Waddell) a bat, the presentation of the club, in recognition of his past services; the purpose and source of the presentation to be engraved on a silver shield on the bat.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following result:—Patron: H. R. C. Bird, Esq., J.P. President: Dr. Tibbits, J.P. Vice-Presidents: Mr. G. H. Taylor, J.P., and Mr. W. E. Morgan. Committee: Messrs. Oakes, Boot, Muller, Raper, Phillips, Blacket, Blaxland, A. C. Samuels, Fitzgerald, Roxburgh, Burnell, Nathan, H. C. Manning, M'Diarmid, and S. G. Down. Mr. C. H. Fitzhardinge was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer on the unanimous vote of the meeting.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Fitzhardinge, to hold the usual annual sports in connection with the club as soon as possible, and that the committee carry out the necessary arrangements in connection therewith.

Grafton—Warwick Cricket Club.

President: W. J. Hayes. *Vice-President:* J. W. Fegan. *Committee:* J. G. Jackschoon, W. J. Hill, W. Lowe, and J. Osborn. *Secretary and Treasurer:* J. O'Keefe.

* These averages were not sent to us.—Ed.

Fifteen matches played during the year, of which 11 were won, 3 lost and 1 drawn.

E. Hattersly, a good steady bat, has plenty of defence, and cuts hard, good over-arm bowler; has a slight break from the off; medium pace. As a field, is not surpassed in the district, being good anywhere. T. Lord, a brilliant bat, plays with plenty of dash, hits all round, particularly good on leg balls; fair wicket keep. J. M. Fegan, a good bat when in form, hits hard to straight, cuts fairly, too anxious to score. W. J. Hill, a fair bat, plays with dash, hits hard to the on; fair point. W. Lowe, a splendid long field. D. Beatson a stubborn bat. J. G. Jackschon and W. Marshall cannot be surpassed in the district for long-stopping; the former a good fast over-arm bowler, with good pitch and seldom varies. W. J. Hayes, good round-arm bowler, very fast and low.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
E. Hattersly	20	2	244	37	44	12-5
T. Lord	22	0	230	40	40	10-4
J. M. Fegan	19	0	115	26	31	6
W. J. Hill	17	0	97	31	48	5-7
D. Beatson	18	1	74	19	19	4-1
W. Lowe	23	1	97	27	29	4-2

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Runs per Wicket.
E. Hattersly	1301	64	344	95	0	0	3-6
W. J. Hayes	827	36	223	45	10	0	4-9
J. G. Jackschon	705	27	209	63	2	0	3-3

Gresford Cricket Club.

Secretary: John Bush. *Treasurer:* John Glennie. *Committee of Management:* A. G. Laurie (Captain first eleven), A. Lindeman, C. E. Glennie, F. Cann, and C. Burley.

This club two seasons back was one of the strongest clubs in the Northern district. In 1874 and 1875 out of 11 matches played, 7 were won, 2 drawn, and 2 lost. Those lost were played by the second eleven. The first eleven won all their matches. In this season they, with sixteen, defeated the first eleven of the Albion Club at Maitland, captained by Mr. J. Coates.

Mr. A. G. Laurie is a fine all-round player, and makes an excellent captain. He also belongs to the Maitland Albions, and plays in their first eleven matches when he can attend. The best bowlers of the club were Mr. A. Robinson and Mr. John Warr. The former has been unable to play of late from ill-health; but when at his best was considered one of the best bowlers out of Sydney. He

was a very fast bowler, and very handy with "trimmers," something in the Spofforth style. He played in a match at Maitland in 1876 with the Albion Cricket Club against the Sydney "Alberts," and took the wickets of their best players—Thompson, Coates, Murdock, Morgan, Docker, Bennett, &c., &c. There were other fine players in this club, notably C. E. Glennie, good all round; C. Lindeman, a good bowler, now of the Sydney "Belvederes;" also B. Holden of the same club; A. Lindeman, R. Livyer, C. Burley, J. Bush, and others—A. A. Glennie, of Newcastle, and Hand, of Singleton—were also members of this club, which at one time numbered over fifty members.

Their ground adjoins the village of Gresford on the Paterson River, about twenty-five miles from Maitland, and is superior to most country grounds. From various adverse circumstances the club was unable to get into operation last season, but it is to be hoped that it will start again in the coming one.

Gulgong Cricket Club.

President: Charles Bird, Esq. *Vice-President:* W. Gardiner, Esq.
Secretary: Thos. H. Mathews. *Treasurer:* L. S. Donaldson.
Committee: J. Moverley, J. Bowes, and A. F. H. Stephens.

Results of matches played during the season:—Gulgong v. Wilbertree, won by 3 wickets; v. West End, lost by 55 runs; v. Biraganbil, won by 5 wickets; v. Biraganbil, lost by 8 wickets; v. Two-mile Flat, lost by 20 runs; v. Wilbertree, won by 5 wickets; v. Two-mile Flat, lost by 36 runs; v. West End, drawn; v. Happy Valley Lodge, drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES, SEASON 1877-8.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
J. Moverley	16	5	133	28	29	11-2
T. King	10	1	78	28	37	8-6
T. H. Mathews	18	7	83	17	19	7-6
A. Rouse	12	1	70	17	23	6-4
T. Butler	7	0	43	28	28	6-1
W. Gardiner	14	0	73	16	20	5-3
J. Walsh	9	2	36	10	13	5-1
R. Anstey	2	0	10	5	10	5
A. F. H. Stephens	3	0	15	10	10	5

BOWLING AVERAGES, SEASON 1877-8.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average.
R. Marshall	91	7	24	5	0	4-4
J. Bowes	304	11	109	18	0	6-1
J. Moverley	76	3	29	4	0	7-1
J. Anstey	211	7	83	10	0	8-3
A. Rouse	322	6	118	14	3	8-6
T. Butler	440	15	165	19	1	8-13

Hill End Cricket Club.

President: R. J. Rawsthorne, Esq. *Vice-President*: H. L. Beyers, Esq., M.P. *Secretary and Treasurer*: Michael Moran. *Trustees*: James Northey, Edward Gustafson, and John Knight. *Committee*: John Knight, Robert Hall, Alexander Ross, Thos. Laughton, and John Frazer.

The club played 2 matches against Pyramul, each side winning on their own ground.

Hill End v. Pyramul, played 26th January, 1878, at Pyramul, Hill End, 83 and 52; Pyramul 99 and 5 out for 37; Pyramul winning by 5 wickets. v. Pyramul, played at Hill End February 23, 1878. Hill End 114, only innings; Pyramul 78, only innings; decided by first innings, Hill End winning by 35 runs.

BATTING.—T. Laughton, scored 94 in 3 innings; J. Fraser scored 45 in 4 innings.

BOWLING.—E. Gustafson took 15 wickets for 74 runs; C. Shipway took 12 wickets for 100 runs.

C. Shipway and M. Moran also batted very well.

Morpeth Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*President*: Chas. E. Jaques. *Vice-President*: James W. Lee. *Secretary*: Chas. F. Wakely. *Treasurer*: Thos. H. Porteus. *Committee*: G. Robins, J. Sim, J. White, W. Harris, and F. Myers.

The M.C.C. played eleven matches, winning nine and losing two.

The following is a list of the matches played:—

Date.	Ground.	Opposing Team.	Result of Match.
1877.			
Nov. 9	Albion	The Albions	Won by 2 runs and 8 wickets
Nov. 17	Morpeth	The Stanmore (Sydney)	Won by 2 runs and 1 innings
Dec. 1	Singleton	Singleton C.C.	Lost by 14 runs
Dec. 15	Albion	Albions	Won by 35 runs
Dec. 26	Morpeth	Australians (Sydney)	Won by 2 runs and 4 wickets
1878.			
Jan. 1	Newcastle	City C.C.	Won by 29 runs in 1 innings
April 6	Morpeth	Raymond Terrace	Won by 7 runs on 1st innings
April 13	Morpeth	Branxton (15)	Won by 10 runs and 1 innings
April 20	Morpeth	Pacific (Sydney)	Won by 2 runs and 8 wickets
April 22	Morpeth	Osbornes (Sydney)	Lost by 5 runs
April 27	Morpeth	Platsbury	Won by 74 runs and 1 innings

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out	Most in Innings	Most in a Match	Runs.	Average.
R. Waddy	12	0	49	49	172	14.4
G. Robins	11	4	23	23	71	10.1
C. F. Wakely	15	2	27	39	123	9.6
T. Sim	12	1	37	37	82	7.5
J. Myers	12	1	21	29	76	6.11
J. Guilfoyle	12	0	24	25	70	5.10
W. Harris	13	3	12	15	56	5.6
T. Sheddert	5	1	12	12	21	5.1

BOWLING AVERAGE.

	No. of Innings.	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wides.	Wickets.	Average.
John Myers	20	1155	53	350	0	81	4.26
Jas. Guilfoyle	18	1071	46	345	0	79	4.29

Mudgee Cricket Club—Season 1877-8.

President: C. H. Lowe, Esq J.P. *Vice-Presidents:* Rev. J. O'Donovan, A. H. Cox, Esq, J.P., A. H. White, Esq. *Hon. Secretary:* Dr. Dowling. *Hon. Treasurer:* F. C. Campbell. *Committee:* W. Hall, C. D. Meares, W. F. Woods, J. Docker, H. Lowe, F. S. Isaacs, and W. B. Cadell.

Matches played, 12 : won, 10 ; lost, 2 :—13th October, Mudgee v. Down-East, won in 1 innings ; 20th October, v. Down-East, won by 38 runs ; 3rd November, v. West End, lost in one innings ; 24th November, v. West End, won by 5 wickets ; 15th December, v. West End, won by 36 runs ; 26th December, v. Rylstone, won by 3 wickets ; 1st January, v. Wellington, won by 35 runs ; 26 January, West End, won by 4 wickets ; 2nd February, v. Down-East, won by 35 runs ; 15 March, v. Rylstone, won by 37 runs ; 20th and 21st April, Bathurst, lost by 2 wickets ; 11th May, v. Wellington, won by 8 runs.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

W. B. Cadell, a careful steady bat, nearly always good for a score, good field anywhere, especially longstop.

F. C. Campbell, a good bat, a little off this season, brilliant field, good medium bowler, with great point break.

J. Docker, premier bowler, fast and very fatal, very hard hitter, good field.

J. Honeysette, good bat, but a little too anxious to score, excellent field, and can bowl.

F. S. Isaacs, fast bowler, with great judgment, fair bat and good field.

C. Lowe, excellent bat when in practice, great punisher to leg.

H. Lowe, good bat, playing all bowling with confidence, first-class field and good change bowler.

C. D. Meares, fine bat, quick run-getter, excellent field, especially in the slip, good change bowler, medium pace with puzzling delivery.

H. Smith, bowls very well, alters his pace considerably, good break, nice bat, and very good field.

W. F. Woods, one of the best bats in the team, but nervous, good point.

H. Wilton, a most promising colt, capital defence and free-hitter, smart field anywhere, can bowl.

W. Wilton, another colt, keeps wicket well and will improve; careful, steady bat.

BATTING AVERAGE FOR SEASON 1877-8.

	Innings.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Times not out	Average.
C. D. Meares	23	193	44*	3	9-13
W. B. Cadell	21	173	33	2	9-2
J. Docker	25	172	42	3	7-18
F. C. Campbell	17	116	35*	2	7-11
H. Smith	22	115	12	5	6-13
W. F. Woods	25	152	23	1	6-8
J. Honeysette	8	42	18	1	6
H. Lowe	22	177	31	2	5-17
C. Lowe	8	37	13	1	5-2

BOWLING AVERAGE.

	No. of Innings.	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
J. Docker	24	1510	390	112	3
C. D. Meares	3	129	41	13	3
F. S. Isaacs	15	584	249	44	5
F. C. Campbell	3	77	42	8	5
H. Smith	11	566	180	27	6
H. Lowe	6	227	119	16	7

Nattai Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—E. J. M. Watts, *Hon Sec.* A. McCallum, *Hon. Treasurer.*

There were nine matches played, five being decided in favor of Nattai, and four against the club.

The matches were as follows:—

Place.	Opponents.	Won by.
Nattai	Berrima	Nattai, by 69 runs.
Nattai	Stanmore	Stanmore, one innings and 10 runs
Berrima	Berrima	Nattai, 10 runs

*Signifies not out.

Place.	Opponents.	Won by.
Nattai	Kangaloon (One innings match)	Kang, 1 wicket 3 runs
Nattai	Sutton Forest	Nattai, 34 runs.
Nattai	Berrima	Nattai, in 1 innings 56 runs
Sutton Forest	Sutton Forest	Nattai, by 6 wickets
Nattai	Cherry Bank	Cherry Bank, by 5 runs
Nattai	Rising Sun (1 innings match)	Rising Sun, by 48 runs.

The bowling average was not always kept, but the club is rather fortunate in its bowlers, the best being Skellet, Rae, and Webb.

The play of the members of the club shewed great improvement toward the end of the season, but in many matches it was impossible to get together the best eleven. The batting of Skellet, Watsford, Jones, Napier, Childs, and McCallum, was very creditable. In bowling, the three named in the last paragraph worthily represented the club. A. McCallum, and R. Childs distinguished themselves in fielding, and the former often proved a judicious captain.

BATTING.—The average of all the players cannot be exactly given, but the following are those of the first eleven.

	Name.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Most in match.	Average.
R. Childs	15	0	75	23	23	5
W. Jones	6	1	39	25	25	6-6
R. Napier	3	0	18	10	15	6
A. Skellet	15	1	92	18	18	6-12
— Watsford	6	0	64	44	46	10-6

Newcastle Albion Cricket Club (Wickham).

President: J. H. Hubbard, Esq. *Vice-President:* J. W. Hogue, Esq. *Treasurer:* Jno. Wilson. *Hon. Secretary:* John Allan. *Committee:* T. W. Hogue, W. Camps, and H. Smith.

Result of matches—Matches played, 33; won, 17; lost, 13; ties, 1; and drawn, 2.

First Eleven.

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ins.	2nd ins.	Won by.
Sept 15	Yng. Mechanics	57		16 runs
St. John's				
Green	Albion	73		
Oct 5	Ironclad	58		67 runs
Ironclad Grd.	Albion	125		

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Won by.
Nov 9	Ash Island	14	100	
Wickham	Albion	114	4	9 w and 3 runs
Nov 17	G. N. R.	15		
St. John's				
Green	Albion	60		45 runs
Nov 24	Ironclad	12	33	1 innings and
Wickham	Albion	92		47 runs
Dec 8	Newcastle Gram- mar Shool	21	32	
Wickham	Albion	44	68	59 runs
Dec 15	Young Mechanics	15		
St. John's				
Green	Albion	22		7 runs
Dec 22	Onybygambah	22	47	1 innings and
Wickham	Albion	75		6 runs
Jan 1	Undaunted, West Maitland	25	41	
Christian's Flat	Albion	25	42	1 run
Jan 19	G. N. R.	11		
Wickham	Albion	73		62 runs
Jan 26	Ash Island	24	23	1 innings and
Ash Island	Albion	71		24 runs
March 9	Smelting Works	30		
Wickham	Albion	59		29 runs
March 23	Rising Star	7		
Wickham	Albion	33		26 runs
April 19	Young Mechanics	39		
Wickham	Albion	41		2 runs
April 22	Ironclad	34	29	
Ironclad Grd.	Albion	58	13	8 runs
April 27	City	8		
City Ground	Albion	46		38 runs
May 4	Smelting Works	33		
Wickham	Albion	74		41 runs
May 11	Burwood	52		Lost by.
Wickham	Albion	49		3 runs
Sept 29	G. N. R.	76		
Wickham	Albion	46		30 runs
Nov 3	Independents	68		
S. John's				
Green	Albion	24	27	1 innings and
Dec 25	Ironclad	67		17 runs
Ironclad Grd.	Albion	26		41 runs
Jan 5	Burwood	33		
St. John's				
Green	Albion	24		9 runs
Jan 12	Onybygambah	51	15	
Onybygambah	Albion	40	23	7 w and 3
Feb 2	Onybygambah	57		runs
Wickham	Albion	20		37 runs

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ins.	2nd ins.	Lost by.
Feb 9	Ironclad	66		1 innings and
Ironclad	Albion	11	30	25 runs
Feb 23	City	78		
City Ground	Albion	40		38 runs
March 2	Asylum	35	17	6 wickets
Asylum Grds.	Albion	21	31	
March 16	Ironclad	58		
Ironclad Grd.	Albion	29		29 runs
April 6	Independents	52		20 runs
St. John's				
Green	Albion	72		
April 20	Smelting Works	62		
New Lambton	Albion	41		21 runs
Oct 27	City	33		Tie
City Ground	Albion	33		
Nov 10	G. N. R.	39		Drawn (rain)
St. John's				
Green	Albion			
April 13	Ironclad	83		Drawn
Ironclad Grd.	Albion	19		

THE ALBION ELEVEN IN 1877-8.—J. Allan a very effective medium pace bowler, with considerable break, varying pace and pitch (won trophy for bowling last season); smart field, and a good leg hitter. R. Allan, a very fast bowler with considerable break from the off, not far removed from being the best fast bowler in the northern district; brilliant field, and bats in good style. W. Camps, good bat, with very good defence. T. Hogue, good left-handed bat, with fine freedom in cutting. J. Hogue, good out-field and change bowler. A. Wilkins, a very good bat, hits well and freely, can take wicket very well (winner of batting trophy last season.) C. Silver, good out-field and change bowler. Jas. Hughes, good slow bowler, and hits very well. John Nicholson, without the slightest doubt is one of the most brilliant fields at anywhere in Newcastle. J. Griffiths, very powerful hitter, and a good field. Robert Donald, the most finished batsman in the club, with fine defence. George Donald, good forward player, and free hitter; good out-field. T. Newton, fair bat, and hard-working field; a useful change bowler.

BATTING AVERAGES, SEASON 1877-78.

	Innings,	Times not out.	Most in Innings,	Most in a Match.	Runs.	Average.
Allan, R.	7	1	23	24	44	7.2
Wilkins, A.	41	1	26	26	234	5.34
Smith, H.	20	6	22	22	78	5.8
Nicholson, J.	7	1	16	16	30	5
Camps, W.	30	1	34	34	139	4.23
Newton, T.	28	3	19	19	101	4.1
Hughes, Jas.	10	1	10	10	36	4

BOWLING AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1877-78.

	Wides.	No Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	Overs.	M. O.	Balls.	Average.
Allan, Jno.	4	0	542	167	388	148	2328	3.41
Hughes, Jas.	0	0	135	35	96	37	576	3.30
Allan, Richard	0	0	69	18	40	15	240	3.15
Silver, Chas.	6	1	196	39	100	15	600	5.4
Newton, Thos.	0	0	65	11	20	4	120	5.10
Camps, Wm.	1	0	11	2	4	0	24	6
Bond, Robt.	0	0	12	2	7	1	42	6
Wilkins, A.	11	1	212	35	101	22	6.6	6.14
Hogue, Thos.	3	0	44	4	14	0	64	11.3

CLASS OF BOWLERS.—John Allan, medium pace round-arm; James Hughes, slow round arm; Richard Allan, fast round-arm; Charles Silver, fast round-arm; Thomas Newton, slow over-arm; William Camps, medium pace round-arm; Robert Bond, medium pace round-arm; Archibald Wilkins, medium pace round-arm; Thomas Hogue, lob bowler.

Newcastle—Burwood Cricket Club (Junction).

President: G. Peacock. *Treasurer*: H. W. Coppard. *Secretary*: John Roach. *Working and Selection Committee*: G. Peacock, T. Parkinson, J. Carpenter, J. Eves, and J. Roach.

The club played 23 matches during the season, winning 13, losing 8, drawn 1, and 1 disputed.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

G. Peacock is the best man in the team, being a good bat, and generally scores well; is the wicket-keeper, and a good change bowler. T. Parkinson is difficult to be disposed of when well set; is a good slow round-arm bowler, and cannot be put out of place in the field. H. W. Coppard, the veteran of the team, has a most stubborn defence, and is all there at killing the bowling of the opposing party. J. Woods, the colt of the team, is a good bat, generally scores; a good field, and a fast bowler, round arm. W. Mills has a stubborn defence, and is always looked to for a score; is also a good field. J. Winsor is a good bat, and generally scores; and plays point. J. Watkins is a good round-arm bowler, moderate pace; a fair bat; is good in the field. W. Williamson is a good over-arm bowler, having received the trophies of the past season with the splendid average of 3.82 (*see editorial*); a slog with the bat, generally scoring; and is good in the field. J. Roach, the long-stop of the team, has few superiors in that position.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
G. Peacock	29	1	231	50	52	8.7
T. Parkinson	31	4	163	22	22	6.1
J. Winsor	29	2	127	23	23	4.19
W. Williamson	29	5	109	32	32	4.13
J. Woods	29	0	126	17	18	4.10
H. W. Coppard	24	1	105	17	17	4.13
R. Scott	2	0	9	8	9	4.1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Runs per Wicket.
W. Williamson	4619	94	523	147	3.82
J. Watkins	773	36	208	49	4.12
T. Parkinson	802	23	310	56	5.30
G. Peacock	186	6	79	13	6.1
J. Woods	377	12	173	23	7.12

Newcastle Cricket Club.

President: E. C. Merewether, Esq. *Vice-President*: Charles F. Stokes, Esq. *Hon. Secretary*: J. W. Greaves. *Hon. Treasurer*: George Bewick, junior. *Committee*: J. R. Riley, G. H. Phillips, R. Bryant, R. Scott, S. Keightley, W. Sherwood.

RESUME OF SEASON.

During the past season this club has not been so successful as in previous years. A good number of matches have been played, but the victories exceed the games lost by only one. The principal matches were with Maitland, Singleton, Morpeth, and the Carlton's of Sydney. Two matches were played with Maitland, the first being lost, and the second being won by 115 runs. In this match the bowling of Tracey and Gilbert was extremely good, the former in the second innings securing 7 wickets for 7 runs. In most of the best matches this club sustained defeats principally through having weak teams, but were generally successful in matches played with clubs in the surrounding districts. The great event of the season was the visit of the Australian Eleven, who played a match on this club's ground on the 1st December. They were opposed by 22 players chosen from the Newcastle district. The 22 made 59 in their first innings and 73 in the second. The Australian team had one innings only, in which they scored 109 runs. There was a large concourse of spectators to witness this match. This club has a very nice enclosed ground, and a good wicket is always obtainable. The second eleven, which comprises some very promising players, were more

successful than the first last season ; they defeated some strong teams and acquitted themselves very creditably all through. Several new members will be added to the list next season and the club will be enabled to put strong teams into the field.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Bewick, George, an ardent follower of the noble game, and plays in all matches with his club, being the recognised longstop of the team. This post he has most efficiently filled for years past. Takes the ball clean and returns it with an easy and rapid turn of the arm. Frequently handles the willow with great success, and always punishes loose bowling severely ; has done some of the principal scoring for his club during the past season.

Bryant, R., a splendid wicket-keeper, almost invaluable to the club in this respect, is very quick both in stumping and catching, a good bat and when in form a fast run-getter, bowls a little (left hand), and altogether a very useful cricketer.

Broom, W., a fair bat and field, but requires practice.

Clarke, E. J., a very good and careful bat, his defence being very stubborn, a fair change bowler, and a capital point.

Elliott, F., the best bat in the club, has great patience and hits hard when set, obtained the highest average last season, bowls very well, and fields brilliantly anywhere.

Glennie, A. A., a great lover of the game and the best all-round player in the club, a first-class bat (left-hand), a good bowler, a sure catch, and a magnificent field, a very energetic member of his club, and an excellent captain ; owing to an accident to his leg did not play last season.

Gilbert, G., a very fair bat, one of the best bowlers in the club, bowls medium force with good break, obtained the best average in this department last season, a certain catch and a good field.

Keough, P., a capital bat, played exceedingly well last season, securing second best average, would make a good bowler with practice, fields well.

Lawrence, C., is well-known to the cricketing world as an intercolonial player and also as captain of the aboriginal team, he has been of great assistance to the club in every department of the game, but did not play last season ; he intends, however, to "come out" again this year, and his services will greatly strengthen the team.

Pearson, T., a fair bat, would improve with practice, a smart field, and last season showed some promise of becoming a bowler.

Phillips, G. H., a fair bat and field, with practice would make a good all-round player.

Riley, J. R., a first-class bat, but was sadly out of form last season and did very little, the hardest hitter in the club, he secured the highest average two consecutive seasons.

Sommerville, J., a fair bat, should give more attention to fielding.

Sherwood, W., did not play very well last season, when in form is a particularly steady and patient bat.

Wooden, J., a very fine bat when in form ; he made the highest individual score last season, works hard in the field.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match	Runs.	Average.
Bewick, G.	19	1	18	18	90	4-14
Bryant, R.	21	1	21	21	95	4-11
Broom, W.	6	1	18	18	42	7
Clarke, E. J.	13	0	28	34	77	5-12
Chapman, H.	2	1	7	7	14	7
Elliott, F.	15	1	35*	35	179	11-4
Fraser, G.	3	0	15	20	21	7
Gilbert, G.	22	2	16*	25	120	5-10
Keough, P.	17	2	43*	43	147	8-11
Riley, J. R.	17	0	21	26	99	5-14
Sommerville, J.	12	0	17	22	64	5-4
Tracey, W.	13	4	28	29	111	8-7
Wooden, J.	6	0	65	66	86	14-2

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Total Overs.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Elliott, F.	5	41	15	73	12	6-1
Gilbert, G.	18	187-4	57	338	83	4-6
Tracy, W.	14	160-1	48	310	66	4-46

**Newcastle Great Northern Railway Cricket Club,
Honeysuckle Point.**

OFFICE BEARERS. — *President*: Geo. Berrick, senr., Esq.
Vice-President: Daniel Wallwork, Esq. *Committee*: John Hogur,
James Warner, Edwin Sage, Charles Cane, and James Williams.
Treasurer: Edward Thompson. *Secretary*: Richd. Allan.

MATCHES PLAYED.—Won, 7 ; lost, 9 , drawn, 1 ; total, 17.

RESUME OF SEASON.

The season of 1877-78, being the maiden of this club, shows a respectable result, which no doubt would have been much better had the club been tested by the actual strength of its members (a large number of whom belong to other clubs, and played with those clubs in preference to the G.N.R., thereby reducing its strength considerably.)

On one occasion the club had its full strength in a 1 innings match played against the City Cricket Club, when the latter club were defeated for the loss of only 6 wickets on the part of the railways.

*Signifies not out.

Amongst those belonging solely to the G.N.R.C.C., in a majority of cases they lack energy in the field, and in fact, as will be seen upon reference to *Critical remarks*, in some cases almost amounts to laziness.

By strictly observing this department of the game in particular a great improvement would ensue.

The greater number of matches were lost through no other cause.

In the other branches of the game, more interest and tact are discernable.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

J. Hogue, Perhaps the best bat in the team, an energetic field, bowls medium round-arm (right) with fair success, and plays hard for his side.

C. Cane, a fair and free hitting bat, a very good field, kept wicket occasionally and well.

D. Wallwork, a very patient bat, very fair field, bowls slow round-arm (right) with fair success, a good long-stop.

J. Hunt, a free hitting bat, fair field, bowls medium round-arm (right) with moderate success.

Jas. Warner, A very fair bat and field.

T. Dronsfield, a free hitter, especially to leg, a fair field.

J. Nicholls, a patient bat, energetic field.

W. Wills, junr., a young and stylish bat, with patience, fields fairly.

J. Williams, one of the best bats in the team, good style, very fair field, bowls medium round-arm (right) with success.

T. Davidson, a fair bat, peculiar style, with no hit, a fair field.

E. Sage, The wicket-keeper of the team, which duty he fulfilled creditably, an energetic field, occasionally bowls medium round-arm (right) with fair success, and is a hard working cricketer.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Total innings.	Not out.	Total runs.	Most in innings.	Most in match.	Average.
K. Green	3	2	13	10*	10*	13·0
Wm. Adams	4	1	28	18*	19	9·1
J. Hogue	16	3	107	17	26	8·3
C. Cane	7	0	49	19	19	7·0
E. Thompson	1	0	7	7	7	7·0
C. Lawrence, senr.	1	0	5	5	5	5·0

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name of Bowler.	No. of Innings bowled in.	No. of Wickets secured.	Wickets per Innings.
John Hogue	9	30	3
John Hunt	3	9	3
Thomas David- son	6	19	3
James Williams	4	10	2

Scores marked thus * are not outs.

Newcastle Ironclad Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*President*: C. H. Hannell, Esq. *Vice-President*: R. B. Hogue. *Hon. Treasurer*: J. R. Hall. *Hon. Secretary*: Scott L. Laing. *Committee*: G. W. Webb, H. Chapman, E. Thompson, H. Francis, R. Tayle.

SUMMARY OF SEASON PROCEEDINGS.

The past season in the field has been a singularly successful one for the club, and has been productive of bringing about a marked improvement in the general play of the members. This is borne out by the following summary of the club's performances during that time:—

The first eleven played (27) twenty-seven matches; of these they won (23) twenty-three and lost four (4).

The second eleven played in 21 matches, winning fifteen (15) and losing six (6).

In the first eleven the highest average scorer is G. W. Well, and he therefore becomes entitled to the special trophy generously offered by Messrs. Bryant and Thompson (a silver cup) as well as the usual club trophy of a prize bat. B. Morley takes the trophy presented by the club—a ball shield—as best average bowler for the season.

In the second eleven R. Allen secures the club trophy of a prize bat, as being the highest average scorer for the season. The same player showed the best bowling average during the same period.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

H. Boag, a smart little player, shows good defence and scores rapidly, bowls occasionally left hand.

J. Bryant, the wicket-keeper of the team, very smart behind the sticks and takes the ball splendidly from the field, shows great promise.

H. Chapman, stands point in the field, and exhibits some fine play in that position, has a wonderfully quick eye, is a certain catch, hits freely.

H. Francis, plays well in the slips and returns the ball smartly to the wicket, seldom allows a ball to pass him, bats rather stiff, but makes some good scores occasionally.

J. R. Hall, a splendid field, usually plays third man, works hard and rarely loses a possible chance, possesses a capital defence and punishes loose bowling severely, has made some long scores during the season.

R. B. Hogue is one of the most useful player in the club; he is a good, reliable bat, possessing a wonderful amount of patience, and during last season played some splendid innings. A first-class field, a certain catch, and a good captain.

T. Johnson gives early evidence of proficiency with the ball; bowls medium pace right hand, and works a good break either way; always on the wicket, and with practice will excel, a fair bat.

B. Morley, the bowler of the team, high delivery, fast, right hand, obtained a splendid average during the season, a vigorous and promising bat, hits hard, and clean along the ground, and scores rapidly, but is too easily open to temptation.

J. Rogers, high delivery right-hand bowler, and very destructive on a fast wicket, gets up quickly and breaks from the leg, bats freely and makes a good clean hit.

T. Symonds, a splendid little longstop on any ground, bats with plenty of style, and when content to play steadily can defend his wicket against any ordinary bowling, a good run-getter.

G. Webb, an all-round cricketer, and without doubt the best bat in the team, plays very straight, possesses an admirable defence, and keeps the ball well along the ground; an admirable field, especially about the wicket, and a sure catch, bowls slow round-arm with a strong twist from the leg.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out	Runs.	Most in a Match.	Most in Innings.	Average.
Chapman, H.	23	1	119	27	27	5-4
Francis, H.	9	3	48	9	6	5-3
Hogue, R. B.	16	1	128	28	28	8
Hall, J. R.	24	1	169	36	36	7-1
Morely, B.	24	2	192	32	32	8
Rodgers, J.	23	2	129	35	35	5-14
Symonds, T.	13	2	86	21	21	6-8
Webb; G. W.	24	1	265	59	59	11-1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Runs.	Innings.	Wickets.	Average.
Morley, B.	334	30	95	3-49
Rodgers, J.	421	30	109	3-95
Johnson, T.	72	8	23	3-3
Webb, G. W.	134	14	32	4-1

Pitnacree Cricket Club.

President: W. Paterson, Esq. *Vice-President*: Robert Yoad, Esq.
Treasurer: G. A. Eckford. *Secretary*: C. R. Garnham.
Captain: James Hayes. *Committee*: S. Porter, G. Lee, J. Tory, C. Coward, and J. Mudd.

RESULT OF MATCHES—The club engaged in 13 matches during the past season, 11 were played by the 1st eleven, in 9 of which they were successful; and 2 were played by the 2nd eleven, of which 1 was lost.

LIST OF MATCHES PLAYED.—Bellvue Cricket Club, beaten in one innings. Phoenix Park United Cricket Club, won by 2 runs. Phoenix Park United Cricket Club, return, won by 4 runs. D. Cohen & Co's Cricket Club, beaten by 18 runs. Bellvue Cricket Club, won by 10 runs. D. Cohen & Co's Cricket Club, won by 42 runs. Morpeth Cricket Club, 2nd eleven, won by 7 wickets. Albion Cricket Club, 2nd eleven, won by 48 runs. Half-Holiday Cricket Club, Newcastle, won by 25 runs. Albion, 2nd eleven, won by 60 runs. 11 players selected out of East Maitland, won by 31 runs.

2ND ELEVEN.

West Maitland Undaunted 2nd eleven, won by 4 wickets. Phoenix Park 2nd eleven, beaten by 46 runs.

RESUME.—The season has been a very successful one. On July the 4th, the annual general meeting was held, when the report, showing the club to be in a most healthy state, was read, and new officers and committee elected.

Several gentlemen notified their intention of presenting trophies for the best batting, bowling, &c., next season.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Not Out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in Match.	Average.
J. H. Bruncker	8	1	79	25	25	11-2
J. Lipscomb	4	0	49	21	21	12-1
J. Tory	7	3	37	15	19	9-1
J. McInness	8	4	31	13	13	7-3
C. R. Garnham	17	2	96	27	35	6-6
R. Noad	13	1	61	24	24	5-1
J. Delaney	10	0	58	19	19	5-8

The bowling analysis was not taken.

Parramatta—Alfred Cricket Club.

President: Hugh Taylor, Esq., M.L.A. *Vice-Presidents*: A. Gee, Esq., C. B. Cairns, Esq., Rev. G. F. Macarthur, Dr. R. C. Rutter. *Treasurer*: J. J. Miller. *Secretary*: Mr. T. D. Little. *Committee*: N. Neale, A. Brown, R. Harper, L. Rowling, J. King, E. Bennett, J. Vallack, F. Hughes.

The Parramatta Alfred Cricket Club last season, played 31 matches against most of the principal clubs of Sydney and elsewhere, out of which they won 17, lost, 8; and 6 were drawn.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Runs.	Not out.	Most in innings.	Average.
Brown	10	150	4	56	15
Brodie	19	253	1	70	13-6
Lamont	18	200	1	47	11-1
Rutter	12	121	3	45	10-1
Vinin	7	75	0	17	10-5
Little	78	56	0	28	-8
Foster	15	116	0	24	7-11

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maiden overs.	Wickets	Average.
Brodie	945	267	54	61	16-16
Hughes	919	235	26	50	4-35
Little	228	95	9	25	3-20

Richmond River—Young Australian Cricket Club.

This club was formed in the year 1878, mostly by young men who never saw the game played, but being encouraged by their older players, and their then Captain (Mr. H. French), in particular, they have now become a noted club for regular practice, willingness, and steadiness in matches, &c.

SEASON, 1877.

Secretary and Treasurer: A. Cameron. *Committee:* G. Baillie, J. Cameron, P. Campbell, H. McPherson, and P. Pidcock. *Match Captain* has been T. Yabsley. *Members:* 15. Matches 6, won 4, lost 2.

Opened on Saturday, 4th August, 1877, played 1st match on 29th September, 77, with Buckendoon C.C. Woodburn, won by Y.A.C.C. with 19 runs to spare. 2nd match on the 17th November. Return match with B.C.C., 1st innings, Y.A.C.C. 62, 2nd 129; 1st innings B.C.C. 43, when the stumps were drawn, the B.C.C. giving Y.A.C.C. best. 3rd match on 15th December, with Wilson's United C.C., Lismore, who won in 1 innings with 7 runs to spare. 4th match on February 23rd, 1878, with Undaunted C.C., Deep Creek, won by Y.A.C.C., by 1 run with 10 wickets to fall. 5th match on March 9th, 1878. Return match with U.C.C., won after a very hot contest by U.A.C.C., with 13 runs to spare. 6th match on 13th April, return match with Wilson's United C.C., Lismore, there being no time to finish it, and it being a 1 day's match, was decided by 1st innings in favour of W.U.C.C., 1st innings 56, Y.A.C.C. 1st innings 53, which ended our season's play, closed the season 1877, on 1st May, 1878.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

H. Yabsley, a steady bat, with great hitting powers, always takes first bat, first-class field.

C. Yabsley, a swift round-arm bowler, with plenty of spin, very destructive on good ground, a pretty bat, and safe field.

T. Yabsley, has acted as Captain, in which capacity he gives universal satisfaction, is usually safe for a score, having firm defence, and good hitting powers, first-class wicket-keeper and field.

D. McPherson, a good bat, does not attend practise enough, an unsafe field.

A. McPherson, good style in batting, but rather nervous, good under-arm bowler, smart field.

G. Baillie, a good over-arm bowler, lacks confidence in batting, good field anywhere, throws well.

D. Cameron bowls well in practise, has not bowled in matches, a good all-round player, and excellent long-stop.

J. Cameron hits well, especially to leg, but lacks defence, willing field.

A Cameron, a steady bat, with good defence, good field, and long-stops well.

P. Campbell, bowls well in practise, generally goes in first, a firm steady bat, usually good for a score, has been unfortunate last season, good field.

M. Campbell, a brilliant bat, sometimes makes it warm for the bowlers, rather eager to score, does not approve of shooters, first-class field.

J. Pidcock, a pretty bat, with good defence, good field on point.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average.
C. Yabsley	477	35	88	26	1	3·10
G. Baillie	386	20	90	25	1	3·15

We always have six-ball overs.

Singleton Cricket Club—Season 1877-8.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*President*: Dr. Glennie. *Vice President* Alex Munro. **Hon. Treasurer*: P. Waddy. *Hon. Secretary*: F. W. Gardiner. *Committee of Management*: T. Faucett, J. N. Brooks, P.M., G. Parr, E. J. Bourke, F. J. Robinson, and R. Jarman.

* Early in the season Mr. Waddy went to Europe on a visit, and as he resigned the position of Treasurer to the club on that account, Mr. A. W. Johnston was elected to the vacant position which he now holds.

LIST OF FIRST-CLASS MATCHES PLAYED BY SINGLETON CRICKET CLUB, SEASON 1877-78.

During the Season 1877-78, the S.C.C. played 8 First-class matches, with the following result :—Against.

Name of Club Opposing.	Winners.	Won by—
Albion C.C. (Maitland)	Singleton	1 innings and 10 runs to spare
City C.C. (Newcastle)	Singleton	1 innings and 6 runs
Morpeth C. C.	Singleton	17 runs
Carlton C.C. (Sydney)	Carlton	25 runs
Albion C.C. (Maitland)	Maitland	80 runs
Jerry's Plains C.C.	Singleton	65 runs
Jerry's Plains C.C.	Singleton	1 innings and 52 runs to spare
Albion C.C. (Maitland)	Singleton	1 innings and 31 runs.

P.S.—Several minor club matches were played, but these are not important enough to record.

The S.C.C. on the whole has been successful in the highest degree during this season. Having won six (6) out of (8) eight first-class matches, viz : 2 against Maitland, 1 against Newcastle, 1 against Morpeth, and 2 against Jerry's Plains. Those lost were 1 against Carlton C.C. (Sydney), and 1 against Maitland. Wet weather on one occasion, and unforeseen events afterwards prevented any further contest with Newcastle, or else it is usual to have two or three. In addition to these more important contests, it is usual to have several minor ones for the benefit of all the members of the club. These are arranged between town and country—married and single, and allow those who do not care to take part in the big matches a chance of a quiet game, thus giving them some slight return for their liberal support. We have not had so many Sydney matches as usual, owing to a reluctance on the part of Sydney players to come to the country.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

In the batting department of the game, the performance of Messrs. T. Onus, P. Waddy, J. McAlpin, R. Waddy, A. E. Johnston, J. Eather, and F. Faucett deserve special notice, and though Messrs. Onus, P. Waddy, and R. Waddy only played in a few matches, yet there is no doubt that in the light of past efforts, their averages this season would have been as good as heretofore. In addition to these, the names of Messrs. G. Parr, St. T. Loder, and J. Sheehan deserve more than a passing notice. Some of those who were in their shell last season, are expected to come out very strong during the approaching season. In the bowling for excellence throughout the season, the names of A. E. Johnston, J. McAlpin, and T. Faucett deserve notice, while Mr. A. W. Johnston, who had only very small chance of showing his skill, has proved himself far from the worst bowler the club can produce, and great things are expected next season from him. This club has some rising bowlers and batsmen, who have not as yet done anything wonderful, but who are likely to be heard of in future.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Matches.	Runs.	Not out.	Most in a match.	Most in innings.	Average.
P. Waddy	3	2	52	0	23	23	17-1
A. E. Johnston	14	8	168	1	66	65	12-12
T. Faucett	13	8	82	0	31	25	6-5
J. McAlpin	19	10	213	0	54	54	13-5
G. Parr	17	10	84	2	15	15	5-9
St. T. Loder	16	10	87	1	17	17	5-12
J. Bourke	14	8	79	0	38	22	5-9
J. Eather	8	4	57	0	44	42	7-1
J. Sheehan	8	4	44	0	20	19	5-4
T. Onus	2	1	50	0	50	41	25
R. Waddy	4	2	66	0	42	35	16-2

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	Runs.	M.O.	Wkts.	Average.
Fawcett, T.	113-4	282	23	40	7-22
McAlpin, J.	115	364	19	59	6-10
Johnston, A. E.	88	201	12	33	6-3
Parr, G.	83-4	107	11	13	8-3
Bourke, E. J.	40-2	108	5	15	7-1

N.B.—In the batting summary several of the minor scores are omitted.

Tamworth United Cricket Club.

OFFICE BEARERS.—*Patron*: P. G. King, Esq. *President*: Jno' Gill, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: A. Cohen, Esq., J. Denning Esq. *Committee*: B. G. Cohen, W. Johnson, E. B. Lumley, A. A. Bevege, N. Lincoln, Thos. Noakes, Thos. Denning. *Honorary Treasurer*: Jas. Lambert. *Honorary Secretary*: Geo. England Hooke.

Only 2 matches played, as follows:—Match played, Tamworth v. Armidale; the latter won by 38 runs. Match played, Tamworth v. Nimingha Flat; the former won by 1 innings and 121 runs.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

Thos. Denning, slow round bowler and middling bat, good field.

A. A. Bevege, fine batsman, splendid field.

Thos. Noakes, splendid point, middling bat.

A. S. Leathens, dashing bat and fast scorer, capital field.

Jas. Slade, the coming colt at batting, rather slow fielding.

M. Johnston, not so good at the bat, passable field.

Jas. Ballina, all for slogging, and passable field.

N. Lincoln, a great hitter, sometimes does great mischief.

A. McGinty, the bat of the team, and good long-stop.

L. Janison will make a splendid bat, slow at fielding.

E. H. Lambert, all slog, and if gets set, scores fast

Geo. Passfield makings of a splendid bat, grand bowler, slow at fielding.

J. Haimer, sometimes comes off at bowling, middling bat and field.

Jno. McCauley, free bat, poor field.

Jas. Lacabut, fair wicket-keep, splendid bat, and dashing field.

Tenterfield Alliance Cricket Club.

ESTABLISHED 1869.

President: Edward Irby, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: J. W. Dickson, C. A. Lee, and E. P. Carr, Esquires. *Committee*: G. Irby, C. Bentley, Andrews, R. G. Smith, Porter, W. Laird, and G. McWhirter. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*: G. H. Tindale.

RESULT OF MATCHES.—*v.* Stanthorpe Cricket Club (Queensland); won by 8; *v.* Glen Innes Cricket Club; won in 1 ins. by 15 runs; *v.* Vegetable Creek Cricket Club; won by 9 wickets; *v.* Stanthorpe Cricket Club, (Queensland); won in 1 ins. by 46 runs; *v.* Vegetable Creek Cricket Club; won by 5 wickets.

RESUME.—The Tenterfield cricketers opened the season on the 9th November, 1877, on the home ground with a match against the Stanthorpe Cricket Club, Queensland, and scored a win by 8 wickets. The score sheets reading Stanthorpe 21 and 42. Tenterfield 50, and 2 wickets for 14. C. Bentley 15 not out, and 1 not out, and Andrews 13 and 2, not out, being top scorers. Tindale taking 12 wickets for 28 runs. The second match was played at Tenterfield on Boxing Day, *v.* the Glen Innes Cricket Club, and resulted in an easy win for Tenterfield in 1 ins. and 15 runs; Glen Innes 40 and 70. Tenterfield 125. J. W. Dickson 46 not out, Andrews 31, Smith 15, Tindale 10; played in good form, the latter bowler taking 13 wickets during the match. New Year's Day saw the Vegetable Creek players at Tenterfield, and suffering a defeat by 9 wickets; Vegetable Creek 54 and 31. Tenterfield 56 and 1 wicket for 30; D. Dickson 11 and 14 not out, and G. Irby 13 not out, playing well; the bowling of Tindale 11 wickets, and Andrews 8 wickets, and the fielding being excellent. On the 26th January the Tenterfield Eleven met the Stanthorpe Club on the ground of the latter, and won in 1 ins. and 46 runs to spare. Stanthorpe 31 and 31; Tenterfield 108. Andrews 20; C. Dickson 15; Smith 10; batting in first-class form. The bowling honours falling to Tindale, the average reading 101 balls, 10 runs, 10 maidens, 10 wickets. Easter saw the fifth successive victory scored by the team at Vegetable Creek. Tenterfield 55, and 5 wickets for 58; Vegetable Creek 37 and 75. G. Irby 9 and 16 not out, and Andrews 0 and 26; played excellent cricket; A. G. Andrews and C. Bentley

bowled well throughout the match. The wicket-keeping of R. G. Smith is worthy of mention as being very good throughout the season.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

J. W. Dickson (Captain).—A pretty batsman, excellent field at point, bowls medium pace round, and underhand slows.

G. H. Tindale, *the bowler* of the eleven—an admirable and very destructive bowler, good field, and fair batsman.

A. G. Andrews, an excellent all-round player, hard-hitting batsman, good fast bowler, and an excellent field and wicket-keeper.

C. Bentley, a good free bat, fine field anywhere, good change bowler.

G. A. Irby, steady batsman, good defence, a first-class out-field.

R. G. Smith, left-hand bat, good leg-hitter, fair field and wicket-keeper, over-arm bowler.

J. F. Porter, a very neat batsman—cuts well, bowls round-arm.

D. Dickson, strong defensive bat, very good fieldsman.

J. Cridge, very neat forward batsman, excellent longstop.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
* J. W. Dickson	4	1	54	46	46	18
A. G. Andrews	7	1	98	31	31	16-2
C. Bentley	4	2	29	15	16	14-1
D. Dickson	4	1	35	14	25	11-2
G. A. Irby	7	2	49	16	25	9-4
R. G. Smith	7	0	46	15	15	6-4
J. F. Porter	6	1	26	8	8	5-1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	Average.
† G. H. Tindale	467	34	110	46	0	2-19
A. G. Andrews	556	20	195	38	1	5-5

Tumut Cricket Club.

President: E. G. Brown, Esq., J.P. *Vice-President*: W. B. Marks, and H. C. Tingcombe, Esquires. *Hon. Secretary*: N. Emanuel.

Two matches only were played during the season for the Jones Challenge Cup. The first against Wagga Wagga, resulting in a win for Tumut in one innings with 57 runs to spare; and the second against Cootamundra, which was drawn.

(For further particulars we refer our readers to report of matches for the Jones Challenge Cup).

* Winner of Gold Medal.

† Winner of Gold Medal.—Best average fourth successive year.

Wallsend United Cricket Club.

President : J. F. Neilson, Esq., J.P. *Vice-President* : Dr. Nash.
Treasurer : William Andrews. *Secretary* : William Thurling.
Chairman of Committee : John Butler.

The winners of the badges for last season are John Drummond and James Richmond, Richmond being a medium pace bowler, with no break, but dead on the wicket; Drummond being a steady bat, with any amount of patience, and a good field.

Edwards is a rather fast bowler, with a slight break from off, as he only played in three matches he is not entitled to the badge, as all bowlers and batsmen have to play in six.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Runs.	Not out.	Most in innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
James Lever	8	14	62	1	28	28	4.6
James Drummond	5	9	45	1	9	12	5
William Andrews	11	20	86	...	28	41	4.6
Ebenezer Andrews	4	6	41	...	17	17	6.5
John Drummond	9	15	109	2	18	22	7.4
John George Lee	3	5	35	...	14	15	7

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Matches.	Innings.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
James Lever	7	9	96	21	139	34	4.3
James Richmond	6	9	50	9	120	40	3
John Steel	6	9	44	5	105	21	5
James Drummond	7	11	83	24	129	23	5.15
John Andrews	5	6	38	12	62	12	5.2
Edward Gilbert	3	6	52	20	57	28	2.2

Wariaalda Cricket Club.

Secretary and Treasurer : W. B. Geddes. *Committee* : Messrs. Mears, Mannix, and J. M'Gee.

Only one match played last season—namely, against Inverell on November 9th, 1877, Inverell winning by four wickets.

In this match J. M'Gee scored 32 and 2; W. B. Geddes, 22 and 9; G. H. Gordon, 14 and 11; G. Dean, 13 and 1.

W. B. Geddes took six wickets for 29, and E. P. Gordon took eight wickets for 50.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

G. H. Gordon (formerly member of the Albert Cricket Club, Sydney, and who played in some intercolonial matches), splendid all-round player, bats with great freedom, never losing a chance to score, good change bowler, first-class field, acts as captain to the club.

E. P. Gordon, the premier bowler of the club, has a high delivery and bowls very fast, with practice would come off in big matches, bats and fields well.

J. M'Gee, very steady left-handed player, always makes a score, bowls well, and is a good field.

J. Mannix bats well at times, fair change bowler, and a splendid longstop.

George Dean, wicket-keeper to the team, a very hard hitter and off loose bowling makes large scores.

J. Taylor, fair bat, scores well at times, bowls very well, and is a good field.

W. B. Geddes, a middling bat, sometimes scores well, bowls at times, is a good field and generally takes point.

West Maitland—Undaunted Cricket Club.

President: N. Healey. *Vice President*: M. Costello. *Treasurer*: J. Connors. *Secretary*: J. Brownhead. *Captain*: F. G. Brown.

The Undaunted Cricket Club was formed late in the season of 1877, the meeting being held for its formation on the first of February, and eleven matches were played, only losing two, and winning nine.

STATEMENT OF MATCHES 1877-78.—October 30th, *v.* 2nd Albions; won by Albions by first innings, 40 runs. January 1st, *v.* Albions; won by Undaunted (Wickham), by 1 run. January 12th, *v.* Greta; won by Undaunted, by 66 runs. January 26th, *v.* Greta; won by Undaunted, by 62 runs. February 9th, *v.* 2nd Albions; a tie. February 25th, *v.* Sacred Heart College; won by Undaunted, by 1 run. March 20th, *v.* Mt. Pleasant; won by Undaunted, by 23 runs. May 11th, *v.* S. H. College, won by 1 run.

The reason of so few matches being played, three of the members were picked in the match *Australians v. 22 Northern District*, and all country clubs would not play without the three being left out. F. G. Brown, H. Hammond, and M. Costello, the three chosen against the *Australians* have a creditable average for the season, and although Costello was very unfortunate, he is a cricketer of great repute, he took the prize bat for the highest score in the match, *All England v. 22 Northern District*. Brown (the Captain), is a good batsman, as well as a good head bowler, and is not out of place anywhere in the field.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in innings.	Average.
J. Brownhead	13	2	51	15	4·7
F. G. Brown	10	...	120	30	12·
R. Hammond	7	...	63	32	9·
J. Moore	4	...	32	25	8·
W. Wade	4	...	25	27	6·

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Runs per wicket.
R. Hammond	420	21	115	40	2·35
F. G. Brown	497	20	143	44	3·11
Jas. Moore	79	1	24	10	2·4
J. Connors	84	...	50	15	3·5
M. Costello	62	...	32	7	4·4
J. Gordon	62	...	29	5	5·4

West Maitland—David Cohen & Co's Cricket Club.

President: G. J. Cohen, Esq. *Vice-Presidents:* J. L. Goodman and E. F. Butler. *Treasurer:* P. J. Byrne. *Secretary:* J. J. Barry. *Committee:* W. Clark, E. Clark, D. O'Halloran, A. Warren, and W. McLaughlin.

The club during the season played seven matches, of which number they succeeded in winning four and losing three.

As the club was organised rather late in the season, they were unable to play a larger number of matches, but hope to make an early start next season, when we will be able to give a more favourable report.

The cricket bat presented for the best batting average was won by Mr. T. Clark.

The ball for the best bowling average was won by Mr. C. Griffiths.

Wollongong (Illawarra) Cricket Club.

President: P. Mackell, Esq. *Vice-President:* T. Alcock, Esq. *Treasurer:* F. R. Cole, Esq. *Hon. Secretary:* E. T. Davis.

Matches played:—Illawarra v. Jamberoo, won by 1 innings and 12 runs; v. Jamberoo, won by 2 runs; v. Kiama, won by 53 runs; v. Kiama, won by 23 runs; v. Black Diamond, won by 27 runs; v. Ocean (Sydney), won by 38 runs; v. Black Diamond, lost by 23 runs; v. Carlton (Sydney), lost by 158 runs.

The club has played eight matches, having won six and lost two.

The team would have given a better account of themselves had it not been for unfavourable circumstances. They left Wollongong at three o'clock on the morning of the match and reached Sydney at 10:30 after a very rough passage and started play at twelve. The innings of the Illawarra club was played during a heavy southerly burster.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

G. P. Glennon, an excellent longstop and a very neat bat.

James Richards, a steady careful bat and a good field, always scores.

James Maher, a very fast round-arm bowler and very successful.

A. Richards, a good bat and a fine field.

A careful bat, very fast round-arm bowler, low delivery, a splendid field.

John Richards, captain, a fair bat and field.

W. Johnson, a very fast and good bowler.

P. Hegarty, a very fast round-arm bowler, low delivery, good bat and field.

John Galvin, a fine free-hitter with good defence, an excellent field, and a very fair bowler.

T. Jenkins, a fair bat and field, usually takes the wickets.

M. Shannon, a fair bat and field, also takes the wickets.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
J. P. Glennon	7	3	39	17	19	9
Alfred Richards	10	...	93	29	29	9
James Richards	12	...	111	30	53	9
A. Campbell	10	...	89	26	26	8
John Graham	6	...	52	19	34	8
P. Hegarty	10	...	79	30	34	7
John Richards	10	2	54	12	19	6
W. Johnson	5	...	31	12	12	6
T. Jenkins	5	...	28	13	17	5
James Maher	12	...	67	18	18	5
R. D. Mouritz	4	...	32	15	25	8

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Runs.	Wickets.	M. O.	Wides.	No Balls.	Average.
James Maher	527	156	40	24	6	2	3
A. Campbell	252	61	12	13	...	...	5
P. Hegarty	329	97	17	18	...	...	5
W. Johnson	402	128	16	18	...	...	8
G. Edwards	366	136	15	13	...	...	9

Young United Cricket Club.

President : G. O. M. Clarke, Esq. *Vice-President* : J. Russell.
Treasurer : J. Gordon. *Committee* : W. McNab, A. S. Freestone, S. A. Perry, C. Wooley, H. Nelson. *Hon. Sec.* : S. A. Perry,

Matches played during season (5) five, won (3) three, lost (2) two.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in match.	Average.
R. Black	9	1	79	29	35	8
J. Nelson	9	2	97	34	34	10
H. H. Massie	3	0	106	67	67	35
H. Cross	6	0	35	16	17	5

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Runs per Wicket.
J. Nelson	42	0	15	5	6	0	3
J. Gordon	52	2	11	5	0	0	2
J. Angus	195	5	83	15	1	0	5



School Clubs.

The King's School Cricket Club, Parramatta.

Captain: W. S. Brown. *Hon. Secretary*: C. C. Ryrie. *Hon. Treasurer*: G. W. Foott. *Committee*: C. C. Ryrie, G. W. Foott, C. G. Wade, E. T. Creer, and C. I. Dickson.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

During the season six matches were played.

King's School v. Civil and Military, at Victoria Barracks: won by 1 wicket and 3 runs. v. Calder House, at Parramatta: won by 84 runs. v. Civil and Military, at Parramatta: won by 7 wickets. v. Newington College, at Newington: won by 11 runs. v. Newington, at Newington: won by 5 wickets. v. Oaklands, on Association Ground: won by 456 runs (see *Curiosities of Cricket*).

RESUME OF SEASON.

The King's School during the past season has been singularly successful, winning all its matches. The club was hindered from playing some matches through not possessing a ground; for it is extremely difficult, as the School can only play on Saturdays, to procure a good wicket for a match. They have been busy during the last winter making a ground, which will be ready to play on about the middle of next season.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

W. S. Brown, captain of the eleven; a reliable bat; very fast scorer; shows good defence; his hitting is hard and well judged. Good field and change bowler.

E. Pell, a steady reliable bat, his chief point patient defence. Good slip.

J. Hillas, good all round; round-arm bowler, rather fast. His forte in batting is hard hitting. Safe field.

C. G. Wade exhibits good defence, shows much wrist play, but is rather uncertain; fair field.

C. C. Ryrie is the prettiest bat in the team, has a splendid defence, and is a very hard wicket to get. Good field.

J. W. Higgins, the best bowler the School has ever possessed. Over-arm, very straight, and constant.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
W. S. Brown	10	2	275	114	114	34.3
E. Pell	8	2	157	105	105	26.1
J. Hillas	9	2	182	120	120	26
C. Wade	6	1	113	95	95	22.3
C. Ryrie	10	0	116	39	39	11.6
G. Dewdney	7	1	44	15	19	7.2
W. Leigh	6	1	36	16	17	6.6

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No balls.	Average.
T. W. Higgins	358	34	60	22	0	0	2.7
W. S. Brown	102	6	34	8	2	0	4.2
J. Manchec	248	15	70	16	0	1	4.3
J. Hillas	636	49	193	34	1	0	5.6

Newington College Cricket Club.

President: Joseph Coates, Esq. *Hon. Treasurer*: J. Waterhouse, Esq., M.A. *Hon. Secretary*: T. J. Ducker. *Committee*: Messrs. Warden, Glasson, Palmer, Martin, and Ducker.

SEASON 1877-78.

Matches played, 6; won 3, lost 3. Those won were versus the Grammar School, King's School (second eleven), and Gladesville. The number of matches played last season was less than usual, but the committee contemplate a wider sphere of operations during the coming season. The college Eleven was unfortunately very much weakened during part of the past season, by losing (through sickness) the valuable services of Martin.

CRITICAL REMARKS ON PLAYERS.

T. J. Ducker, an excellent bat, and can hit well, especially to the off. Rather slow in field, but a good catch, and a good change bowler.

Ferguson, a very patient batsman, with good defence. Rather sleepy in the field.

C. Martin only played part of season. A very good all-round player, and will be of great service next season.

E. Woodward, good useful bat; hits well on the on-side; a first-class long-stop on any ground.

A. Warden, a good hitter, but sometimes hits across, and pays the penalty; a good field, and very active.

W. Warden (captain last season) is a good all-round player, but was very unfortunate in batting last year.

W. Palmer, a good bat, but scarcely realized anticipations formed at beginning of season ; a lazy field.

R. Glasson, a very useful member of the eleven, and works well in the field.

E. Howard, promoted from second eleven, and performed very creditably ; will make a very useful bowler.

J. Webb, a fair bat and good field.

H. Palser, a good average bat, and excellent field, especially at slip.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Times Not out.	Total Runs.	Total Innings.	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Average.
T. J. Ducker	0	55	5	25	26	11
Ferguson	2	39	7	13	24	7-4
C. Martin	0	35	5	21	21	7
E. Woodward	0	44	7	18	18	6-2
A. Warden	0	37	7	25	25	5-2
W. Warden	1	29	7	11	11	4-5
W. Palmer	0	37	8	21	21	4-5
R. Glasson	1	26	7	9	11	4-2
H. Palser	0	27	7	7	10	3-6
E. Howard	2	7	6	3	3	1-3
J. Webb	1	8	6	5	5	1-3

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets.	Wides.	No Balls.	Average.
C. Martin	313	24	67	14	1	0	4-8
W. Warden	594	31	185	37	0	0	5
E. Howard	100	6	26	5	0	0	5-2
T. J. Ducker	103	7	36	5	0	0	7-2

Challenge Cup Matches.

Albert Challenge Cup.

In 1871 the proprietors of the Albert Ground gave a Challenge Cup for competition among the leading clubs. The matches attracted great attention, and we think a *resumé* of the scores now appended will be read with interest. The competing clubs were—the Albert, Warwick, East Sydney, University, and Newtown. The first match was played 9th November, 1871, between the Warwick and University Clubs, and resulted in a victory for the latter. Fourteen other matches were played, and won consecutively by the Albert Club, in which they met the Newtown and University Clubs four times each, and the East Sydney and Warwick Clubs three times each. The Alberts having held the cup for three consecutive years, became the final holders, and the trophy usually occupies a place at the club's annual dinner.

A rather amusing event took place over the contests for this cup, and its recounting here will tend to prove how fickle a dame fortune is, and that a game is never lost till it's won. A certain club (names need not be mentioned) had secured in their first innings a rather heavy lead of the Albert Club, and had fortune staid with them, no doubt they would have won the game; but it did not. On resuming play on the following Saturday, the tables were turned, and the Alberts were again victorious. But in the intervening space between the two Saturdays, the members of the opposing club were so elated with their success of the previous week, that a banquet was ordered and on the table, a space was left for the cup, which was looked upon as theirs! However, their turn never came, and they had to turn to their victuals minus the Albert Challenge Cup.

FIRST MATCH.

Played 9th November, 1871.

University, only innings, 171; Warwicks, 41 and 32. University won by one innings and 98 runs.

BATTING.

University.—Faithfull, 24; Coates, 93; Sly, 16; E. Iceton, 11. Warwicks: C. Kellick, 23 and 0.

BOWLING.

University.—Faithfull took 7 wickets for 16 runs, and 7 for 11; Coates, 3 wickets for 21 runs, and 2 for 20.

SECOND MATCH.

Played 9th and 16th December, 1871.

Alberts, 96 and 81; University, 51 and 50. Alberts won by 66 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 25 and 9; A. Docker, 21 and 10; T. Docker, 18 and 1; Oliver, 7 and 11; Goddard, 4 and 18; Eury, 1 and 11.

University.—Barton, 10 and 0; E. Iceton, 10 and 0; Coates, 11 and 23.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Thompson took 4 wickets for 39 runs, and 7 for 24; W. Docker, 2 wickets for 10 runs; A. Docker, 2 wickets for 4 runs and 3 for 24.

University.—Coates took 6 wickets for 37 runs, and 4 for 46.

THIRD MATCH.

Played 4th and 10th February, 1872.

Alberts, only innings, 150; Newtown, 94 and 41. Alberts won by one innings and 15 runs

BATTING.

Alberts.—Goddard, 24; Allan, 13; Anderson (not out), 25; Vivian, 16; W. Docker, 32; Eury, 15.

Newtown.—Jones, 50 and 12; Smidmore, 6 and 12.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—W. Docker took 4 wickets for 36 runs; Thompson, 2 wickets for 19, and 5 for 14; A. Docker, 2 wickets for 25 runs and 4 for 26.

Newtown.—Jones took 5 wickets for 37 runs.

FOURTH MATCH.

Played 16th and 23rd November, 1872.

Alberts, 68 and 92; East Sydney, 45 and 54. Alberts won by 61 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Morgan, 13 and 0; Goddard, 17 and 0; Oliver, 0 and 42; A. Docker, 4 and 15; W. Docker, 1 and (not out) 19.

East Sydney—Hinchey, 14 and 0; Toohey, 0 and 12; D. Gregory, 4 and 11; Coates 8 and 11.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker took 3 wickets for 20 runs, and 0 for 4; Thompson, 4 wickets for 25 runs, and 4 for 32; Spofforth, 5 wickets for 16 runs.

FIFTH MATCH.

Played 7th and 14th December, 1872.

Alberts, 94 and (with two wickets down) 52; Warwicks, 93 and 52. Alberts won by 1 run and 8 wickets.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Morgan, 12 and (not out) 22; Airey, 30 and (not out) 4; Anderson, 10; W. Docker, 13; Thompson, 2 and 12; Oliver, 3 and 11.

Warwicks: C. Bannerman, 25 and 5; Hewitt, 29 and 20.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker, 5 wickets for 42 runs, and 4 for 22; Spofforth, 3 wickets for 30 runs, and 1 for 16; W. Docker, 3 wickets for 10 runs.

Warwicks.—Bannerman, 2 wickets for 7 runs, and 0 for 11; Hewitt, 4 wickets for 27 runs, and 1 for 30.

SIXTH MATCH.

Played 4th and 18th January, 1873.

Alberts, only innings, 186; Newtown, 62 and 55. Alberts won by one innings and 69 runs.

Alberts.—Spofforth, 30; Oliver 21; Airey, 17; T. Docker, 20; Allan, 19; Stack, 43; Vivian, 10.

Newtown.—Tindall, 26 and 1; McKern, 0 and 10; Smidmore, 8 and (not out), 13; Day, 3 and 15.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker, 5 wickets for 28 runs, and 7 for 21; Spofforth, 4 wickets for 14 runs, and 3 for 33.

SEVENTH MATCH.

Played 1st and 8th February, 1873.

Alberts, 53 and (for 7 wickets) 65; University, 26 and 91. The Alberts won by 1 run and 3 wickets.

Alberts.—Oliver, 18 and 1; Anderson, 10 and 0; Spofforth, 13 and 6; Morgan, 0 and 31.

University.—Powell, 2 and 23; Kent, 1 and 14; Coates, 2 and 24; Barton, 1 and 10.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Spofforth 9 wickets for 10 runs, and 3 for 32; Thompson, 4 wickets for 23.

University.—Coates, 5 wickets for 35, and 2 for 26.

EIGHTH MATCH.

Played 23rd and 29th March, and 5th April, 1873.

Alberts, 81 and 102; East Sydney, 114 and 35. Alberts won by 34 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts,—W. Docker, 22 and 8; Cape, 19 and 9; A. Docker 19 and 12; Goddard, 4 and (not out), 17; Thompson, 1 and 32.

East Sydney.—D. Gregory, 29 and 14; Tooher, 10; Toohey, 10; Massie (not out), 30; C. Gregory, 15.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Spofforth, 6 wickets for 45 runs, and 7 for 11; A. Docker, 3 wickets for 4 runs.

East Sydney.—D. Gregory, 7 wickets for 36 runs, and 1 for 27; Newcombe, 4 wickets for 15 runs.

NINTH MATCH.

Played 10th and 22nd November, 1873.

Alberts, 163 and (for three wickets) 34; Warwicks, 118 and 78. Alberts won by 1 run and 7 wickets.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 22 and (not out) 22; Goddard, 11; Spofforth, 52 and 4; Oliver, 12; Morgan, 14.

Warwicks.—Sheridan, 0 and 32; C. Bannerman, 81 and 5; Oatley, 7 and 19.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Spofforth, 6 wickets for 34 runs, and 5 for 30; Thompson, 3 wickets for 30 runs, and 1 for 7; A. Docker, 0 wicket for 31 runs, and 1 wicket for 8.

Warwick.—Sheridan took 3 wickets for 22 runs, and 0 for 14.

TENTH MATCH.

Played 29th November, 6th and 13th December, 1873.

Alberts, 160 and 98; University, 106 and 67. Alberts won by 85 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 96 and 18; Oliver, 2 and 24; Spofforth, 13 and 0; Morgan, 34 and 20; Anderson, 0 and 11; A. Docker, 2 and 11.

University.—McMahon, 16 and 15; Iceton, 22 and 28; Powell, 20 and 4; Coates, 16 and (not out) 8.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker, 3 wickets for 26 runs, and 5 for 1; Thompson, 6 wickets for 21 runs, and 1 for 12.

University.—Sheridan, 5 wickets for 4 runs, and 1 for 20; Faithfull, 2 wickets for 46 runs, and 4 for 32; Iceton, 1 wicket for 39 runs, and 4 for 16.

ELEVENTH MATCH.

Played 3rd January and 14th February, 1874.

Alberts, 144 and 81; Newtown, 92 and 19. Alberts won by 114 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson 85 and (not out), 17; Stack, 12 and 1; Anderson, 0 and 14; Wood, 11 and 7; Brady, 7 and (not out) 21.

Newtown.—Crane, 24 and 0; Webster, 41 and 0; Burrowes, (not out), 12 and 0.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker, 4 wickets for 31 runs, and 6 for 9; Thompson, 1 wicket for 17 runs, and 3 for 9.

Newtown.—Tindall, 7 wickets for 67 runs, and 5 for 35; Jones, 3 wickets for 24 runs.

TWELFTH MATCH.

Played 21st and 28th February, 1874.

Alberts, 144 and (for five wickets) 19; East Sydney, 123 and 39. Alberts won by 1 run and 5 wickets.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 40 and 7; Anderson, 11 and 0; T. Docker, 13 and (not out) 1; W. Docker, 16; A. Docker, 23.

East Sydney, D. Gregory, 28 and 0; Hinchey, 21 and 2; Toohey, 3 and 14; Tooher, 25 and 2; C. Gregory, 10 (and not out) 6; Ayres, 11 and (not out) 0.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—A. Docker, 2 wickets for 35 runs, and 3 for 19; Spofforth, 6 wickets for 54 runs, and 6 for 15.

East Sydney.—D. Gregory, 3 wickets for 36 runs, and 4 for 2.

THIRTEENTH MATCH.

Played 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th March, 1874.

Alberts, 87 and 262; Warwicks, 98 and 161. Alberts won by 90 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 33 and 63; Wood, 6 and 67; Spofforth, 14 and 0; Oliver, 23 and 2; Airey, 1 and 28; T. Docker, 1 and 31; Anderson, 1 and 17; W. Docker, 0 and (not out) 30.

Warwicks—C. Kellick, 23 and 48; Sheridan, 13 and 63; Oatley, 15 and 0; Park, 11 and (not out) 12.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Spofforth, 7 wickets for 48 runs, and 8 for 74.

Warwicks.—Bannerman, 6 wickets for 29, and 1 for 45.

FOURTEENTH MATCH.

Played 9th, 14th, and 21st November, 1874.

Alberts, 150 and 105; University, 114 and 94. Alberts won by 47 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Thompson, 20 and 4; Gilbert, 0 and 23; Airey, 25 and 4; Dickson, 20 and 4; Morgan, 38 and 11; T. Docker, 2 and 28; Brady, 20 and 0.

University.—McMahon, 3 and 15; Powell, 12 and 0; Teece, 24 and 0; Iceton, 10 and 13; Faithfull, 17 and 6; Barton, 25 and 2; Gill, 1 and (not out) 22.

BOWLING.

Alberts—Thompson, 6 wickets for 23 runs, and 7 for 27.

University.—Coates, 1 wicket for 44 runs, and 8 for 47; Powell, 1 wicket for 6 runs, and 0 for 3.

FIFTEENTH MATCH.

Played 28th November and 5th December, 1874.

Alberts 147, and 1 wicket for 42; Newtown, 89 and 99. Alberts won by 1 run and 9 wickets.

BATTING.

Alberts.—Gilbert 27 and (not out) 19; Airey, 15; Brady, 16; Seale, 30; W. Decker, 23; Morgan, 7 and (not out) 22..

Newtown: Jones, 0 and 19; Webster, 10 and 0; Tindall, 39 and 0; Williams, 16 and 26; Crane, 8 and (not out) 34.

BOWLING.

Alberts.—Spofforth, 5 wickets for 43 runs, and 2 for 26; Thompson, 2 wickets for 0 runs, and 7 for 53.

Newtown.—Burrowes; 1 wicket for 9 runs, and 0 for 17.

SECOND CHALLENGE CUP.

Another Cup was given by the Albert Ground Company, and fourteen matches have been played for it, of which the Warwick C.C. have won 9, and are now the holders and final winners. In the season 1875-6, eight matches were played, and in the following season six.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED.

1875-6.

Warwicks v. Alberts. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. University. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. East Sydney. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. Newtown. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. Alberts. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. University. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. East Sydney. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. Newtown. Won by Newtown.

1876-77.

Newtown v. Alberts. Won by Alberts.
 Alberts v. University. Won by Alberts.
 Alberts v. East Sydney. Won by Alberts.
 Alberts v. Warwicks. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. Alberts. Won by Warwicks.
 Warwicks v. Newington. Won by Warwicks.

Junior Challenge Cup—see Redfern C.C.

Warehousemen's Challenge Cup—see next page.

Sydney United Warehouse Cricket Association.

President: Henry Prince, Esq. *Vice-Presidents*: J. B. Holdsworth, B. De-Lissa, J. S. Jamieson, John Pope, and R. W. Myers. *Hon. Secretary*: Henry Myers, junr. *Hon. Treasurer*: William C. Hinwood. *Delegate Committee*: Consisting of two members from each warehouse represented in the Association. *Sub-Committee* (for arrangement of matches, &c.); Consisting of five members selected from the Delegates and the secretary and treasurer.

The members of the various warehouses of Sydney deeming it desirable that a Cricket Association should be established in connection with their clubs, convened a meeting, which was held at the Oxford Hotel in 1876, which was numerously attended. Great interest was evinced by all present in this undertaking, and it was unanimously resolved that an Association be immediately initiated, office bearers were elected, a code of rules and by-laws framed, and steps were at once entered into for the arrangement of matches. It was decided that it be called the "Sydney United Warehouse Cricket Association," and the objects be the management and promotion of the general interests of the game of cricket in the warehouses of the city, and that, in furtherance of these objects, a Challenge Cup be offered for competition.

The following warehouses at once joined, and are mentioned in the order in which they contested for the Cup:—

Myers and Solomon.
Farmer and Co.
Prince, Ogg, and Co.
W. S. Friend and Co.
S. Hoffnung and Co.*
D. Jones and Co.
W. Gardiner and Co.
W. Perry and Co.
Mason Bros.
F. Lassetter and Co.
J. B. Holdsworth
Ross, Morgan, and Co.*
Young and Lark.

A little uncertainty was naturally felt as to the success of the first contest. Great preparations were made. The match was played on Messrs. Farmer and Co.'s ground, Moore Park, between representatives selected from the Warehouse clubs of Farmer and Co. and Myers and Solomon respectively, and which was won by the latter.

The respective heads of the firms as represented in the Association deserve mention for the great trouble they have taken for the welfare of the Association, and it is sincerely hoped that for the benefit of warehouse cricket a number of firms will add their name to the list of those who have already joined.

* Retired after season 1876-7

Lengthy discussions occurred during the season as to the desirableness of a match taking place between the warehouses of Melbourne and Sydney, a great amount of correspondence took place between the secretaries of both colonies, and there is a great probability of a match coming off during the season 1878-9. This match is anticipated with considerable interest, and it will eventually terminate in annual Warehouse matches being contested between Melbourne and Sydney, and these will cause as much excitement as the intercolonial contests to those specially interested. The Challenge Cup was manufactured by Messrs. Hardy Bros., of Hunter-street, Sydney, and is an excellent piece of workmanship, the design is perfectly original, exceedingly emblematical, and very elegant.

It was resolved when the Association was originated that the team which succeeded in winning the first eleven matches would be entitled to be the absolute holders of the Cup, and the team of Messrs. Mason Bros. have accomplished this feat. They commenced the first match of season 1877, and finished the last match of season 1878, defeating with ease every team they met.

The following shows a list of the warehouses who have won matches:—

Mason Bros.	11
Myers and Solomon	3
S. Hoffnung and Co.	2
W. Perry and Co.	1
W. Gardiner and Co.	1

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18—Total matches played.

The very pleasurable progress that this Association has made can be attributed to the persevering and energetic manner that the office-bearers have worked. They also made it their special duty to make all members observe that unison and good feeling which is so requisite amongst the players, and they have in every instance endeavoured to carry out and promote the objects of the Association.

In conclusion, we trust that the "Sydney United Warehouse Cricket Association" will be supported even in a better and more liberal manner than hitherto, as nothing would be a greater and more beneficial boon to the admirers of this manly recreation than to see cricket advance to the highest stage amongst the warehouses of New South Wales.

We must mention that Mr. Henry Myers as secretary of the Association has been much thanked by all members for his courteous and willing exertions.

Summary of matches played for the Sydney United Warehousemen's Challenge Cup:—

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Won by—
December	Myers and Solomon	78	64	94 runs
Moore Park	Farmer and Co.	29	19	

Date and Place.	Club.	1st ings.	2nd ings.	Won by—
January	Myers and Solomon	27	91	4 wickets
Redfern	Prince, Ogg, and Co.	88	31	
February	Myers and Solomon	58	87	96 runs
Botany	Friend and Co.	32	17	
February	S. Hoffnung and Co.	55	11	9 wickets
Botany	Myers and Solomon	29	36	
March	S. Hoffnung and Co.	69	165	175 runs
A. Ground	D. Jones and Co.	26	33	
April	W. Gardiner and Co.	..	..
Botany	S. Hoffnung and Co.	..	..	Abandoned by losers
May	W. Perry and Co.	55	45	35 runs
Botany	W. Gardiner and Co.	37	28	
November	Mason Bros.	199		
Botany	W. Perry and Co. ..	..	..	Abandoned by losers
November	Mason Bros.	75	55	29 runs
Botany	F. Lassetter and Co.	27	74	
December	Mason Bros.	95	89	58 runs
Botany	J. B. Holdsworth	65	61	
January	Mason Bros.	107		1 innings and
Botany	Young and Lark	34	58	15 runs
January	Mason Bros.	63	13	1 innings and
Moore Park	Myers and Solomon	41	32	3 runs
January	Mason Bros.	125		1 innings and
Moore Park	Farmer and Co.	30	28	67 runs
March	Mason Bros.	51	61	77 runs
A. Ground	Prince, Ogg, and Co.	24	11	
March	Mason Bros.	209		
A. Ground	W. S. Friend and Co.	..	..	Abandoned by losers
March	Mason Bros.	182		
A. Ground	D. Jones and Co. ..	..	..	Abandoned by losers
April	Mason Bros.	45	129	102 runs
A. Ground	W. Gardiner and Co.	39	33	
	Mason Bros.			
	W. Perry and Co. ..	..	..	Abandoned by losers

Jones Challenge Cup.

The cup was presented by A. G. Jones, Esq., for competition in the Wagga Wagga and surrounding districts, the conditions being that one club should hold same for three consecutive seasons. The Wagga Wagga club, after retaining it for two seasons, lost it in March, 1877, to the Tumut Cricket Club. The following is a resumé of the matches played during the last two seasons —

October, 1877.—Albury contested against Wagga Wagga and lost by 18 runs and 1 innings.

March, 1877.—Tumut played Wagga Wagga at the latter town and won by 3 wickets.

May, 1877.—Wagga Wagga played a return with Tumut on Tumut ground, which resulted in a draw. The match was arranged for one day, and it was one of the rules that the games should be played out or considered drawn if not finished.

Two matches have taken place during the past season, as follows :—

Tumut v. Wagga Wagga.—Tumut, 151 (only innings) ; Wagga Wagga, 41 and 53. Tumut won by 57 runs and one innings.

BATTING.

Principal Scores.—Tumut : P. M. Blakeney, 28 ; J. D. O'Mara, 22 ; J. G. Crofton, 29 ; C. H. Croaker, 36 ; Wagga Wagga : Weston, 10 and 9 ; Tompson, 2 and 11 ; J. Williams, 6 and 14.

BOWLING.

Wagga Wagga.—Tompson, 6 wickets for 51 runs.

Tumut.—A. Lovett, 2 wickets for 16 runs, and 3 wickets for 15 runs ; B. Clayton, 6 wickets for 18 runs, and 0 wickets for 18 runs ; H. L. Harris, 1 wicket for 5 runs ; P. Blakeney, 4 wickets for 4 runs.

Tumut v. Cootamundra.—Tumut, 90 and 92 ; Cootamundra, 32 and 3 wickets for 51. Drawn.

BATTING.

Principal scores.—Tumut : P. Blakeney, 3 and 21 ; J. P. Buggy, 4 and 11 ; N. Emanuel, 4 and 11 ; A. Love, 14 and 0 ; W. Howard, 21 and 3 ; J. Morris, 0 and not out 15 ; J. Noughton, not out, 21 and 10.

Cootamundra.—Price, 0 and 25 ; Hobbs, 7 and 21 ; Simpson, 17.

BOWLING.

Tumut—A. Lovett, 7 wickets for 12 runs, and 2 wickets for 20 runs ; P. Blakeney, 1 wicket for no runs, and no wickets for 12 runs ; H. L. Harris, 1 wicket for 18 runs, and 1 wicket for no runs.

The Tumut club are therefore still the present holders of the trophy.

Hawkin's Challenge Cup,

Some three seasons back Mr. Hawkins, a well-known supporter of cricket, gave a handsome cup for competition between the Warwick and East Sydney Clubs. At the beginning of the season the Warwicks were the holders, but no matches took place owing to the East Sydney Cricket Club being disorganized. The latter has lately been re-formed, but whether they have still a claim to play for the cup we cannot determine. If not, the Warwicks will be the final holders.

[We may here say that the East Sydney Cricket Club have not favoured us with any report of their proceedings last season. But few or no matches of importance took place, and the club has now been placed under a new footing, adopting the old rules.]

Glebe and Balmain Borough Cup Match.

The cup, a silver one, value £15, is to be competed for on the following terms :—

The matches are to be annual, and played on Good Friday, (if possible) and to be between actual resident cricketers of each borough (excluding Intercolonial and International players) and must be won three consecutive years.

The first match was played last Good Friday on the University Oval, and resulted in a victory for the Glebe by 22 runs ; Glebe 77 and 58 ; Balmain, 31 and 70.

Principal Scores.—Glebe, Duncan 0 and 18, Twine 15 and 20, Roberts 16 and 3. Balmain ; Austin 3 and 10, Murdock 3 and 14, Elder 6 and 10.



Intercolonial Matches

between New South Wales and Victoria.

These popular "Isthmian games" commenced in March, 1856, at Melbourne, the second taking place in Sydney, the following January, both of which were won by this colony. The Victorians then won five times in succession, until in February, 1863, this colony achieved a victory. In 1865 and 1866 each colony won on their own ground, and the Victorians then secured six successive victories. In December, 1874, New South Wales won in Melbourne, and have won ever since, the last match at Sydney being the sixth consecutive win. In all, 22 matches have been played, Victoria having 12 to her credit, and New South Wales 10, all the matches in Victoria have been played on the ground of the Melbourne Club: of the 10 played in this colony, the first five games were contested in the Domain, the next four on the Albert Ground, Redfern, and the last one on the New Association Ground, Moore Park.

Owing to the visit of a team of gentlemen players from England it is most probable no intercolonial match will take place during the coming season. Appended is a tabular result of the matches played, of which follows the chief features of each in batting and bowling.

MATCHES PLAYED BETWEEN VICTORIA AND NEW SOUTH WALES.

Date.	Where Played.	Winning Side.	Won by
March, 1856	Melbourne	New South Wales	3 w and 1 run
Jan., 1857	Sydney	New South Wales	65 runs
Jan., 1858	Melbourne	Victoria	... 171 runs
Jan., 1859	Sydney	Victoria	... 2 w and 1 run
Feb., 1860	Melbourne	Victoria	... 69 runs
Jan., 1861	Sydney	Victoria	... 21 runs
Jan., 1862	Melbourne	Victoria	... 10 w and 4 runs
Feb., 1863	Sydney	New South Wales	84 runs
Dec., 1865	Melbourne	Victoria	... 1 ings. and 20 runs
Dec., 1866	Sydney	New South Wales	1 ings. and 13 runs
Dec., 1867	Melbourne	Victoria	... 7 w and 2 runs
March, 1869	Sydney	Victoria	... 78 runs
Feb., 1870	Melbourne	Victoria	... 265 runs
March, 1871	Sydney	Victoria	... 48 runs
March, 1872	Melbourne	Victoria	... 1 ings. and 26 runs
March, 1873	Sydney	Victoria	... 24 runs
Dec., 1874	Melbourne	New South Wales	6 w and 1 run
March, 1875	Sydney	New South Wales	77 runs
Dec., 1875	Melbourne	New South Wales	1 ings. and 1 run
Feb., 1876	Sydney	New South Wales	195 runs
Dec., 1877	Melbourne	New South Wales	1 ings. and 6 runs
Feb., 1878	Sydney	New South Wales	1 wicket

PRINCIPAL SCORES, &c., IN INTERCOLONIAL MATCHES.

NOTE.—Batsmen's innings of 10 or over are noted, and where a player has been in twice, both scores are given, the first figures being the first innings. Bowlers are noticed who obtained wickets in either innings, at a cost of 10 runs or less, both innings being given if he bowled in each. The winning colony is mentioned first in each match.

FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, March, 1856.

New South Wales.—76 and 7 wickets for 16; Victoria 63 and 28; New South Wales won by 1 run and 3 wickets.

BATTING.

New South Wales.—J. McKone not out 18 and 0, R. Driver 18 and 0, G. Howell 11 and 0.

Victoria.—J. Mather 16 and 0, W. Philpott 5 and 11, P. O. Kington 12 and 0.

BOWLING.

New South Wales.—G. Gilbert 4 wickets for 34 runs, J. McKone 4 wickets for 25 runs, and 5 wickets for 11 runs, R. Murray 3 wickets for 16 runs.

Victoria.—G. Elliott 6 wickets for 28 runs, and 3 wickets for 7 runs, R. Coulstock 3 wickets for 31 runs, F. Lowe 4 wickets for 9 runs.

SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, January, 1857.

New South Wales.—80 and 86, Victoria 63 and 38; New South Wales won by 65 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales.—W. G. Rees 28 and 3, H. Hilliard 20 and 2, G. Gilbert 2 and 31, Captain Ward 1 and 13, T. Lewis 13 and 8.

Victoria.—R. Coulstock 0 and 16, J. M. Bryant 23 and 0, G. Marshall 13 and 0, W. Hammersley 10 and 10.

BOWLING'

New South Wales.—O. Lewis 4 wickets for 13 runs, and 4 wickets for 21 runs, Captain Ward 2 wickets for 23 runs, and 5 wickets for 15 runs.

THIRD MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, January, 1858.

Victoria.—59 and 238, New South Wales 57 and 69; Victoria won by 171 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria.—J. M. Bryant 11 and 18, T. F. Wray 12 and 26, G. Elliott 0 and 10, W. Hammersley 5 and 31, W. Pickering 4 and 26, T. W. Wilis 12 and not out 49, T. F. Morris 10 and 47.

New South Wales.—G. Howell 0 and 16, G. Gilbert 15 and 12, N. Thompson 7 and 10, R. Murray 8 and 12, R. Vaughan not out 13 and 0.

BOWLING.

Victoria.—G. Elliott 1 wicket for 17 runs, and 5 wickets for 17 runs, T. W. Wills, 5 wickets for 25 runs, and 3 wickets for 34 runs, T. F. Morres 1 wicket for 11 runs, and 0 wicket for 3 runs, J. M. Bryant 2 wickets for 1 run, and 0 wickets for 9 runs.

New South Wales.—O. Lewis 3 wickets for 18 runs, and 0 wickets for 60 runs, G. Gilbert 5 wickets for 23 runs, and 6 wickets for 65 runs.

FOURTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, January, 1859.

Victoria.—38, and for 8 wickets 103, New South Wales 63 and 77; Victoria won by 1 run and 1 wicket.

BATTING.

Victoria—J. M. Bryant, 0 and 32; A. Burchett, 1 and 26; T. Morres, 13 and 3; T. W. Wills, 15 and 8.

New South Wales—J. L. Beeston, 18 and 7 not out; F. Adams, 14 and 14; O. Lewis, 13 and 40.

BOWLING.

Victoria—G. Elliott, 2 wickets for 16 runs and 1 for 11; T. W. Wills, 5 wickets for 24 runs and 6 for 25; J. M. Bryant, 3 wickets for 11 runs and no wicket for 12; W. Hammersley, 1 wicket for 3 runs.

FIFTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, February, 1860.

Victoria, 56 and 99; New South Wales, 44 and 42; Victoria won by 69 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—T. F. May, 8 and 12; J. Huddleston, 13 and 8; T. W. Wills, 4 and 20; W. Hammersley, 4 and 11; T. Morres, 1 and 10.

New South Wales—H. Hilliard, 15 and 0; G. Gilbert, 3 and 13.

BOWLING.

Victoria—G. Elliott, 2 wickets for 13 runs and 6 for 23; T. W. Wills, 6 wickets for 23 runs and 3 for 16; J. M. Bryant, 2 wickets for 4 runs.

New South Wales—G. Richardson, 3 wickets for 12 runs and 6 for 42; R. Murray, 5 wickets for 13 runs and 1 for 25; N. Thompson, 1 wicket for 18 runs and 2 for 19.

SIXTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, January, 1861.

Victoria, 68 and 71; New South Wales, 74 and 44. Victoria won by 21 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—J. Brodie, 13 and 0; J. M. Bryant, 2 and 10; Makinson, 2 and 23; G. Marshall (not out) 12 and 1; S. Cosstick, 0 and 12.

New South Wales—G. Gilbert, 15 and 1; N. Thompson, 7 and 12; H. Newcombe, 23 and 2; J. Kettle, 9 and 13 not out.

BOWLING.

Victoria—S. Cosstick, 5 wickets for 25 runs and 6 for 23; J. M. Bryant, 3 wickets for 12 runs and 3 for 18.

New South Wales—Captain Ward, 5 wickets for 31 runs and 3 for 18; G. Richardson, 4 wickets for 23 runs and 2 for 28; J. Kinloch, no wickets for 9 runs and 3 for 13.

SEVENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, January, 1872.

Victoria, 182 and (no wickets down) 7; New South Wales, 76 and 109. Victoria won by 4 runs and 10 wickets.

BATTING.

Victoria—G. Marshall, 35; S. Cosstick, 10; J. Huddleston, 44; R. W. Wardell, 36 and not out 5; J. B. Thompson, 16; C. Makinson, 19.

New South Wales—A. Park, 13 and 0; N. Thompson, 15 and 12; G. Gilbert, 6 and 26; G. Curtis, 14; and not out 0; J. Moore, 9 and 21.

BOWLING.

Victoria—J. Conway, 3 wickets for 17 runs and 2 for 22; W. Stewart, 4 wickets for 31 runs and no wickets for 8; J. M. Bryant, no wickets for 7 runs and 3 for 29; S. Cosstick, 1 wicket for 11 runs and 5 for 22.

New South Wales—J. Moore, 2 wickets for 20 runs and no wickets for 6.

EIGHTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, February, 1863.

New South Wales, 108 and 97; Victoria, 76 and 45. New South Wales won by 84 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 6 and 16; S. Jones, 0 and 15; Gorman, 19 and 5; G. Gilbert, 22 and 0; H. Newcombe, 13 and 6; E. Gregory, 3 and 13; D'Arcy, 17 and not out 34; McNish, 12 and 1.

Victoria—W. H. Greaves, 11 and (absent) 0; T. W. Wills, not out 25 and not out 17.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—C. Lawrence, 7 wickets for 48 runs and 7 for 25; N. Thompson, 3 wickets for 21 runs and 1 for 17.

Victoria—J. Conway, 5 wickets for 35 and 4 for 13; S. Cosstick, 1 wicket for 17 runs and 1 for 10; T. W. Wills, 3 wickets for 45 runs and 5 for 51; W. H. Greaves, 1 wicket for 4 runs.

NINTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1875.

Victoria (only innings), 285; New South Wales, 122 and 143. Victoria won by one innings and 20 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—Turner, 12; G. Gibson, 17; J. Conway, 33; E. Fowler, 37; W. H. Greaves, 25; W. L. Rees, 37; T. W. Wills, 58; G. O'Mullane, not out 33.

New South Wales—Kellick, 11 and 23; S. Cosstick, 2 and 21; R. Hewitt, 12 and 3; E. Gregory, 43 and 18; C. Lawrence, 3 and 23; S. Jones, 11 and 3; G. Curtis, 13 and 0; C. Oliver, not out 6 and 29.

BOWLING.

Victoria—T. W. Wills, 4 wickets for 33 runs and 2 for 25; Dave Wilkie, 2 wickets for 12 runs and no wickets for 13 runs.

New South Wales—S. Cosstick, 8 wickets for 109 runs.

TENTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, December, 1866.

New South Wales (only innings), 145; Victoria, 74 and 58. New South Wales won by one innings and 13 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales—G. Gilbert, 16; N. Thompson, 16; R. Hewitt, 19; W. Caffyn, 24; G. H. Gordon, 19; C. Lawrence, 14.

Victoria—G. Gibson, 22 and 0; W. H. Greaves, 3 and 15; S. Cosstick, 11 and 18; D. Wilkie, 12 and 8.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—D. Gregory, 3 wickets for 36 runs and 4 for 31; N. Thompson, 3 wickets for 33 runs and 3 for 13; C. Lawrence, 2 wickets for 11 runs.

Victoria—J. Conway, 6 wickets for 42.

ELEVENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December 1867.

Victoria, 252 and for 3 wickets 81. New South Wales, 158 and 173. Victoria won by 2 runs and 7 wickets.

BATTING.

Victoria—Gibson, 21 and 1; R. W. Wardell, 110 and not out 45; J. Conway, 8 and 23; Robertson, 53 and not out 2; T. W. Wills, 23.

New South Wales—N Thompson, 35 and 60; E. Sheridan, 13 and 1; R. Hewitt, 4 and 14; W. Caffyn, 24 and 38; G. H. Gordon, 1 and 31; C. Lawrence, 15 and 1; Sinclair, 7 and 12; G. Gilbert, 22 and 2; J. Coates, not out 18 and 3.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—R. Hewitt, 3 wickets for 28 runs; E. Gregory, 1 wicket for 14 and 2 for 14.

TWELTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, March, 1869.

Victoria, 61 and 149. New South Wales, 37 and 95. Victoria won by 78 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—J. Phillips, 14 and 4; G. Gibson, 3 and 29; E. S. Carter, 16 and 63; S. Cosstick, 5 and 27; Lieutenant Noyes, 7 and 13.

New South Wales—E. Sheridan, 2 and 37; D. Gregory, 9 and 15; J. Coates, 15 and 8; A. Park, 2 and 15.

BOWLING.

Victoria—S. Cosstick, 1 wicket for 17 runs and 3 for 23; F. Allan, 8 wickets for 20 runs and no wickets for 27; T. W. Wills, 7 wickets for 44 runs.

New South Wales—D. Gregory, 1 wicket for 10 runs and 4 for 32; J. Coates, 4 wickets for 19 runs and 1 for 30; R. Hewitt, 3 wickets for 5 runs and 2 for 38; J. Kellick, 1 wicket for 10 runs.

THIRTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, February, 1870.

Victoria, 181 and 337. New South Wales, 164 and 89. Victoria won by 265 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—Lieutenant Gordon, 22 and 121; R. W. Wardell, 24 and 55; W. Campbell, 13 and 10; D. Campbell, 4 and 49; G. P. Robertson, 32 and 28; T. D. Kelly, 53 and 17; J. Phillips, 14 and 22; J. Conway, 11 and 0; T. W. Wills, 13 and 9.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 3 and 11; E. Gregory, 64 and 7; E. Sheridan, 43 and 18; C. Lawrence, 6 and 24; D. Gregory, 14 and 2; S. Jones, 5 and 20.

BOWLING.

Victoria—S. Cosstick, 4 wickets for 37 runs and 6 for 40; R. W. Wardell, 3 wickets for 23 runs and 2 for 16.

New South Wales—E. Sheridan, 2 wickets for 12 runs, and 1 for 27; D. Gregory, no wickets for 13 runs and 5 for 55.

FOURTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, March, 1871.

Victoria, 198 and 134; New South Wales, 200 and 84. Victoria won by 48 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—L. Goldsmith, 12 and 13; W. Campbell, 26 and 37; B. B. Cooper, 11 and 27; A. Loughnan, 36 and 11; O. Williams, 19 and 20; S. Cosstick, 30 and 4; T. W. Wills, not out 39 and 11.

New South Wales—D. Gregory, 51 and 10; E. Gregory, 13 and 15; W. Caffyn, 5 and 10; R. Hewitt, 60 and 0; C. Bannerman, 32 and 3; M. Faithful, 5 and 24.

BOWLING.

Victoria—S. Cosstick, 3 wickets for 43 runs and 8 for 21; C. A. Reid, 2 wickets for 20 runs and 2 for 82.

New South Wales—J. Coates, 3 wickets for 28 runs and 4 for 18; N. Thompson, 2 wickets for 21 runs and no wickets for 19; E. Sheridan, no wickets for 9 runs and 1 for 9.

FIFTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, March, 1872.

Victoria (only innings), 161; New South Wales, 80 and 55. Victoria won by one innings and 26 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—L. Goldsmith, 12; G. Gibson, 41; T. D. Kelly, 25; G. P. Robertson, 23; H. Boyle, 27; F. Allan (not out), 11.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 31 and 15; D. Gregory, 11 and 7; E. Gregory, 16 and 17.

BOWLING.

Victoria—F. Allan, 8 wickets for 35 runs and 5 for 25; S. Cosstick, 2 wickets for 37 runs and 3 for 24.

New South Wales—G. Moore, 6 wickets for 56 runs.

SIXTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, February, 1873.

Victoria, 113 and 56; New South Wales, 44 and 101. Victoria won by 24 runs.

BATTING.

Victoria—W. Gaggin, 13 and 7; B. B. Cooper, 30 and 16; G. Gibson, 32 and 15 not out; S. Cosstick, 14 and 2; Fanning, 11 and 0.

New South Wales—D. Gregory, 13 and 5; C. Kellick, 0 and 18; T. Powell, 3 and 29; C. Oliver, 6 and 10; J. Coates, 1 and (not out) 19.

BOWLING.

Victoria—S. Cosstick, 6 wickets for 15 runs and 5 for 36; C. Allee, 3 wickets for 10 runs and 2 for 28.

New South Wales—J. Coates, 3 wickets for 40 runs and 6 for 31; D. Gregory, 3 wickets for 24 runs; W. J. Pocock, 3 wickets for 10 runs and 1 for 14; G. Moore, 1 wicket for 24 runs and 3 for 17.

SEVENTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1874.

New South Wales, 216, and for 4 wickets, 119; Victoria, 149 and 185. New South Wales won by 1 run and 6 wickets.

BATTING.

New South Wales—G. Gilbert, 11 and 3; N. Thompson, 17 and 35; E. Sheridan, 25 and 18; C. Bannerman, 81 and not out 32; E. Gregory, 0 and not out 34; Tindall, not out, 26 and 6; and Spofforth, 21.

Victoria—B. B. Cooper, 45 and 4 ; J. D. Kelly, 14 and 86 ; J. Horan, 3 and 22 ; H. F. Boyle, 17 and 3 ; L. Goldsmith, 3 and 14 ; S. Costick, 6 and 33 ; W. Campbell, 25 and 6 ; J. Blackham, 32 and 5.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—J. Coates, 2 wickets for 57 runs, and 5 for 25 ; Tindall, 3 wickets for 27 runs, and no wickets for 43.

EIGHTEENTH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, March, 1875.

New South Wales—116 and 102 ; Victoria, 71 and 70. New South Wales won by 77 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 3 and 13 ; E. Evans, 11 and not out 31 ; E. Gregory, not out, 65 and 18 ; Spofforth, 2 and 13 ; T. Powell, 1 and 20 ; J. Coates, 14 and 0.

Victoria—W. Campbell, 3 and 18 ; T. Horan, 3 and 16 ; J. Slight, 10 and 5 ; J. Blackham, 15 and 0 ; W. Midwinter, not out, 15 and 8 ; A. Loughnan, 10 and 4.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—J. Coates, 7 wickets for 40 runs, and 1 for 17 runs ; E. Evans, 6 wickets for 25 runs ; M. Faithful, 3 wickets for 16 runs.

Victoria—W. Midwinter, 6 wickets for 61 runs, and 2 for 27 ; T. Horan, 3 wickets for 1.

NINETEENTH MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1875.

New South Wales—Only innings, 171 ; Victoria, 136 and 34. New South Wales won by 1 innings and 1 run.

BATTING.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 12 ; E. Evans, 11 ; C. Bannerman, 83 ; T. Powell, 29.

Victoria—J. D. Kelly, 71 and 2 ; B. B. Cooper, 36 and 4 ; G. Alexander, not out, 8 and 11.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—E. Evans, 4 wickets for 50 runs, and 7 for 16 ; J. Coates, 3 wickets for 25 runs, and 2 for 16.

TWENTIETH MATCH.

Played at Sydney, March, 1876.

New South Wales—99 and 228 ; Victoria, 37 and 95. New South Wales won by 195 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales—N. Thompson, 6 and 10 ; D. Gregory, 36 and 74 ; E. Evans, 10 and 46 ; E. Powell, 11 and 31 ; E. Gregory, 14 and 40.

Victoria—B. B. Cooper, 0 and 11; G. Alexander, 1 and 23; T. Horan, 1 and 12; J. Allan, 6 and 11; E. Elliott, 3 and 16.

BOWLING.

New South Wales—F. Spofforth, 4 wickets for 22 runs, and 5 for 50; E. Evans, 5 wickets for 12 runs, and 5 for 40.

Victoria—F. Allen, 5 wickets for 23 runs, and 3 for 29; T. Horan, 1 wicket for 11 runs, and no wickets for 14.

TWENTY-FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1877.

It was not expected Victoria would win this match, but a one innings victory was only indulged in by the most enthusiastic supporters of New South Wales. Thompson played a grand innings of 73 and considerably aided that result, while Coates did what he liked with the bowling and carried his bat out for 36. New South Wales won by 1 innings and 6 runs. The following are the scores in full :—

NEW SOUTH WALES—First Innings.

Sheridan, c Allen, b M'Evoy	...	...	...	14
Evans, l b w, b Terry	...	...	...	0
Dummett, c Hodges, b Terry	...	...	...	5
E. Gregory, b Terry	...	...	...	4
Geary, c Allee, b Hodges	...	...	...	16
Thompson, c Cooper, b Allee	...	...	...	73
Burrows, b M'Evoy	...	...	...	0
Powell, b Baker	...	...	...	27
Ice-ton, run out	...	...	...	1
Scanlan, b W. M'Evoy	...	...	...	25
Coates, not out	...	...	...	36
Sundries	...	...	...	10
Total	...	...	...	210

VICTORIA—First Innings.

Second Innings.

F, M'Evoy, b Coates	5	c and b Evans	...	16
Hastings, c Scanlan, b Evans	5	ht w, b Coates	...	4
W. M'Evoy, c Dummett, b Evans	3	l b w, b Coates	...	4
Slight, st Thompson b Coates	5	b Coates	...	8
Terry, run out	14	not out	...	3
Baker, b Coates	12	b Geary	...	22
Cooper, b Evans	2	b Coates	...	16
Smith, b Coates	3	c Dummett b Evans	...	5
Allee, b Coates	2	b Evans	...	7
W. Slight, l b w, b Coates	6	b Evans	...	5
Hodges, not out	13	c Scanlan b Evans	...	22
Sundries	9	Sundries	...	13
Total	79	Total	...	125

Grand total, 204.

NEW SOUTH WALES—BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Evans	104	12	35	3
Coates	104	12	35	6

Second Innings.

Coates	144	18	86	3
Evans	157	12	57	6
Geary	24	4	9	1
Iceeton	28	3	10	0

VICTORIA—BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	M. O.	Runs.	No ball	Wickets
W. M'Evoy	111	13	41	0	3
Hodges	120	11	42	0	1
Terry	68	5	23	0	3
Allee (fast)	32	3	16	0	0
Allee (slow)	32	3	17	0	1
J. Slight	8	0	7	0	0
W. Slight	28	4	6	0	0
Baker	156	17	52	1	1

TWENTY-SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, February, 1878.

The first intercolonial contest on the Associations new ground in Moore Park. The weather was fine, and the wickets played well all through, and the attendance was very large.

The superiority of the New South Wales team on paper led the public to anticipate an easy victory, a result by no means realized; and up to the last moment the match was in doubt. The event is so recent that a short resumé is all that is necessary.

The Victorians went in first and scored 131; Slight was top with 29, which included three 4s' and two each 3's and doubles. Tennant, a new arrival in the sister colony, with an awkward style of batting, made 25, Baker 22, and Hodges and Terry (professional) 13 each, and Woolf 10. To the credit of New South Wales it may be noted there were no sundries either innings. The New South Wales men only made 89 (85 off the bat); Thompson 16, Massie, 17, and Powell 25 being the doubles. The latter went in fifth and carried his bat out. Most of our batsmen were unable to play the slow bowling of Allee; his analysis reads:—44 balls, 35 runs, 1 maiden, 6 wickets, which speaks for itself.

The second innings of Victoria produced but 76; Tennent and Hodges again to the fore with 27 and 17 respectively, and Allee 10, being the doubles.

Here Tindall proved himself a good supporter of Evans, securing 6 wickets for 31 runs off 27 overs. Slight, Terry, Scott, and McDonnell (not out) had the fatal "egg" to their names.

New South Wales now wanted 119 runs to win, and when the second day's play had terminated 5 wickets had fallen for 31, the men being—Thompson 12, Coates, Massie, Geary, and Powell; Evans not out 4, and Sheridan not out 9, being left in possession. The third day left New South Wales with 5 wickets to fall and 88 runs to win.

Sheridan made a determined stand, scoring 35. Evans ran himself out, 15; Ned Gregory 9, Seale 19—the latter a brilliant and useful innings. Tindall showed some pretty cricket for his 15 (not out), and Dummett 6 not out. New South Wales winning by 1 wicket amid a scene of excitement incidental to so close a contest.

Full scores as under :—

VICTORIA—First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Slight, b Evans	...	...	29	b Evans	...	...	0
Cooper, run out	...	...	3	c Tindall b Geary	...	...	1
Tennent, b Evans	...	...	25	c Evans b Tindall	...	...	27
Elliott, c Tindall b Coates	...	...	5	c Dummett b Tindall	...	...	8
Baker, b Tindall	...	...	22	b Tindall	...	...	6
Terry, st Thompson, b Tindall	...	...	13	b Tindall	...	...	0
Scott, c Dummett b Evans	...	...	2	c Seale, b Evans	...	...	0
Allee, st Thompson, b Evans	...	...	9	b Tindall	...	...	10
M'Donnell, b Evans	...	...	0	not out	...	...	0
Hodges, b Evans	...	...	13	b Tindall	...	...	17
Woolf, not out	...	...	10	c Tindall b Evans	...	...	7
Total	...	...	131				76

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maiden overs.	Wickets
Evans	223	75	22	6
Coates	112	31	13	1
Tindall	100	25	10	2

Second Innings.

Evans	113	26	18	3
Coates	32	9	4	0
Tindall	108	31	2	6
Geary	...	10	...	1

NEW SOUTH WALES—1st Innings.				Second Innings.			
Thompson, c and b Allee ...	16	b Scott	11				
Gregory, b Terry	0	c Slight, b Hodges ...	6				
Sheridan, c Allee, b Hodges	6	c Woolf b Scott ...	35				
Massie, b Allee	17	c Elliott, b Hodges ...	1				
Powell, not out	15	b Scott	1				
Seale, c and b Allee	3	c Allee, b Scott ...	19				
Coates, b Allee	4	c Baker. b Scott ...	3				
Geary, b Allee	7	l.b.w., b Scott ...	1				
Tindall, c and b Allee ...	4	not out	15				
Evans, c Elliott, b Hodges	1	run out	15				
Dummett, c Elliott, b							
Hodges	1	not out	6				
Sundries	4	Byes	3				
Total	89	Total for 9 wickets	119				

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Hodges	71	11	7	3
Terry	68	35	4	1
Baker	8	4	0	0
Allee	44	35	1	6

Second Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Hodges	140	61	11	1
Scott	124	33	12	6
Allee	35	21	1	0
Terry	20	2	3	0



Intercolonial Matches

with Queensland.

There has never been any well organised scheme for promoting matches of a fully representative character with the colony of Queensland. We think this a matter of regret, as such an engagement with New South Wales annually would do more for cricket in the ranks of our neighbours than all their club and cup matches put together.

This Guide being to a great extent retrospective, we may mention such contests as have eventuated to this season.

In 1864 an eleven of this colony played Twenty-two of Queensland at Brisbane, and won by several wickets. The weather was very unfavourable.

A similar match took place in Sydney the following year with a similar result. The Queensland team was not so strong, and Caffyn and Lawrence (then in their prime) played for this colony.

In December, 1875, an eleven went to Brisbane, and played Eighteen of Queensland, and were somewhat easily beaten in one innings. This is not to be wondered at, as the team representing this colony were actually the *second* eleven, as the *first* eleven were playing at Melbourne and won their match in one innings. Seven of our team were some time before, or have been since, in the first rank; but, in our humble opinion, however strong we may be, it is rather too much of a good thing to play Victoria and Queensland each on their ground at one and the same time. Let us play both by all means, but "one down and t'other come on!"

Semi-Intercolonial Matches.

The following matches are of a sufficiently representative character to be appended to the Intercolonial Contests :—

Albert C.C v. Melbourne C.C.

These two matches took the place of the usual Intercolonial Matches at the time played, owing to reasons not necessary now to be referred to. Each club won in one innings on their own ground.

FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1863, on the Melbourne Ground.

Alberts, only innings, 196; Melbourne 110 and 82. Alberts won in one innings by 4 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts—Thompson, 61; Gilbert, 18; C. Lawrence, 32; D. Dickson, 15; G. Curtis, 15; Hogan, 13; W. Fowlis (not out), 17.

Melbourne—M. E. O'Brien, 11 and 0; W. H. Greaves, 26 and 40; R. W. Wardill, 3 and 11; T. D. Kelly, 11 and 11; J. L. Cameron, 29 and 3; J. Conway, 14 and 0.

BOWLING.

Second innings of Melbourne, Thompson took 7 wickets for 25 runs.

SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, February, 1865, on Albert Ground.

Melbourne, only innings, 142; Alberts, 36 and 47. Melbourne won in one innings by 59 runs.

BATTING.

Melbourne—Cosstick, 19; Caffyn, 26; Kelly, 46; Tait, 13.

Alberts—Lawrence, 2 and (not out), 15; G. H. Gordon, 10 and 0.

BOWLING.

Melbourne—Caffyn, 3 wickets for 15 runs; Conway, 6 wickets for 15 runs; Cosstick, 4 wickets for 19 runs; Wills, 4 wickets for 22 runs.

Sydney and Melbourne Universities.

These interesting matches were played in 1870 and 1871, and were brought about by the exertions of Mr. Richard Teece, who is so well known for his efforts to promote the welfare of the game.

Some objection was taken at their being called "Intercolonial," University matches, but we cannot see where the objection lies, as they are thoroughly representative. Each University won in turn in their own colony. These matches are likely to be renewed this coming season.

FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1870.

Melbourne, 107 and 131, with 8 wickets down; Sydney, 109 and 127. Melbourne won by 2 runs and 3 wickets.

BATTING.

Melbourne—Goldsmith, 41 and 36; Hepburn, 13 and 15; Macpherson, 11 and 0; Johnson, 20 and (not out) 2; Dav. Wilkie, 0 and 17; A. Beckett, 5 and 42.

Sydney—R. Teece, 12 and 15; E. Icton, 16 and 5; Faithfull, 18 and 37; Coates, 24 and 27; R. Sly, 14 and 3; T. Icton, 2 and 26.

BOWLING.

Melbourne—Dave Wilkie, 4 wickets for 34 runs, and 1 for 30; Dan Wilkie, 5 wickets for 40 runs, and 2 for 3; Hepburn, 6 wickets for 23 runs.

Sydney—Faithfull, 1 wicket for 26 runs, and 7 for 19; T. Icton, 5 wickets for 30 runs, and 0 for 31.

SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, December, 1871.

Sydney, 185 and 39, with one wicket down; Melbourne, 100 and 123. Sydney won by 1 run and 9 wickets.

BATTING.

Sydney—R. Teece, 27 and (not out) 10; T. Icton, 32 and (not out) 22; Coates, 45; Sly, 15; Powell, 20; Yeomans, 10.

BOWLING.

Coates, 3 wickets for 31 runs, and 6 for 55; Faithfull, 6 wickets for 42, and 4 for 49.

Melbourne—Hepburn, 30 and 13; Jennings, 10 and 18; Gouly, 11 and 30; Dan Wilkie, 17 and 10; Thomas, 11 and 5; Macpherson, 1 and 24; Colles, 2 and (not out) 22.

No bowlers secured wickets at less cost than 10 runs.

Although not in connection with the game, it may be stated that many of the Sydney players were instrumental in arranging an aquatic contest between the sister colonies.

Sydney and Melbourne Grammar Schools.

FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1876.

Sydney, 328 and 4 out for 27; Melbourne, 171 and 183. Sydney won by 6 wickets.

BATTING.

Sydney—S. Webb, 56 and 4; G. Crane, 43 and 3; R. Allan (not out), 145 and 8; Halliday, 20; Wright, 19; Thomas, 13; Wilkinson, 14.

Melbourne—J. Watson, 3 and 74; H. Smith, 0 and 18; Riddell, 5 and 27; H. Ross, 84 and 8; F. Smith, 8 and 15; G. Smith, 42 and 0; J. Amos, 0 and 18 (not out twice). The Melbourne side gave away 38 sundries to their opponents' 9,

SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, December 1877, on the Albert Ground.

Sydney, only innings, 179. Melbourne, 86 and 41. Sydney won in one innings by 52 runs.

BATTING.

Sydney—F. Baylis, 10; Gibson, 14; Wright, 37; Webb, 50; H. Wilkinson, 18; Bowman, 23; Ward, 16.

Melbourne—Herring, 15 and 0; Locker, 26 and 1; Riddell, 13 and 5; H. Smith, 20 and 7; G. Smith, 0 and 10.

BOWLING.

Sydney—Jones, 7 wickets for 32 runs, and 4 for 13; Bowman, 0 wicket for 10 runs, and 2 for 9; Ward, 1 wicket for 20 runs, and 3 for 16.

Albert Cricket Club v Southern Tasmania.

The Victorian cricketers often send a representative team to Tasmania, but the length of time necessary to send an eleven from this colony has always been an obstacle. In January, 1875, the Albert Club sent down an eleven, who won the match against Southern Tasmania, and drew one against Launceston much in their favour. A return match against the former team, played on the Albert Ground, November, 1875, was won by the Alberts.

The following are the principal features of each game:—

ALBERTS v. SOUTHERN TASMANIA.

Played at Hobart Town, January, 1875.

Alberts, 228 and (for two wickets) 44; Southern Tasmania, 60 and 210. Alberts won by 3 runs and 8 wickets.

BATTING.

Alberts—G. Gilbert, 17 and 1; N. Thompson, 11 and (not out) 1; D. Dickson, 48 and 7; D. Gregory, 1 and (not out) 25; C. Oliver, 30; W. H. Lathbury, 19; A. Docker, 27; L. Bennett (not out) 40.

Tasmania—Lord, 10 and 16; Benneson (not out) 10 and 41; Maxwell, 13 and 14; Walker, 0 and 58; Butler, 0 and 20; Freeman, 0 and 39.

ALBERTS v. NORTHERN TASMANIA.

Played at Launceston, February, 1874.

Alberts, 119 and (for six wickets) 105; Northern Tasmania, 106 and 124. Drawn. Alberts wanted 7 runs to win, and had 4 wickets to fall.

BATTING.

Alberts—N. Thompson, 3 and 22; D. Gregory, 33 and 42; D. Dickson, 20 and 3; C. Oliver, 15 and 3; V. Cohen, 20; A. Docker, 10 and (not out) 5; G. Gilbert, 2 and (not out) 24.

Northern Tasmania—J. Martin, 16 and 16; J. A. Ferguson, 10 and 4; G. Bailey, 36 and 30; J. Arthur, 21 and 15; G. Watson, 11 and 2; G. Arthur, 0 and 17; T. R. Atkinson, 2 and 24.

BOWLING.

Alberts—Thompson, 6 wickets for 41 runs, and 6 for 50.

Northern Tasmania—Bailey, 3 wickets for 28 runs, and 1 for 37.

ALBERTS v. TASMANIA.

Played on Albert Ground, Sydney, November, 1875.

Alberts, 140 and 179; Tasmania, 87 and 106. Alberts won by 124 runs.

BATTING.

Alberts—Thompson, 32 and 20; D. Gregory, 26 and 41; Seale, 13 and 22; Morgan, 18 and 12; Spofforth, 15 and 1; Wood, 14 and 12; Murdock, 0 and 57.

Tasmanians—J. Arthur, 19 and 37; G. Davies, 16 and 36; C. Butler, 18 and 10; W. Walker, 10 and 5; E. Butler, 18 and 8.

BOWLING.

Alberts—Spofforth, 8 wickets for 48 runs, and 6 for 3.

Tasmanians—G. Butler, 7 wickets for 46 runs; W. Walker, 4 wickets for 39 runs; E. Lucas, 1 wicket for 8 runs.



Single Wicket Matches.

Between Victoria and New South Wales.

NOTE.—These matches were arranged by the players themselves, and were not under the management of the New South Wales Cricket Association.

FIRST MATCH.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1865.

Victorian Players—Fowler, Kelly, Mills, and Conway.

New South Wales Players—Cosstick, Lawrence, Thompson, and Caffyn.

This match was drawn.

SECOND MATCH.

Played at Sydney, April, 1869.

Victoria won by 1 run and 1 wicket.

BATTING.

New South Wales—Caffyn, 14 and 15; Thompson, 5 and 3; Lawrence, 12 and 2; sundries, 6 and 0. Total, 57.

Victoria—Conway, 0 and 0; Cosstick, 22 and 19; Wills, 13 and (not out) 3; sundries, 0 and 1. Total, with one wicket to fall, 58.

THIRD MATCH.

Played at Sydney, April, 1871.

New South Wales won by 5 runs.

BATTING.

New South Wales—D. Gregory, 4 and 9; E. Gregory, 10 and 16; C. Gregory, 10 and 4; sundries, 0 and 1. Total, 54.

Victoria—Conway, 2 and 3; Cosstick, 2 and 19; Wills, 13 and 4; sundries, 4 and 2. Total, 49.

This match was well patronised, and the play on both sides very good, taking three days to finish. The fact of three brothers representing the colony had something to do with the success. In this match D. Gregory was "no balled" four times, and on the fifth occasion, not having delivered the ball, retired, and a fresh umpire was chosen. The question was—Did the bowler throw the ball? As this player seldom bowls now, it is not worth while entering on the merits of the question. Opinions at that time were tolerably equal. The new umpire (Caffyn) allowed it as fair, but that decision was not entirely acquiesced in by many.

English Teams.

Names of English Teams of Cricketers who have visited Australia.

Captain.	When in the Colonies.	Matches played.			
		Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Total.
1. H. H. Stephenson	1861-2	6	2	4	12
2. George Parr	1863-4	10	0	6	16
3. W. G. Grace*	1873-4	10	3	2	15
4. James Lillywhite	1876-7	11	4	8	23

FIRST TEAM.—H. H. Stephenson (Captain), George Bennett, † William Caffyn, ‡ George Griffith, William Mudie, E. Stephenson, Roger Iddison, Thomas Hearne, Charles Lawrence, ** William Mortlock, Thomas Sewell, junr., and George Wells.

SECOND TEAM.—George Parr (Captain), George Anderson, Julius Cæsar, † William Caffyn, ‡ Robert Carpenter, Alfred Clarke, E. M. Grace,* Thomas Hayward, John Jackson, Thomas Lockyer, George Tarrant, and R. C. Tinley.

THIRD TEAM.—W. G. Grace* (Captain), F. H. Boulton,* J. A. Bush, W. R. Gilbert, G. F. Grace,* Andrew Greenwood, ‡ Richard Humphrey, Henry Jupp, ‡ James Lillywhite, ‡ Martin McIntyre, W. Oscroft, James Southerton. ‡

FOURTH TEAM.—James Lillywhite ‡ (Captain), T. Armitage, Henry Charlwood, Thomas Emmett, Andrew Greenwood, Allan Hill, Henry Jupp ‡, Edward Pooley, J. Selby, Alfred Shaw, James Southerton, ‡ and George Ulyett.

The Coming English Cricket Team.

The English team who will visit Australia next December is the fifth one from the old country (the other four teams are mentioned elsewhere in this volume). It was originally intended to be composed of gentlemen only, but Emmett and Ulyett have since been included. It hardly realises the full strength of England's amateur talent—perhaps no team visiting Australia ever will, but it is, on the whole, fairly strong. Lord Harris and Messrs. Hornby, Lucas, and Webbe are a fine quartette of batsmen.

* Gentleman players.

† Settled in the colonies. Has since returned to England.

‡ Twice visited Australia.

** Since settled in Australia.

The following notices are taken from "Lillywhite's Cricketers' Companion for 1878" and other sources:—

Absalom, C. A. (Kent), a successful round-hand bowler with plenty of head-work. A run-getting bat with a style of his own. A safe and brilliant field, especially near the wicket.

Churtse, a fair bat and field. Good change bowler.

Emmett, Thomas (born 1841), professional. Fast left-handed bowler and free hitter. Excellent field. Was one of Lillywhite's team.

Hornby, A. N. a magnificent bat, possessing fine upright style and very strong defence and back play, with free all-round hitting. Unsurpassed as a field and catch, and is ambidexter.

Harris, Lord, a very good bat. A fine hitter and magnificent field, with very quick return. Averaged $29\frac{1}{2}$ runs per innings in the Kent county matches.

Howe, W. (Ireland and M. C. C.), a steady bat, and scores freely off moderate bowling.

Lucas, A. P. a crack batsman. On the on-side his play his perfect, and his back play is grand. An excellent field. Plays for Cambridge University.

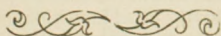
Maul (?), evidently a telegraphic error. (Query: *Macan* of Harrow?) This gentleman is fair all round,

Mackinnon, F. A., a free hitter and good bat. Belongs to Harrow.

Royle, J., a brilliant field at cover-point; has a very quick return. A moderate batsman.

Ulyett, G. (born 1851), a fine all-round cricketer in any department of the game. A good bowler and dashing bat. One of Lillywhite's team.

Webbe, A. J. (Oxford University) has a great defence, and hits freely all round. Sure and careful field, and good judge of the game.



Incidents and Curiosities of Cricket.

A LONG SCORE.—The largest number of runs ever put together in a one-day match in Sydney was obtained in a contest between elevens from the Commercial and Australian Joint Stock Banks, on the Association Ground. The Commercial Bank players went to the wickets first, and remained in nearly all day, scoring, with sixteen sundries, exactly 500 runs. Cape contributed 139, Moses 136, Cooper 92, and Docker 77. The Joint Stock Bank team scored only 65 runs, of which Blaxland made 38. Mr. Blaxland went in first and was the last wicket down.

ANOTHER LONG SCORE.—The above was eclipsed in April, on the same ground, in a one-day's match between King's School, Parramatta, and Oaklands, the former scoring 532 in their only innings. W. S. Brown 114, J. Hillas 120, E. Pell 105, and C. Wade 95 were the chief contributors.

SMALL SCORES.—At a match played at the Wallsend Esplanade Ground between the Wallsend United and Mercantile Clubs, the former scored 108 in their only innings. The Mercantiles held possession of the creases for a quarter of an hour, and were all disposed of for two runs. The bowlers were Messrs. James Lever and James Drummond, the latter of whom is honorary secretary of his club. The City Cricket Club (Newcastle District) were disposed of for 8 runs by fifteen of the Albion Cricket Club, Wickham. Only 10 overs were bowled, 7 of which were maidens.

In a match between the Belvidere second eleven and the Bronze-wing (Parramatta) Cricket Club, played at the University Oval last November, the former scored 224 and disposed of their opponents for 7 runs.

SEVEN WICKETS IN TWO OVERS—In the match played between the Australian Eleven and Eighteen of Elland and District an English paper says:—"After thirty-five minutes' play, 8 wickets had fallen for 10. Soon after this Mr. Boyle did the "hat trick," taking 3 wickets in 3 balls. In his next over he did even a greater performance, taking 4 wickets in 4 balls. Thus in 8 balls he obtained 7 wickets." This feat (as it deserved to be) was "received with great cheering." No wonder the Elland Eighteen all retired for 29 runs.

BIG HITS.—A player in Hyde Park once hit a ball over the houses in Elizabeth-street into Castlereagh-street. Mr. G. H. Gordon hit a ball in the Domain to the fountain opposite the garden gates; 8 were run out for it. Messrs. T. Docker, G. Morgan, and G. H. Gordon have each sent the ball outside the Albert

Ground. Mr. Docker's was a front hit from the northern wicket; the others were leg hits. Mr. T. Docker made 5 fourers off an over of 6 balls, bowled by G. Abbott on the Albert Ground, but the wickets were nearer the fence than usual. Nat. Thompson hit a ball in the Domain, which struck the Infirmary wall and bounced back across the road.

MR. G. H. Gordon threw a ball 122 yards on the Albert Ground, which is the best known in New South Wales. The nearest approach was Spofforth, who has thrown a ball 120 yards.

A CENTURY in a single innings has only been reached twice in the Intercolonial matches. R. W. Wardill scored 110 first innings at Melbourne in 1867, and Lieutenant Gordon 121 second innings at Melbourne in 1870. In the memorable match between Eleven Australians and Lillywhite's Eleven, C. Bannerman scored 165 not out, retiring hurt.

THE largest score ever recorded took place in a match played on Moore Park in the season 1874-5 between the Ulster and Macquarie Clubs. The former club went in first, and retained possession of the creases for four consecutive Saturdays, scoring (including 100 sundries) 1238 for 9 wickets. The Macquarie thought it was time to abandon the game. Many doubt this match ever being played, but on reliable authority we are assured of its being a fact. The following is the full score:—

ULSTER.

J. Flynn, b Webster	..	..	..	249
H. Brown, b Webster	..	..	..	147
T. Flynn, c McMahan, b May	..	..	..	94
G. Mullens, b Thomas	..	..	..	247
B. O. Brown, b May	..	..	..	25
J. Williams, run out	..	..	..	0
T. Williams, b May	..	..	..	1
T. Leahy, b McMahan	..	..	..	3
J. White, run out	..	..	..	178
M. Brereton, not out	..	..	..	186
R. Gibson, not out	..	..	..	8
Byes, &c.	..	..	..	100
Total	..	..	..	1238

THE LARGEST SCORE OF THE SEASON IN GREAT BRITAIN.—In a match played at Edinburgh, on 28th and 29th June, 1878, between Edinburgh and Glasgow, the former scored 692 in their first innings. Mr. J. M. Cotterill was top scorer with 271, three others made between 70 and 80 each, and one retired for a duck-egg.

IN a match for the Warehousemen's Challenge Cup between Myers and Solomon and Prince, Ogg, and Co., played at Redfern in January, 1877, Mr. Henry Cooke, for the former named side, bowled 7 wickets for 10 runs, threw one out, and caught the other two, thereby immediately putting out all the opposing side himself.

IN the Intercolonial match played at Melbourne, December, 1877, Evans and Coates each bowled 104 balls, 12 maidens for 35 runs—the former obtained 3, the latter 6 wickets.

Principal Players of New South Wales.

Bannerman, Charles, Warwick Cricket Club—The best batsman in Australia, hits brilliantly all round, a fine and dashing field, does not bowl in big matches, but is useful as a club change bowler, one of the Australian Eleven, heads the batting average of the team, and has topped the century in a single innings; in the memorable match between the combined eleven of Victoria and New South Wales and Lillywhite's team, played at Melbourne, he scored 165 runs first innings and retired hurt (not out.)

Bannerman, Alexander, Warwick Cricket Club—A safe bat with a first-class defence, hits best to leg, excellent out field, bowls occasionally for his club with success, one of the Australian Eleven.

Burrows, H., Warwick Cricket Club—A steady bat and splendid out-field, bowls fairly for his club at times, played at Melbourne last December in the intercolonial match.

Cassidy, James, Bathurst Cricket Club—A fair bat, bowls medium pace, well on the wicket, an ardent supporter of the game in his district.

Coates, Joseph, University Cricket Club—Left-hand bowler with high delivery and moderate pace and generally effective, good field and fair bat (left hand), acted as captain in last and several former intercolonial matches.

Docker, A., Albert Cricket Club—Fast over-arm bowler with high delivery and often very successful, good and hard working field, enthusiastic in the game.

Dummett, William, Warwick Cricket Club—A good field, especially at point, fair bat, played in last intercolonial match and made the winning hit when there was only one wicket to fall.

Evans, Edwin, Warwick Cricket Club—Is considerably the best all-round player in the colonies and is unequalled as a bowler, having great command over the ball and good judgment, has been very successful in matches against Victoria, very good field and patient batsman, but does not hit enough when chances occur.

Faithful, H. M.—A bowler of more than average merit who makes all the use of his height, as a bat is remarkable for hard hitting; has appeared in some of the intercolonial matches, but has not kept to the game so much during the season.

Garrett, T., University Cricket Club—An excellent all-round player, one of the Australian Eleven, his bowling has been very successful in England.

Geary, Alfred, Carlton Cricket Club—A good bat, punishes loose bowling and hits freely, good field anywhere, bowls in club matches with success, high delivery with break, medium pace, played in last two intercolonial matches.

Gilbert, George, Albert Cricket Club—In his day the best batsman in Australia, hits hard, a first-class bat, a good slow bowler, cannot be surpassed in fielding, has done good service for his club and the colony, has not played for some seasons.

Gordon, G. H., Albert Cricket Club.—An old intercolonial man, now up country (see Warialda Cricket Club), has made some big scores. (See "Curiosities of Cricket.")

Gregory, Edward, Warwick Cricket Club—A fine bat, and very severe on inferior bowling, has done good service for his club and colony, fair change bowler, and cannot be put out of place in the field, played in almost all intercolonial matches.

Gregory, David, Albert Cricket Club—Captain of the Australian Eleven; fine bat with plenty of hitting power, and good field with lots of dash; English papers speak well of his judgment in placing the men in the field.

Hewitt, R., Warwick Cricket Club—First played in Sydney with Melbourne Cricket Club against Albert Cricket Club; made great score; magnificent field, very hard hitter and quick run-getter, bowls slows, and very effectively; did not play last season.

Iceton, Thomas, University Cricket Club—Comes off well in some matches as a bowler, round-arm with a break, good field and bats well, but is inclined to be nervous; strong on the off, played in last intercolonial match at Melbourne, is present holder of Professor Liversidge's cup.

Jones, S., Newtown Cricket Club—A very fine bat, hits very hard all round, a good over-arm bowler, medium pace and high delivery, did not play this season.

Lawrence, Charles, Newcastle Cricket Club—One of the first English team that visited Australia, an excellent bat in his time, a splendid point and first-class slow bowler.

Massie, H., Albert Cricket Club—Good batsman, though too much inclined to hit; often scores well, active field, played in last intercolonial match, one of the most promising batsmen in the colony.

Moore, George, Albion Cricket Club, Maitland; a medium-paced bowler, with puzzling delivery; fair bat; excellent field at short leg; has been of great service to the colony in Intercolonial Contests.

Morgan, G., Albert Cricket Club—A fine bat and hits brilliantly. is an excellent field, and has played in some of the intercolonial matches, averages over 16 for batting during the past season.

Murdock, W., Albert Cricket Club—The best wicket-keeper in the colony, which position he has held in all important matches during the last two seasons; a batsman beyond average merit and hits well to leg. One of the Australian Team.

Oatley, James, Warwick Cricket Club—A very fair bat with plenty of style and wrist play, but wants confidence; is a good long-stop and fair field, has played in intercolonial matches.

Park, A. L., a very good bat, straight, with fine style, excels at longstop, is a useful club bowler, winner of several trophies, an ardent supporter of the game; did not play this season, but will probably do so next.

Powell, Theodore, University Cricket Club—An excellent bat with a good but not an attractive style of defence, hard-working field, moderate bowler, played in last two intercolonial matches.

Scanlan, E., Newtown Cricket Club—Played in last intercolonial match in Melbourne; a fair all-round cricketer, and cannot be misplaced in the field.

Seale, Joseph, Warwick Cricket Club—A very promising bat and at times brilliant, a fair field, played in last intercolonial match and made 19 at a most critical state of the game.

Sheridan E., East Sydney Cricket Club—An excellent bat with a stubborn defence and fine forward hitter, fair change bowler and good field at long leg; first played in an intercolonial match at Melbourne in 1867, and ever since with two exceptions; his fine stand in the last match will be long remembered; on the whole is a most useful man in a team.

Spofforth, F. R., Albert Cricket Club—Perhaps the fastest bowler in the world, and the terror of any batsman opposed to him, his performances against the best players in England speak for themselves and have earned him the title of "the demon bowler;" very expensive when not on the spot, is a good bat and has made some large scores in big matches, a capital field and sure catch, one of the Australian Eleven.

Tindall, E., Newtown Cricket Club—A bowler of the first rank, high delivery and medium pace and possessed of good judgment, as a bat always plays the game, moderate field, played in the last intercolonial match and was very successful both in batting and bowling.

Thompson, Nat., Albert Cricket Club—Has played in 19 intercolonial matches, commencing in 1858; did not play in 1873, has besides taken part in all big matches during the last 20 years, the veteran of the players and esteemed by the public and all who know him; is still a very fine all-round player, stylish and effective bat; good bowler, very straight; can keep wicket or go anywhere in the field, and is a fine judge of the game, the most useful man in the colony.

Tooher, John, Albert Cricket Club—Very good field, sure catch, has improved very much in batting, cuts very cleanly, bowls slows, has played in intercolonial matches.

Tracy, W., Newcastle Cricket Club—Is well known as a good bowler, of great service to his club and district, a tolerably good field and batsman.

Williams, Owen, C., Albion (Maitland) Cricket Club—A good and stylish batsman with fine defence, averages 16 for the season, fields well, especially at point, played for Victoria in some of the intercolonial matches.

Australian Eleven.

Table of Matches played by the Australian Eleven in Australia.

Total matches played—21 ; won* 16, lost 1, tie 1, drawn 3.

November, 1877.—v. 18 of Brisbane, at Brisbane : won by 1 innings and 23 runs—Australian Eleven, 149 ; Brisbane, first innings, 58 ; second innings, 68.

November, 1877.—v. 22 of Darling Downs, at Toowoomba : won by 181 runs. Australian Eleven, first innings, 140 ; second innings, 169 ; Darling Downs, first innings, 51 ; second innings, 67.

November, 1877.—v. 15 of New South Wales, at Sydney : won by 4 runs and 4 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 150 ; second innings, 6 wickets for 142 ; New South Wales, first innings, 168 ; second innings, 120.

November, 1877.—v. 22 of Northern Districts, at West Maitland : won by 77 runs. Australian Eleven, first innings, 96 ; second innings, 137 ; Northern Districts, first innings, 66 ; second innings, 90.

November, 1877.—v. 22 of Newcastle, at Newcastle : won by 50 runs in first innings, being a one day's match. Australian Eleven, 109 ; Newcastle first, innings, 59 ; second innings, 73.

December, 1877.—v. 18 of South Australia, at Adelaide : won by 1 run and 9 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 154 ; second innings, 1 wicket for 82 ; South Australia, first innings, 94 ; second innings, 141.

December, 1877.—v. 22 of Sandhurst, at Sandhurst : won by 1 innings.

December, 1877.—v. 22 of Sandhurst. at Sandhurst : drawn.

December, 1877.—v. 15 of New South Wales and Victoria. at Melbourne : tie. Australian Eleven, first innings, 123 ; second innings, 112 ; Combined Team, first innings, 138 ; second innings, 97.

January, 1878.—v. 22 of Invercargill, at Invercargill : won by 1 innings and 139 runs. Australian Eleven, 267 ; Invercargill, first innings, 89 ; second innings, 39.

January, 1878.—v. 22 of Dunedin, at Dunedin : drawn. Australian Eleven, first innings, 92 ; Dunedin, first innings, 124 ; second innings, 93.

January, 1878.—v. 22 of Oamaru, at Oamaru : won by 43 runs.

* When "lost" or "won" is mentioned it alludes to the Australian Team.

January, 1878.—v. 15 of Canterbury, at Christchurch : lost by 6 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 46 ; second innings, 143 ; Canterbury, first innings, 135 ; second innings, 57 for 8 wickets.

January, 1878.—v. 22 of Wellington, at Wellington : won by 1 run and 9 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 166 ; second innings, 1 wicket for 10 runs ; Wellington, first innings, 91 ; second innings, 84.

February, 1878.—v. 22 of Hawke's Bay, at Hastings, near Napier : won by 1 innings and 34 runs. Australian Eleven, first innings, 151 ; Hawke's Bay, first innings, 49 ; second innings, 68.

February, 1878.—v. 22 of Auckland, at Auckland : won by 1 innings and 26 runs. Australian Eleven, first innings, 173 ; Auckland, first innings, 85 ; second innings, 62.

February, 1878.—v. 15 of New South Wales and Victoria, at Sydney : won by 3 runs and 4 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 125 ; second innings, 6 wickets for 106 ; Combined Team, first innings, 78 ; second innings, 150.

March, 1878.—v. 22 of Geelong, at Geelong : won by 86 runs on first innings, being a 1 day's match. Australian Eleven, 182 ; Geelong, 96.

March, 1878.—v. 22 of Ballarat, at Ballarat : drawn. Australian Eleven, first innings, 85 ; second innings, 8 wickets for 25 ; Ballarat, first innings, 134 ; second innings, 155.

March, 1878.—v. 22 of Ovens and District, at Beechworth : won by 1 run and 10 wickets. Australian Eleven, first innings, 186 ; second innings, 1 run without loss of wicket ; Ovens and District, first innings, 102 ; second innings, 84.

March, 1878.—v. 18 of Victoria, at Melbourne : won by 154 runs. Australian Eleven, first innings, 153 ; second innings, 240 ; Victoria, first innings, 123 ; second innings, 116.

AUSTRALIANS V. 18 OF BRISBANE.

Played at Brisbane, November, 1877.

The first match played by the team. C. Bannerman played a fine innings for 74 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN—First Innings.

Bannerman, c Bryant, b Petrie...	...	...	...	74
Horan, run out ...	...	...	...	11
Spofforth, c Bertenshaw, b Slade	...	...	...	12
Bailey, c Geddes, b Slade	...	...	...	15
Boyle, run out ...	...	...	...	12
Blackham, b Slade	...	...	...	5
Gregory, c. Shepherd, b Petrie...	...	...	...	6
Murdock, l b w, b Slade	...	...	...	2
Kendall, c Bryant, b Petrie	...	...	...	3
Garrett, b Slade	...	...	...	0
Allan. not out ...	...	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	149

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	152	16	26	10
Kendall	148	39	17	6

Second Innings.

Allan	28	2	6	1
Kendall	90	35	8	13
Boyle	32	18	1	1
Spofforth	32	13	3	2

The 18 scored 58 and 68, the Eleven winning in 1 innings by 23 runs.

AUSTRALIANS V. 22 OF DARLING DOWNS.

Played at Toowoomba, November, 1877.

The local team scored 51 and 67 and the Eleven 140 and 169 ; the scores of the latter are—

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Horan	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	2
Allan	...	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	15
Spofforth	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	0
Bannerman	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	37
Blackham	..	..	..	0	..	..	..	..	28
Bailey	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1
Boyle	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Gregory	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	58
Kendall	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	9
Garrett	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Murdock	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	..	2
Sundries	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
				140					169

The Eleven won by 181 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN V. 15 OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Played at Sydney, November, 1877.

A well-played match, the 15 being as good a team as the colony could find. We give all the scores in full, which speak for themselves.

Bannerman and Horan batted well for the eleven, Tindall's bowling average for the 15 is very good.

NEW SOUTH WALES FIFTEEN.

First Innings.			Second Innings.		
E. Gregory, c and b Kendall	15		c Blackham, b Spofforth	14	
Sheridan, c A. Bannerman, b Kendall	20		run out	16	
Humphreys, run out	5		b Spofforth	3	
Geary, c Bailey, b Spofforth	29		c Bailey, b Spofforth	3	
Evans, c Murdock, b Spofforth	14		b Spofforth	3	
Rush, run out	1		b Spofforth	3	
Powell, b Spofforth	17		l b w, b Spofforth	3	
Tindall, b Horan	4		c Murdock, b Spofforth	1	
Dummett, b Spofforth	18		b Kendall	14	
Pocock, c Kendall, b Spofforth	14		b Spofforth	0	
Burrows, c Boyle, b Spofforth	7		not out	15	
A. Docker, run out	4		c Bailey, b Spofforth	6	
Webster, c D. Gregory, b Spofforth	11		b Spofforth	24	
Hannigan, c Bailey, b Boyle	4		c Murdock, b Spofforth	8	
Brown, not out	0		b. Spofforth	0	
Sundries	5		Sundries	7	
Total	168		Total	120	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	68	20	7	0
Kendall	155	64	12	2
Spofforth	168	60	18	7
Horan	36	14	4	1
Boyle	30	5	4	1

Second Innings.

Spofforth	178	48	27	12
Boyle	36	13	6	0
Kendall	52	17	6	1
Allan	84	35	4	0

AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, b Tindall	..	24	c Burrows, b Evans	..	83		
A. Bannerman, run out	..	9	run out	..	5		
Murdock, c Sheridan, b Tindall	..	0	c Sheridan, b Geary	..	5		
Horan, b Tindall	..	37	b Tindall	..	18		
D. Gregory, c Brown, b Geary	16		not out	..	0		
Blackham, c Browns b Tindall	11						
Bailey, b A. Docker	..	3					
Boyle, not out	..	14	c Webster, b Docker	..	20		
Spofforth, c Geary, b Brown	16		c Burrows, b Docker	..	0		
Kendall, c Tindall, b Brown	6						
Allan, lbw, b Tindall	..	7	not out	..	6		
Sundries	..	7	Sundries	..	5		
Total	..	150	Six wickets for	142			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Geary	100	34	10	1
Evans	56	12	5	0
Docker	174	24	21	1
Tindall	162	31	22	5
Brown	74	22	8	2
Rush	36	9	3	0
Humphreys	20	11	2	0

Second Innings.

Tindall	105	24	14	1
Evans	158	58	18	1
Geary	40	25	2	1
Docker (4 no balls)	32	15	4	2
Brown	24	15	1	0

The eleven won by 4 wickets and 4 runs.

AUSTRALIANS V. 22 OF NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

Played on the Albion Ground, West Maitland, November, 1877.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, b G. Moore	0		c Onus, b Hammond	..	4		
A. Bannerman, c and b Fawcett	..	7	c Williams, b Langley	..	30		

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Murdock, lbw, b Fawcett ..	5	b Fawcett..	..	..	4		
Horan, b Johnston ..	11	c Smith, b Hammond ..	..	..	1		
Boyle, b Fawcett ...	..	14	c Smith, b Langley	..	0		
Gregory, b Wyndham ..	22	c Onus, b Langley	..	..	2		
Spofforth, c Laurie, b Fawcett	5	run out ..	..	..	4		
Blackham, c Onus, b Fawcett	0	not out ..	..	..	7		
Garrett, st Onus, b M'Alpine	13	b Langley	..	..	13		
Kendall, c Webb, b Fawcett	8	run out ..	..	..	12		
Bailey, not out ..	..	5	c Onus, b Johnston	..	47		
Sundries ..	..	6	Sundries	..	13		
Total ..	..	96	Total ..	..	137		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	90	26	5	12
Kendall	90	30	3	8

Second Innings.

Spofforth	114	34	7	14
Kendall	70	43	1	5
Garrett	42	8	2	2

Northern District 22—first innings, 66 ; second innings, 90.
 Australians won by 77 runs.

AUSTRALIANS V. 22 OF NEWCASTLE.

Played at Newcastle, November, 1877.

This was a one day's match. The Newcastle team, who went in first, scored 59 and 73, and the eleven in their only innings 109, thereby winning by 50 runs on the first innings.

Scores of Australian team, as under :—

C. Bannerman, b. Gilbert	..	..	..	..	32
A. Bannerman, b Tracey	..	..	..	..	12
Bailey, c Keough, b Gilbert	..	..	..	..	1
Horan, c and b Tracey ..	..	..	..	..	1
Gregory, c Hogue, b Tracey	..	..	..	..	17
Boyle, c and b Gilbert ..	..	..	..	..	1
Garrett, b Gilbert	..	..	..	..	20
Murdock, c Sherwood, b Elliott	..	..	..	..	1
Spofforth, c Lawrence, b Tracey	..	..	..	..	14
Blackham, not out	..	..	..	..	4
Kendall, c Hall, b Gilbert	..	..	..	..	3
Sundries ..	..	..	..	..	3

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	106	34	6	13
Kendall	102	21	5	7

Second Innings.

Spofforth	114	31	6	11
Kendall	60	25	1	2
Boyle	51	14	3	7

AUSTRALIANS V. 18 OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Played at Adelaide, December, 1877.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c Jarvis, b Bevan 11	c H. A. Gooden, b Bevan	12
A. Bannerman, c Gibbs, b Phillips 25	not out	44
Horan, c J. E. Gooden, b Giffen 34	not out	26
Spofforth, b Giffen 11		
Bailey, c Bullough, b Giffen		9
Murdock, c J. E. Gooden, b Phillips 4		
Gregory, c Bullough, b H. Gooden 23		
Boyle, c J. Gooden, b Phillips 4		
Blackham, lbw, b H. A. Gooden		19
Garrett, c Pettinger, b H. A. Gooden 6		
Kendall, not out 4		
Byes 4		

Total 154 Total (for one wicket) 82

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	147	38	16	8
Kendall	36	17	2	0
Boyle	108	28	14	7

Second Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	Maiden overs.	Wickets
Spofforth	196	87	16	9
Boyle	92	27	10	2
Horan	16	2	3	0
Kendall	8	6	0	0
Garrett	42	9	6	3
Bailey	28	5	4	1

South Australia 18—First Innings, 94; second innings, 141; total, 235.

The Australian Eleven won with 9 wickets to fall.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF SANDHURST.
(TWO MATCHES.)

Played at Sandhurst, December, 1877.

The scores are comparatively unimportant. Suffice it to say that two matches were played, and that in the first the Eleven won in one innings, and the second match was drawn.

AUSTRALIANS v. COMBINED FIFTEEN OF NEW
SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA.

Played at Melbourne, December, 1877.

A match of an exciting nature and well contested. Considering the character of the combined team, it proved the good form of the eleven. Space will not allow too long a report of these recent matches, but the scores are sufficient.

COMBINED FIFTEEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Thompson, b. Spofforth ..	14	s. Murdock, b. Kendall..	0
Gibson, c Boyle, b Spofforth ..	0	b Boyle	16
Cooper, c Garrett b Kendall..	23	b Boyle.. ..	6
E. Gregory, b Boyle	0	b Kendall	41
Sheridan, b Boyle	38	c Bailey, b Boyle	0
Evans, b Kendall	0	b Boyle	7
Baker, hit wicket, b Boyle ..	6	b Boyle	0
Gaggin, b Kendall.. ..	3	st Murdock, b Boyle ..	0
Powell, b Spofforth	18	b Boyle.. ..	0
Geary, 1b w, b Spofforth	0	b Boyle	7
Elliott, b Kendall	13	b Kendall	0
Allee, hit ball twice	0	c Bailey, b Boyle ..	0
Hodges, b Spofforth	3	b Boyle	0
Coates, st Murdock, b Kendall	1	not out	7
Scanlan, not out	0	run out	8
Sundries	9	Sundries	5
Total	138	Total	97

AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c Allee, b Coates	9	b Evans	19
Horan, b Evans	13	run out	19
A. Bannerman, b Hodges	4	c Sheridan, b Evans	10
Boyle, c Gaggin, b Evans	2	b Evans	1
Spofforth, b Evans	25	b Hodges	5
Kendall, c Baker, b Evans	0	b Evans	0
Murdock, b Geary	30	run out	24
Gregory, 1 b w, b Evans	18	run out	13
Garrett, b Evans	7	run out	0
Bailey, b Evans	11	not out	0
Blackham, not out	10	1 b w, b Hodges	16
Sundries	4	Sundries	5
Total	123	Total	112

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Australian Eleven.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Kendall	133	43	15	3
Boyle	96	29	12	10
Spofforth	40	18	2	0

Combined Fifteen.

Evans	171	42	29	4
Coates	28	15	2	0
Allee	16	9	1	0
Baker	24	12	1	0
Hodges	81	19	12	2
Geary	12	9	0	0

The match resulted in tie, amid much excitement.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF INVERCARGILL, NEW ZEALAND.

Played at Invercargill, January, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings.

A Bannerman, b Morrison	13
C. Bannerman, not out	125
Horan, c Ross, b Buchanan	53
Garrett, run out	4
Murdock, c Galbraith, b Morrison	10
Blackham, c Galbraith, b Morrison	6

Spofforth, b Morrison	0
Gregory, c Galbraith, b Reade	2
Boyle, c Kingswell, b Morrison	3
Bailey, c Nash, b Morrison	22
Kendall, b Buchanan	6
Sundries	23
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Total	267

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Kendall	16	6	1	0
Spofforth	88	25	9	14
Boyle	72	44	3	5
Garrett	2	0	0	1

Second Innings.

Garrett	44	6	8	5
Bailey	40	8	4	5
Blackham	44	10	5	6
Murdock	40	11	7	2

The Invercargill twenty-two scored 89 and 39. Australians won in one innings by 139 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.

Played at Dunedin, January, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings.

A. Bannerman, l b w, b Austin	13
C. Bannerman, c Dixon, b Millington	2
Horan, c Fawcett, b Glen	24
Spofforth, st Spring, b Millington	13
Murdock, c Cargill, b Millington	7
Gregory, not out	19
Blackham, c Cargill, b Millington	5
Garrett, c Haskell, b Millington	2
Boyle, b Moore	1
Bailey, c Spring, b Glen	6
Kendall, b Glen	0
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Total	92

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M O.	Wickets.
Kendall	28	11	2	1
Spofforth	92	28	10	7
Royle	99	43	8	4
Garrett	116	25	15	7

Second Innings.

Spofforth	136	32	14	4
Garrett	172	53	10	13
Boyle	36	15	3	2

Dunedin twenty-two scored 124 and 93. Match drawn.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF OAMARU.

Played January, 1878.

Our New Zealand correspondent has omitted to send the details. The Australian Eleven won by 43 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. FIFTEEN OF CANTERBURY.

Played at Christ Church, New Zealand, January, 1878.

The only defeat suffered by the Eleven in Australia. The Canterbury players are a tough dose, and played with success against Lillywhite's English team.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

A. Bannerman, c J. Fowler, b Ashby	14	b Fuller	11
C. Bannerman, b C. Frith	5	c E. Fowler, b Fuller	25
Horan, c Ollivier, b C. Frith	2	not out	58
Spofforth, run out	3	b Lee	10
Murdock, c Lee, b Ashby	1	b Fuller	21
Gregory, run out	9	c Moore, b C. Frith	4
Blackham, c J. Fowler, b W. Frith	3	l b w, b Fuller	2
Garrett, c Leach, b W. Frith	1	c C. Frith, b Fuller	0
Boyle, not out	1	c Ashby, b Fuller ..	0
Bailey, c E. Fowler, b C. Frith	4	c Moore, b Fuller ..	7
Kendall, c E. Fowler, b W. Frith	0	b Fuller	0
Sundries	3	Sundries	5
Total	46	Total	143

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Kendall	48	12	12	3
Spofforth	141	77	13	9
Garrett	56	21	5	0
Boyle	48	20	3	2

Second Innings.

Spofforth	76	29	6	4
Gregory	28	6	3	1
Kendall	36	12	5	0
Garrett	8	7	0	2

Canterbury Fifteen—first innings, 135 ; second (with 8 wickets down), 57 ; total, 192. Canterbury, won by 6 wickets.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF WELLINGTON.

Played at Wellington, New Zealand, January, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
A. Bannerman, 1 b w, b	
Armitage 10	not out 2
C. Bannerman, c Lockett, b	
J. A. Salmon 19	c Wyatt, b L. J. Salmon .. 3
Horan, c W. J. Salmon, b	
Lockett 28	
Garrett, c W. J. Salmon, b	
J. A. Salmon 7	
Spofforth, c Lambert, b	
Lockett 6	not out 5
Murdock, c Lynch, b S. J.	
Cricket 38	
Salmon 13	
Gregory, b Fordham .. 31	
Blackham, b J. A. Salmon 0	
Bailey, not out 33	
Kendall, c W. J. Salmon, b	
b Fordham 2	
Gibbes, c Lockett, b Smith 0	
Sundries 17	
Total 166	One wicket for .. 10

BOWLING ANALYSIS

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	136	40	20	14
Kendall	124	36	18	4
Garrett	16	4	2	2

Second Innings.

Murdock	128	33	18	10
Blackham	128	34	15	8
Spofforth	4	1	0	1
Garrett	8	3	1	0

The Twenty-two scored 91 and 84, losing by 9 wickets.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF HAWKE'S BAY.

Played at Hastings, near Napier, New Zealand,
February, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings.

A. Bannerman, c Cotterill, b Liddle	...	...	...	5
C. Bannerman, b Liddle	...	...	...	25
Horan, b Liddle	...	...	...	2
Bailey, b Newton	...	...	...	0
Spofforth, b Moon	...	...	...	15
Murdock, b Liddle	...	...	...	1
Gregory, b Moon	...	...	...	1
Blackham, b Moon	...	...	...	16
Garrett, c and b Rees	...	...	...	52
Boyle, not out	...	...	...	22
Kendall, c Humphreys, b Little	...	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	151

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	92	32	8	11
Kendall	92	14	14	10

Second Innings.

Spofforth	140	36	16	11
Kendall	64	17	8	5
Garrett	76	9	12	4

The Twenty-two scored 49 and 68, the Eleven winning in one inning by 34 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF AUCKLAND.

Played at Auckland, New Zealand, February, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.—First Innings.

A. Bannerman, c and b Lynch	...	...	1
C. Bannerman, c Nolan, b Lynch	...	...	36
T. Horan, c Wood, b Lynch	...	...	12
Spofforth, b Lynch	...	...	1
Boyle, c Yates, b Nolan	...	...	22
Murdock, c Buckland, b Lynch	...	...	4
Gregory, b Robinson	...	...	14
Garrett, c Nolan, b Robinson	...	...	17
Blackham, run out	...	...	10
Bailey, not out	...	...	44
Kendall, c Lawry, b Buckland	...	...	3
Sundries	...	...	9
Total	...	...	173

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	149	42	13	13
Kendall	112	22	16	5
Garrett	40	9	6	1

Second Innings.

Spofforth	124	26	17	9
Kendall	20	6	1	0
Boyle	24	12	1	1
Garrett	84	11	13	11

The Auckland Twenty-two scored 85 and 62. The Australians won in one innings by 26 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. COMBINED FIFTEEN OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA.

Played at Sydney, February, 1878.

Owing to some misunderstanding, which is not our duty to revive now, the Fifteen were not so strong as they might have been.

COMBINED TEAM.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Thompson, c Garrett, b Allan	3	b Spofforth	0
Sheridan, run out	2	b Spofforth	8
Tennant, b Spofforth	2	c Blackham, b Spofforth	1

First Innings.

Second Innings.

E. Gregory, c Murdock, b Allan	3	c Murdock, b Boyle	30
Evans, c D. Gregory, b Allan	0	run out	23
Massie, b Spofforth	5	c Blackham, b Spofforth	5
Baker, c and b Allan	14	b Allan	6
Powell, b Allan	11	c D. Gregory, b Allan	37
Woolf, b Allan	10	c Horan, b Allan	0
Geary, l b w, b Spofforth	3	c Murdock, b Garrett	5
Tindall, c Spofforth, b Allan	13	b Allan	14
Scott, run out	8	c Murdock, b Spofforth	7
Allee, c Boyle, b Allan	3	c Blackham, b Spofforth	8
Scanlon, st Blackham, b Allan	0	not out	0
M'Donnell, not out	0	b Allan	0
Bye	1	Byes, 4; leg-byes, 2	6
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Total	78	Total	150
		First innings	78
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		Grand total... ..	228

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	156	46	20	3
Allan	172	26	27	9
Garrett	16	5	1	0

Second Innings.

Allan	161	58	16	6
Spofforth	192	50	30	6
Boyle	52	17	6	1
Garrett	28	18	1	1
Horan	8	1	1	0

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c off Tindall	7	c Evans, b Tindall	15
A. Bannerman, run out ..	45	run out	4
Horan, c off Evans	4	b Evans	31
Spofforth, c off Evans ..	38	c and b Evans	2
Boyle, c and b Evans	0		
Bailey, c M'Donnell, b Evans	24	h w, b Evans	9
Murdock, c off Tindall ..	1	not out	3
Garrett, c off Tindall ..	3	not out	36
Blackham, c off Tindall ..	0		
D. Gregory, not out	1	b Evans	
Allan, b Tindall	0		
Leg-byes	2	No ball	1
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Total	125	Total for six wickets	106

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Evans	180	51	23	4
Tindall	154	35	21	5
Allee	24	16	1	0
Scott	48	21	5	0

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF GEELONG.

Played at Geelong, March, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

C. Bannerman, c Gallan, b Gardiner	...		7
A. Bannerman, b Thomas	...	...	21
Horan, not out	...	...	83
Spofforth, c Douglas, b Thomas	...	...	0
Bailey, c Hall, b Gleddin	...	...	2
Gregory, b Thomas	...	...	0
Murdock, l b w, b Thomas	...	...	0
Boyle, c Brearley, b Gled in	...	...	20
Garrett, c and b Winnicott	...	...	23
Allan, not out	...	...	19
Sundries	...	...	7
Total for 8 wickets			182

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	66	13	6	0
Spofforth	137	47	6	17
Boyle	25	11	0	0
Garrett	48	10	3	3

The Geelong team scored 96 in their first innings. Being a one day's match, was won by the Australian Eleven by 86 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF BALLARAT.

Played at Ballarat, March, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.		
A. Bannerman, c off Morey	10	b Figgis	..	..
C. Bannerman, run out	..	b Morey	..	..

First Innings.

Horan, c Cooper, b E. Figgis	10
Allan, b Morey	0
Spofforth, c off E. Figgis	11
Boyle, b E. Figgis	4
Garrett, c off E. Figgis ..	0
Murdock, not out	22
Blackham, c off E. Figgis	15
Bailey, b E. Figgis	1
Gregory, b E. Figgis	2
Sundries	0

Second Innings.

c Bright, b Figgis	7
not out	0
run out	9
b Figgis	0
not out	1
b Morey	2
l b w, b Figgis	6
c Antcliffe, b Figgis	0
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Total	85
Total for 8 wickets	30

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	91	32	2	3
Spofforth	102	37	4	10
Boyle	90	30	6	3
Garrett	103	28	4	4

Second Innings.

Spofforth	114	54	2	5
Allan	96	36	2	2
Garrett	65	16	6	2
Boyle	42	19	2	2
Bailey	102	24	8	8

Ballarat Twenty-two—first innings, 134; second, 155; total, 289. This match was drawn, but decidedly against the Eleven.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF OVENS DISTRICT.

Played at Beechworth, March, 1878.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

C. Bannerman, c off Miller	57
A. Bannerman, c off Lineker	22
Horan, c off Goldsworthy	26
Spofforth, c off Kineker ...	32
Murdock, l b w Goldsworthy	2
Garrett, b Lineker	7
Bailey, run out	5
Blackham, l b w, b Goldsworthy	3
Boyle, b Lineker	17
Allan, not out	6
Kendall, b Lineker	0
Sundries	9

Second Innings.

not out	1
not out	0
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Total	186
Total, no wicket down	1

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	161	50	11	14
Boyle	78	39	1	1
Garrett	54	5	4	4
Allan	24	1	3	1

Second Innings.

Kendall	120	40	6	6
Garett	152	15	13	13
Boyle	36	18	0	2

The Twenty-two scored 102 and 84, the Eleven winning by 10 wickets.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF VICTORIA.

Played at Melbourne, March, 1878.

A crushing defeat for the Victorian eighteen, considering they only had four of their men in the team. This was the last match played by the eleven in Australia.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEE.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Horan, 1 b w, b Hodges ..	7	c Bevan, b Major ..	..	44
A. Bannerman, run out ..	7	b Allee .. ..	..	17
C. Bannerman, b James ..	1	c Allee, b Scott ..	..	33
Murdock, c Tennent, b James	0	c Slight, b Bevan ..	..	32
Garrett, b James	6	st Elliott, b Bevan..	..	4
Spofforth, b James.. ..	30	b Allee .. ..	..	0
Blackham, c J. Slight, b James	0	c and b Allee .. ..	..	21
Bailey, b James	0	c Major, b Baker ..	..	18
Boyle, run out	21	c Baker, b Terry ..	..	10
Allan, c Allee, b James ..	19	c Elliott, b Hodges ..	..	3
Gregory, not out	58	not out .. ..	..	56
Sundries	4	Sundries .. ..	..	2
Total	153	Total .. ..	..	240

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Hodges	84	36	6	1
Bevan	96	32	10	0
James	147	33	15	7
Major	44	8	5	0
Allee	32	14	1	0
Terry	12	0	13	0
Baker	24	6	3	0
Scott	12	4	1	

Second Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
James	136	50	13	0
Bevan	128	32	19	2
Major	120	33	16	1
Hodges	100	27	13	1
Allee	120	56	8	3
Scott	72	13	10	1
Baker	56	14	9	1
Terry	20	10	1	1

VICTORIAN EIGHTEEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Swift, c Gregory, b Allan..	0	1 b w, b Allan	..	..	0
Hastings, b Spofforth ..	4	b Allan	..	..	3
Baker, b Allan ..	0	1 b w, b Allan	..	..	0
Groube, b Spofforth ..	2	c Gregory, b Allan..	..	..	13
Elliott, b Allan ..	4	b Boyle	..	..	16
Woolf, b Doyle ..	7	c A. Bannerman, b Allan	..	..	5
Terry, c A. Bannerman, b Boyle ..	1	b Allan	..	..	1
W. Slight, c Allan, b Boyle	0	b Spofforth	..	..	0
Fennent, b Allan ..	21	b Allan	..	..	0
J. Slight, b Allan ..	9	b Allan	..	..	2
Hodges, c Horan, b Boyle..	10	b Allan	..	..	4
Scott, c A. Bannerman, b Boyle ..	2	b Allan	..	..	1
Allee, run out ..	19	not out	..	..	33
English, run out ..	11	b Allan	..	..	15
Major, b Allan ..	4	c Gregory, b Boyle	..	..	0
James, c A. Bannerman, b Boyle ..	4	b Spofforth ..	..	..	0
Healey, b Allan ..	5	1 b w, b Spofforth	..	..	13
Bevan, not out ..	0	c Spofforth ..	..	..	0
Sundries ..	19	Sundries	..	..	9
Total ..	122	Total ..	115		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	68	10	11	13
Allan	189	68	24	8
Boyle	124	26	16	5

Second Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	66	23	14	4
Allan	140	57	18	11
Boyle	76	26	9	2

Australians won by 154 runs.

The following are the averages of the Australian Eleven in the colonial matches. In judging the bowling, the average must be greatly qualified by the number of wickets taken.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	Times not out	Most in Innings.	Most in a Match.	Total Runs.	Average.
C. Bannerman	31	1	125*	125	748	24.28
T. Horan	30	3	83*	83	644	23.23
D. Gregory	27	5	58*	114	459	20.19
A. Bannerman	28	2	45	69	372	14
T. Garrett	27	2	73	73	350	14
W. Murdock	29	3	93	93	326	12.14
G. H. Bailey	29	4	47	52	304	12.4
F. Allan	14	6	19*	32	95	11.7
F. Spofforth	29	1	38	40	271	9.19
J. Blackham	26	3	28	28	222	9.15
H. F. Boyle	27	4	22	22*	210	9.33
T. Kendall	20	3	12	20	67	3.16

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Innings.	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	Average.
G. H. Bailey	5	312	75	30	28	2.19
W. Murdock	2	168	44	24	12	3.8
J. Blackham	3	264	83	23	23	3.14
T. Garrett	24	1472	337	169	103	3.28
F. Spofforth†	33	3845	1226	368	281	4.102
D. Gregory	1	28	6	3	1	6.
H. F. Boyle	24	1502	501	137	83	6.3
F. Allan	14	1488	421	162	68	6.13
T. Kendall	26	2103	638	223	102	6.26
A. Bannerman	1	86	27	10	2	13.1
T. Horan	3	60	17	8	1	17.

* Signifies not out.

† One wide.

Australian Eleven in England.

Table of Matches played by the Australian Eleven in England.

Total matches played, 41 ; won 19, lost 7, drawn 15.

May, 1878.—v. 11 of Nottingham, at Trentbridge Ground, Nottingham : *lost by 1 innings and 14 runs. Australians, first innings, 63 ; second innings, 76 ; Nottingham, first innings, 153.

May, 1878.—v. 11 of Marylebone Cricket Club, at Lords : won by 9 wickets. Australians, first innings, 41 ; second innings, 1 out for 12 ; Marylebone, first innings, 33 ; second innings, 19.

May, 1878.—v. 11 of Yorkshire, at Huddersfield : won by 6 wickets. Australians, first innings, 118 ; second innings, 4 out for 28 ; Yorkshire, first innings, 72 ; second innings, 73.

May, 1878.—v. 11 of Yorkshire, at Huddersfield : won by 6 wickets, being one day's match. Australians, first innings, 4 out for 62 ; Yorkshire, first innings, 61.

June, 1878.—v. 11 of Surrey, at Kennington Oval : won by 5 wickets. Australians, first innings, 110 ; second innings, 5 out for 78 ; Surrey, first innings, 107 ; second innings, 80.

June, 1878.—v. 18 of Elland, at Elland : won by 80 runs. Australians, first innings, 90 ; second innings, 85 ; Elland, first innings, 29 ; second innings, 66.

June, 1878.—v 18 of Batley, at Batley : drawn, owing to rain. Australians, only innings, 160 ; Batley, 10 wickets for 59.

June, 1878.—v. 18 of Longsight (Manchester), at Longsight : lost by 2 wickets. Australians, first innings, 67 ; second innings, 67 ; Longsight, first innings, 63 ; second innings, 15 out for 72.

June, 1878.—v. 11 Gentlemen of England, at Prince's Ground, London : lost by 1 run and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 75 ; second innings, 63 ; Gentlemen, first innings, 139.

June, 1878.—v. 11 of Middlesex, at Lords : won by 98 runs. Australians, first innings, 165 ; second innings, 240 ; Middlesex, first innings, 122 ; second innings, 185.

June, 1878.—v. 22 of Birmingham, at Birmingham : drawn, owing to rain. Australians, first innings, 105 ; second innings, 6 out for 116 ; Birmingham, first innings, 123.

June, 1878.—v. 18 of Hunslet, at Leeds : drawn. Australians, first innings, 205 ; second innings, 180 ; Hunslet, first innings, 228 ; second innings, 9 out for 28.

* When "lost" or "won" is mentioned, it alludes to the Australian team.

July, 1878.—v. 11 of Yorkshire, at Sheffield: lost by 9 wickets. Australians, first innings, 88; second innings, 104; Yorkshire, first innings, 166; second innings, 1 out for 26.

July, 1878.—v. 18 of Stockport and district, at Stockport: won by 149 runs. Australians, first innings, 163; second innings, 225; Stockport, first innings, 105; second innings, 134;

July, 1878.—v. 18 of Oldham and Werneths, at Werneth Ground, Coppise: drawn—Australians had 3 wickets to fall and wanted 19 runs. Australians, first innings, 125; second innings, 7 out for 112; Oldham and Werneths, first innings, 138; second innings, 117.

July, 1878.—11 of the Orleans Club, at Oval: drawn. Australians, first innings, 171; second innings, 173; Orleans, first innings, 132; second innings, 2 out for 137.

July, 1878.—v. 18 of South Wales, at Swansea: won by 31 runs and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 213; South Wales, first innings, 94; second innings, 88.

July, 1878.—v. 11 of Leicestershire, at Leicester: won by 8 wickets. Australians, first innings, 130; second innings, 2 out for 210; Leicester, first innings, 193; second innings, 145.

July, 1878.—v. 18 of Hull, at Hull: won by 10 wickets. Australians, first innings, 305; second innings, none out for 15; Hull, first innings, 250; second innings, 68.

July, 1878.—v. 11 of Cambridge University, at Lords: lost by 72 runs and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 111; second innings, 102; Cambridge, first innings, 285.

July, 1878.—v. 22 of Crewe, at Crewe: won by 100 runs. Australians, first innings, 130; second innings, 102; Crewe, first innings, 54; second innings, 78.

July, 1878.—v. 18 of Keighley, at Keighley: won by 7 wickets. Australians, first innings, 206; second innings, 3 out for 32; Keighley, first innings, 104; second innings, 133.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Rochdale, at Rochdale: drawn, owing to rain. Australians, first innings, 159; second innings, 72; Rochdale, first innings, 121; second innings, 6 out for 50.

August, 1878.—v. 22 of Buxton (Derbyshire), at Buxton: drawn, owing to rain. Australians, first innings, 97; second innings, 1 out for 17; Buxton, first innings, 77; second innings, 134.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Barnley (Lancashire), at Barnley: drawn—one day's match. Australians, first innings, 9 out for 47; Barnley, first innings, 102.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Stanley (Liverpool), at Stanley: won by 71 runs and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 233; Stanley, first innings, 71; second innings, 91.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Stanley, at Stanley: drawn—one day's match. Australians, first innings, 2 out for 26; Stanley, first innings, 193.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Dudley, at Dudley: drawn, owing to rain. Australians, first innings, 59; second innings, 230; Dudley, first innings, 33.

August, 1878.—v. 11 of Lancashire, at Manchester : drawn, owing to rain—Australians had 10 wickets to fall and wanted 53 runs to win. Australians, first innings, 140 ; second innings, no wicket down for 47 ; Lancashire, first innings, 97 ; second innings, 162.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Yeadon (Yorkshire), at Yeadon : lost by 24 runs. Australians, first innings, 54 ; second innings, 84 ; Yeadon, first innings, 91 ; second innings, 71.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Scarborough, at Scarborough : won by 46 runs and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 295 ; Scarborough, first innings, 124 ; second innings, 125.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Hastings, at Hastings : won by 27 runs and 1 innings. Australians, first innings, 260 ; Hastings, first innings, 151 ; second innings, 82.

August, 1878.—v. 11 of Sussex, at Brighton : won by 7 wickets. Australians, first innings, 75 ; second innings, 3 out for 52 ; Sussex, first innings, 47 ; second innings, 80.

August, 1878.—v. 18 of Sussex, at Brighton : drawn—one day's match. Australians, first innings, 3 out for 91 ; Sussex, first innings, 128.

September, 1878.—Players of England, at Oval : won by 8 runs. Australians, first innings, 78 ; second innings, 89 ; Players, first innings, 82 ; second innings, 76.

September, 1878.—11 of Gloucester, at Clifton : won by 10 wickets. Australians, first innings, 183 ; second innings, none out for 17 ; Gloucestershire, first innings, 112 ; second innings, 85.

September, 1878.—v. 11 of Gloucestershire, at Clifton : drawn, 1 day's match. Australians, first innings, 148 ; Gloucestershire, first innings, 155.

September, 1878.—v. 11 Gentlemen of England, Scarborough : drawn. Australians, first innings, 157 ; second innings, 249 for 8 wickets ; Gentlemen, first innings, 109.

September, 1878.—v. 11 Players of England, at Princes' Ground, London : drawn. Australians, first innings, 236 ; Players, first innings, 160.

September, 1878.—v. 22 West Scotland Club, at Glasgow : won by 1 innings and 84 runs. Australians, first innings, 268 ; West Scotland, first innings, 99 ; second innings, 85.

September, 1878.—v. 18 of Sunderland, at Sunderland : lost by 71 runs. Australians, first innings, 77 ; second innings, 68 ; Sunderland, first innings, 59 ; second innings, 147.

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF NOTTINGHAM.

Played at the Tentbridge Ground, Nottingham, May.

Australians, 63 and 76 ; Nottingham, only innings, 153. Nottingham won in one innings by 14 runs.

The county team was a strong one, comprising Daft, Oscroft, Selby, Shaw, and Morley—the two latter securing all the wickets with an excellent average. Subsequent events showed that the

colonials were not in sufficient form after their voyage to play such a strong county.

Horan secured 5 wickets for 30, and Midwinter, Garrett, and C. Bannerman contributed most to the batting. Boyle did not play.

We give the scores in full on both sides :—

NOTTINGHAM.

R. Daft, lbw, b Allan ... ..	...	...	...	...	3
W. Oscroft, c Horan, b Allan...	...	...	...	...	6
A. Shrewsbury, b Allan	...	...	...	...	8
J. Selby, c C. Bannerman, b Horan ...	...	...	...	...	66
R. Tolley, c Blackham, b Midwinter...	...	...	...	...	7
F. Wild, c Murdoch, b Horan	..	..	..	..	28
A. W. Cursham, c A. Bannerman, b Horan	..	..	..	..	7
W. Baines, not out	.	..	..	..	5
W. Flowers, b Horan	0
A. Shaw, b Spofforth	11
F. Morley, c Midwinter, b Horan	3
Sundries	9

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BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	164	42	23	3
Spofforth	112	39	12	1
Midwinter	72	17	9	1
Garrett	68	15	19	0
Horan	70	30	5	5

AUSTRALIA.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
A. Bannerman, b Morley ...	7	lbw, b Shaw ..	4
C. Bannerman, c Flowers, b Shaw	9	c Baines, b Morley ..	13
T. Horan, c and b Shaw ..	2	c Wild, b Morley ..	2
F. E. Spofforth, b Shaw ..	7	b Morley	2
W. Midwinter, c Tolley, b Morley	13	not out	16
D. Gregory, b Morley ..	0	b Morley	0
W. L. Murdoch, run out	0	b Shaw	0
T. Garrett, c Daft, b Shaw	20	c Oscroft, b Shaw ..	21
J. Blackham, b Morley ..	1	c Wild, b Shaw ..	1
G. H. Bailey, b Shaw ..	3	c Oscroft, b Shaw ..	0
F. Allan, not out	0	c Flowers, b Shaw ...	6
Sundries... ..	1	Sundries	11
Total	63	Total	76

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Shaw	147	20	25	5
Morley	144	42	17	4

Second Innings.

Shaw	232	40	42	7
Morley	228	37	23	4

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF THE MARYLEBONE
CRICKET CLUB AND GROUND.

The match against this famous club was played at Lord's Cricket Ground, London, in May. The Marylebone Cricket Club was a very strong one, but the Australians' bowling was excellent and the colonials won with 9 wickets to fall. Australians, 41 and 1 wicket down for 12; Marylebone, 33 and 19.

In their second innings the London men were all clean bowled, except Morley. Spofforth took 11 wickets for 20 runs, and Boyle 8 for 17 runs.

The sensational character of this match at once made the Australians famous and few of the great club of the world anticipated such a result.

Blackham did not play, and Murdock kept wicket.

MARYLEBONE.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

W. G. Grace, c Midwinter, b Allan	4	b Spofforth	0
A. N. Hornby, b Spofforth	19	b Boyle	1
C. Booth, b Boyle	0	b Boyle	0
A. W. Ridley, c A Banner- man, b Boyle	7	b Boyle	0
A. J. Webb, b Spofforth ...	1	b Spofforth	0
Wild, b Boyle	0	b Spofforth	5
Flowers, c and b Spofforth	0	b Boyle	11
G. G. Hearne, b Spofforth ...	0	b Spofforth	0
Shaw, st Murdock, b Spofforth	0	not out	2
G. F. Vernon, st Murdock, b Spofforth	0	b Spofforth	0
Morley, not out	1	c Horan, b Boyle	0
Leg-bye	1		
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 33	<hr/> Total	<hr/> 19

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Allan	36	13	4	1
Boyle	56	14	7	3
Spofforth	23	4	3	6

Second Innings.

Spofforth	36	16	2	5
Boyle	33	3	6	5

AUSTRALIA.

*First Innings.**Second Innings.*

C. Bannerman, c Hearne, b Morley 0	b Shaw 1
W. Midwinter, c Wild, b Shaw 10	not out 4
T. Horan, c W. G. Grace, b Morley 4	not out 7
A. Bannerman, b Booth, b Morley 0	
T. W. Garrett, c Ridley, b Morley 6	
F. E. Spofforth, b Shaw ... 1	
D. W. Gregory, b Shaw ... 0	
H. F. Boyle, c Wild, b Morley 2	
W. L. Murdock, b Shaw ... 9	
F. E. Allan, c and b Shaw 6	
G. H. Bailey, not out ... 3	
Total 41	Total... .. 12

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Shaw	134	10	25	5
Morley	132	31	19	5

Australians v. Eleven of Yorkshire.

Played at Huddersfield, May.

Australians, 118 and 4 wickets down for 28; Yorkshire, 72 and 73. Australians won by 6 wickets.

The County team was a good one, and included Ulyett, Greenwood, Armitage, Emmett, Allan, Hill, Bailey did not play on the Australian side. The batting scores run evenly enough, and the result of the match was no doubt attributable to the excellent bowling of the winning team. Score as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.					
First Innings.			Second Innings.		
C. Bannerman, b Armitage	22		c Ulyett, b Hill	..	3
Midwinter, c off Emmett	...	1	b Emmett	..	1
T. Horan, b Hill	...	25	c Ulyett, b Emmett	..	6
A. Bannerman, b Hill	...	10	not out	..	7
Garrett, b Emmett	..	25	b Hill	...	1
Allan, b Hill...	...	3	not out	...	8
Spofforth, run out	...	10			
D. Gregory, c off Emmett...		0			
W. L. Murdock, not out	...	9			
H. Boyle, c and b Emmett	..	2			
J. Blackham, b Emmett	...	1			
Extras	...	10	Extras...	...	2
Total	...	118	Total for 4 wickets		28

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Boyle	147	32	18	4
Allan	32	8	4	0
Spofforth	116	30	14	5

Second Innings.

Spofforth	108	31	12	5
Boyle	73	15	9	2
Midwinter	48	12	5	2
Allan	24	6	2	0
Garrett	24	2	5	1

Yorkshire—First innings, 72; second innings, 73. Grand total, 145.

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF YORKSHIRE.

Played at Huddersfield, May.

The first Match with this team, only taking two days, the present game was arranged for one day, and the Australians won with 6 wickets to spare, as will be seen by the scores:—

Yorkshire, 61.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

Gregory, b Armitage	0
Murdock, b Stubbins	9
Midwinter, c Armitage, b Lockwood	28
Garrett, b Armitage	0
C. Bannerman, not out	10
Blackham, not out	14
Extra	1
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Total for 4 wickets	62

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.	No balls.
Midwinter	44	11	4	1	0
Allan	40	22	2	2	0
A. Bannerman	40	15	4	1	0
Boyle	48	9	7	3	0
Spofforth	10	3	1	2	0

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF SURREY.

Played at Kennington Oval, June.

Australians—110, and for 5 wickets 78; Surrey, 107 and 80
Australians won by 1 run and 5 wickets.

This was an excellent match, as the Surrey eleven was very strong, including Mr. A. P. Lucas, Mr. J. Shuter (who scored 39 and 15), Jupp, Pooley, Southerton, and Mr. G. Strachan. An English paper says:—"The Colonials were heartily cheered on their success, and their reception throughout was most enthusiastic." The scores are as follows, and it will be seen Spofforth's bowling was most successful in the first innings, and Murdock took 4 wickets in the second:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
C. Bannerman, c off Barratt	1	c Strachan, b Jones	31
Midwinter, c off Barratt ..	32	c Strachan, b Barratt ..	15
Horan, st Pooley, b Barratt	16	b Strachan... .. .	0
A. Bannerman, c Pooley, b Southerton	3	c Southerton, b Barratt ...	5
Spofforth, s Pooley, b Barratt	8	c Game, b Barratt	9
Garrett, c off Barratt	0	not out	
Gregory, c off Barratt	10		

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Murdock, c off Barratt	...	22	not out	...	...	...	10
Blackham, not out ..	...	10					
Boyle, b Jones	...	8					
Allan, c Jones, b Barratt	...	0					
Extras	...	0	Leg-bye	...	...	...	1
Total	...	110	Total	...	...	...	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	8	22	2	0
Boyle	20.2	24	7	2
Spofforth	27	52	10	8
Garrett	4	8	2	0

Second Innings.

Spofforth	39	42	19	3
Boyle	18	13	10	2
Murdock	16	14	13	4

Surrey—First innings, 107; Second innings, 80. Total, 187.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF ELLAND AND DISTRICT.

Played at Elland, June.

In this match the "Kangaroos" scored 90 and 85; Elland, 29 and 66. The Australians winning by 80 runs. The noticeable features are that Boyle took 7 wickets in 8 balls (two consecutive overs), and Spofforth took 16 wickets, 14 of which were clean bowled. "Duck-eggs" on the Elland side were very prolific, there being ten in the first innings and six in the second. The following shows the score of the colonials in full:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Bannerman, c and b Osborne	21	c Kendall, b Osborne	..	10
Midwinter, b Osborne	43	c Lister, b Osborne	..	5
Horan, c Walker, b Osborne	0	c Foster, b Osborne	..	0
Murdock, b Osborne	1	st Aspinall, b Osborne	..	16
Blackham, b Osborne	0	b Hay	..	0
Spofforth, b Foster	3	b Lockwood	..	2

First Innings.		Second Innings.			
Garrett, b Robinson	... 12	b Osborne	.. ..	..	22
Gregory, b Osborne..	.. 2	not out	.. ..	..	6
Bailey, lbw, b Hay	.. 2	b Hay	.. ..	..	16
Boyle, b Hay	.. 3	b Osborne	2
Allan, not out	.. 1	c Aspinall, b Hay..	5
Bye, 1; no ball, 1	.. 2	Bye	1
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Total	.. 90	Total	85

Elland and District--First innings, 29; Second innings, 66.
Total, 95.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls	M. O.	Runs.	Wickets
Spofforth	73	10	16	6
Boyle	72	11	12	11

Second Innings.

Spofforth	140	19	37	10
Boyle	68	7	22	1
Midwinter	68	15	4	4

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF BATLEY.

Played at Batley, June.

Australians 160; Batley 59, with 10 wickets down. Drawn owing to rain.

We are sorry we have been unable to get more particulars about this match.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF LONGSIGHT
(MANCHESTER),

Including Messrs. G. F. Grace and W. R. Gilbert.

Played June.

The local team won this match by 2 wickets only, scoring 63 and 74 against two 67's of the Australians. Of the total of 137 made by Longsight, Grace contributed 65 and Gilbert 15, making *two-thirds* of the runs. In the second innings Grace was missed when the score stood at 21. He afterwards ran his own innings to 42.* The scores are attached:—

* On the Longsight side no batsmen except Grace and Gilbert reached "doubles" in either innings.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c off Hind	31	b Hind	..	0
Midwinter, c off Gilbert	10	c Bousfield, b Gilbert	..	22
Horan, b Sully	1	c Young, b Gilbert	..	3
Murdock, b Gilbert	0	b Sully	..	17
A. Bannerman, b Hind	6	c and b Gilbert	..	14
Spofforth, st Mellor	1	c Norton, b Sully	..	3
Gregory, c Bousfield, b Hind	6	b Sully	..	0
Garrett, b Hind	0	b Gilbert	..	0
Blackham, b Hind	6	c Mellor, b Sully	..	3
Bailey, c Sully, b Gilbert	4	not out	..	0
Boyle, not out	0	c Mellor, b Sully	..	4
Bye, 1; wide, 1	2	Bye	..	1
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Total	67	Total	67	67

Longsight—First innings, 63; second innings (with two wickets to fall), 74; total, 137.

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

Played at Prince's Ground, London, June.

An English paper says:—"The Australian Eleven since their first defeat by Nottingham had a run of success of an extraordinary nature. Prince's does not usually witness a good team of the 'Gentlemen.' But the team of this week was in every way worthy of the name—it could hardly have been better. As it was after the beating of the Marylebone Cricket Club on their own ground, the Gentlemen left no stone unturned to produce a team worthy of their repute, and it is certainly no disgrace to the Colonials to have succumbed to an eleven that would doubtless make short work of any eleven of the 'Players' (here meaning English professionals) that would have been pitted against them." The same paper says:—"The men were placed to perfection by Mr. Gregory, the captain. Boyle took 7 wickets for 48, which, considering the number of first-rate batsmen opposed to him, was a very fine performance."

The Gentlemen succeeded in winning in one innings, and we give score in full, as five of them have played in Australia—viz., Messrs. Bush, Gilbert, and the "Three Graces":—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c Strachan, b E. M. Grace	28	b Steel	..	0
Midwinter, c off W. G. Grace	6	c Hornby, b W. G. Grace	26	
Horan, b W. G. Grace	7	c Strachan, b Steel	..	1
Murdock, c Hornby, b Steel	1	c Bush, b Steel	..	7
A. Bannerman, c and b Steel	13	run out	..	0
Spofforth, c off W. G. Grace	6	c off W. G. Grace	..	8

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Garrett, run out	0	c G. F. Grace, b Steel ..	15
Allan, c E. M. Grace, b Steel	0	b Steel	0
Gregory, c off W. G. Grace	1	c E. Lyttelton, b Steel ..	0
Blackham, not out ..	6	c W. G. Grace, b Steel ..	5
Boyle, c E. M. Grace, b Steel	3	not out	0
Bye, 1; leg-bye, 3 ..	4	Bye	1
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Total	75	Total	63

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
W. G. Grace	52	25	38	4
Steel	32-1	37	17	4
Dr. E. M. Grace	19	9	12	1

Second Innings.

W. G. Grace	27	27	14	2
A. G. Steel	26-3	35	8	7

GENTLEMEN.

W. G. Grace, b Boyle	...	...	...	25
Gilbert, c Blackham, b Boyle	...	...	...	20
Hornby, c Spofforth, b Boyle	...	...	...	9
Lucas, c and b Boyle	...	...	...	6
G. F. Grace, c Spofforth, b Boyle	...	...	...	11
Dr. E. M. Grace, c Blackham, b Boyle	...	...	...	1
Hon. A. Lyttelton, c Gregory, b Spofforth	...	...	...	16
Steel, b Spofforth ..	...	...	...	6
Hon. E. Lyttelton, b Boyle	...	...	...	1
Strachan, not out	...	...	...	21
Bush, c Murdock, b Midwinter	...	...	...	16
Byes, 5; leg-byes, 2	...	...	...	7

Total 139

Umpires—Willsher and Mr. Percy Waddy.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	35	53	13	2
Allan	20	11	14	0
Boyle	35	48	11	7
Midwinter	14-2	15	6	1
Garrett	3	4	1	0

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF MIDDLESEX.

Played at Lord's, London, June.

This was a most decisive victory, and won by 98 runs. The county eleven was a very strong one, and included the two Webbs, both the Lytteltons, Hadow, I. D. Walker, and Mr. J. Robertson, bowled Bailey, Boyle, and Allan clean in one over. The Australians were 43 ahead first innings and 55 second innings.

The feature of this match was Garrett's bowling, as seen by the analysis, well backed up by Allan. The Hon. E. Lyttelton scored 113 in his second innings; and there were only three double figures in each innings on the county side, while the Australians have five first and seven second innings. Dave Gregory made 42 each innings, and Spofforth 56, Blackham, not out, 21, second innings: whilst Bailey materially assisted by returning 32 and 39. Scores in full, as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVENS.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c Hadow, b Henderson ..	8	b Henderson	23
A. Bannerman, c off Hadow	4	c Scott, b Hadow	3
Horan, c off Hadow ..	1	c Salmon, b Henderson ..	2
Gregory, c off Henderson	42	c Robertson, b Henderson	42
Garrett, b Robertson ..	19	c Studd, b Henderson ..	34
Spofforth, b Robertson ..	6	c Salmon, b Henderson ..	56
Murdock, c off Henderson	0	b Scott	13
Bailey, c off Henderson ..	39	b Robertson	32
Blackham, not out	20	not out	21
Boyle, run out	5	b Robertson	0
Allan, b Robertson	15	b Robertson	0
Byes, 4; leg-byes, 2 ..	6	Sundries	14
Total	165	Total	240

Middlesex—First innings, 122; second innings, 185.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	22	29	13	0
Boyle	14	16	7	0
Allan	24	27	12	3
Garrett	30	38	15	7
Horan	1	6	0	0

Garrett bowled wonderfully well.

Second Innings.

	Balls	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	41-3	76	16	6
Garrett	29	44	14	3
Spofforth	14	34	3	0
Boyle	6	15	0	1
Horan	3	13		0

Allan bowled a wide.

Midwinter was taken away by W. G. Grace just as he was going in, and most of the sporting papers have spoken of this in strong terms. No doubt the county match had been arranged before, and Midwinter ought to have had earlier notice. Mr. Grace subsequently apologised for his action in the matter.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF BIRMINGHAM.

Played at Birmingham, June.

Australians, 105 and six out for 116; Birmingham, 123. Drawn owing to rain. Jupp, the well-known professional, was in the county team.

The scores of the Australians were plentiful for doubles. A. Bannerman, who went in first, carried out his bat for an excellently played innings of 31, and got 16 in his second; C. Bannerman, 17 and 31; Horan, 3 and 13; Gregory, 6 and 22; Garrett, 0 and 16; Spofforth, 16 and 15; Murdock, 11 and (not out) 0—are all good totals against a field of twenty-two, backed up by Jupp as wicket-keeper. The bowling analysis shows Spofforth appropriated 10 wickets and Allan 6 wickets. Scores as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

C. Bannerman, c off Barratt	17	st Jupp, b Barratt...	...	31
A. Bannerman, not out	...	b Ratliff	...	16
Horan, b Tallboys	...	c Preston, b Barratt	...	13
Gregory, b Tallboys	...	run out	...	22
Garrett, b Tallboys...	...	c Price, b Mordaunt	..	16
Spofforth, c off Tallboys	..	b Tallboys...	...	15
Murdock, b Tallboys	...	not out	..	0
Bailey, b Mordaunt	...	not out	..	0
Blackham, st off Mordaunt	0			
Boyle, b Mordaunt	...			
Allan, c off Mordaunt	..			4
Byes	...			9
		Leg-byes, 2; wide, 1		3

Total 105 Six out for 116

The twenty-two—Only innings, 123.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	25	17	18	6
Spofforth	40	60	11	11
Boyle	20	23	8	3
Garrett	7	11	4	0

 AUSTRALIAN v. EIGHTEEN OF HUNSLET AND DISTRICT.

Played at Hunslet (Leeds) June.

Australians, 205 and 180; Hunslet, 228 and nine out for 28.
Drawn.

Blackham being unable to play, having a bad finger, Mr. Conway took his place in the team. The batting of the Australians was very good, and, as will be seen below, there are eleven innings in double figures. Bannerman's 52 was considered one of the best (if not the actual best) he had played in England to this date. Garrett's second innings of 48 included two 6's and four 4's; and and Murdock made two square-leg hits for 6 each in an innings of 49. The match was drawn greatly in favour of the Australians. Spofforth and Allan each took eleven wickets. The full scores are as follows:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Bannerman, c off Blackburn	52	b Bates	5
A. Bannerman, l b w, b Hill	3	c Myers, b Bates ..	3
Horan, b Motley	11	run out	24
Gregory, c and b Hall ...	31	c Landon, b Bates ..	1
Garrett, c Jarman, b Bates..	27	b Blackburn	48
Spofforth, b Blackburn ..	14	c Spallman, b Myers ...	0
Murdock, c off Blackburn..	0	c Hill, b Gilbert	49
Bailey, c Motley, b Oates ..	4	b Bates	8
Conway, b Blackham	0	c Britton, b Gilbert ..	0
Allan, not out	38	b Bates	7
Boyle, c Britton, b Bates ..	10	not out	28
Byes, wides, &c.	15	Byes, &c.	7
Total	205	Total	180

Eighteen—First innings, 228; second innings, nine wickets for 28.

Bowling—Garrett, 2 wickets and 0 wickets; Spofforth, 8 wickets and 3 wickets; Allan, 6 wickets and 5 wickets.

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF YORKSHIRE.

Played at Sheffield, July.

Australians, 88 and 104; Yorkshire, 167 and one out for 26. Yorkshire won by 9 wickets.

It will be remembered that the third match played by the Australians in England was against Yorkshire, at Huddersfield, when they won by 6 wickets, and this return match created great interest, over 10,000 people assembling to witness the play. The county team was a very strong one, and included Lockwood, Greenwood, Allan, Hill, Ulyett, Armitage, and Bates—all but Lockwood and Bates being known in Australia. Commenting on this match, the *Daily News* questions the form of the Australians, and alleges that "It is scarcely possible to maintain the early excellence of their bowling in the midst of such incessant work." The writer goes on to argue that this match does not prove that Allan and Spofforth's bowling had been found out, but that, like professional cricketers often find to their detriment that they have overworked themselves. After alluding to the team having five or six bowlers, the paper says:—"The Australian successes prove that the bowling is still capable of mastering the batting."

Spofforth, Boyle, and Allan nearly divided the bowling honors equally. A. Bannerman scored 12 and 33, Horan 20 and 6, Gregory 13 and 0, Spofforth 0 and 10, and Allan 3 and 33. Score as under:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
A. Bannerman, b Ulyett	..	12	c and b Ulyett	..	..	33	
C. Bannerman, c Hill, b Watmough	..	..	b Ulyett	..	..	0	
Horan, b Ulyett	...	20	b Ulyett	...	...	6	
Gregory, b Hill	...	13	c Landon, b Bates	...	...	0	
Garrett, b Ulyett	...	0	b Ulyett	..	..	1	
Spofforth, c off Bates	...	0	b Hill	...	...	10	
Murdock, b Ulyett	...	2	b Bates	...	...	1	
Bailey, c Boden, b Bates	...	23	c Watmough, b Bates	...	...	4	
Blackham, not out	...	5	c and b Bates	...	...	0	
Boyle, b Hill	...	0	not out	...	...	1	
Allan, c off Bates	...	3	run out	...	...	33	
Byes 3, wide 1, leg-byes 2	6	6	Byes, 13; leg-byes, 2	..	..	15	
				88			
				104			

Yorkshire—First innings, 167; second innings, with one wicket down, 26. Total 193.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	35	58	18	3
Spofforth	38	68	19	3
Garrett	7	21	2	0
Boyle	12-2	11	6	3
Bailey	6	8	2	0

Second Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	3	9	0	0
Boyle	3	4	2	1
Spofforth	2-3	13	0	0

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF STOCKPORT AND DISTRICT.

Played at Stockport, July.

Australians, 163 and 225; Stockport, 105 and 134. Australians won by 149 runs.

The Stockport team included W. R. Gilbert, Martin, and McIntyre, but were easily defeated at every point of the game. A. Bannerman scored 2 and 42, the latter including 5 threes and 2 twos. C. Bannerman 10 and 31, the second innings showing good cricket. Horan 14 and 70, the latter being to this date the highest single innings of any of the colonial team in England. He made 13 threes and 5 twos. He was greatly applauded on retiring. Garrett, 22 and 0; Spofforth, 19 and 14; H. Bailey, 34 and 35 (thrown out both times); Allan, 18 and 0; Blackham (not out), 33 and 7, were the other contributors of double figures.

Blackham's first innings shewed fine free hitting, and his wicket-keeping was much admired. In Stockport's first innings he stumped four and caught three. The local team were quite unable to cope with the Australian bowling.

Allan took 10 wickets for 50 runs first innings. In the second innings Spofforth had 8 for 30, and Horan 5 for 25. Scores as under:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
A. Bannerman, c and b							
McIntyre	5	c Vaughan, b Brown	..	42			
C. Bannerman, c off Brown	10	b Boulton .. ..	..	31			
Horan, b M'Intyre	..	14 c Bowles, b Boulton	..	70			
Gregory, b M'Intyre	..	3 not out .. ..	..	0			
Garrett, b Brown ..	..	22 b Brown .. ..	..	0			
Murdock, run out ..	..	0 c Vaughan, b Brown	..	8			
Spofforth, c off Brown	..	19 c Watmough, b M'Intyre	..	14			
Bailey, run out ..	..	34 run out .. ..	..	35			
Allan, b Brown ..	..	18 b M'Intyre .. ..	..	0			
Blackham, not out ..	..	33 b Brown .. ..	..	7			
Boyle, c off McIntyre	..	0 c Hollins, b M'Intyre	..	7			
Byes, 2; leg-bye, 3	..	5 Sundries .. ..	..	11			
Total	163	Total .. ..	..	225			

The Eighteen scored 105 and 134.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	121	50	11	10
Spofforth	180	33	5	1
Horan	40	17	2	5

Spofforth bowled one no-ball.

Second Innings.

Allan	76	34	7	1
Spofforth	84	30	9	8
Horan	66	35	3	5
Garrett	24	3	4	0
Boyle	57	24	3	3

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF OLDHAM
AND WERNETH.

Played on the Werneth Ground, Coppice, July.

Australians, 125 and 7 out for 112; Oldham and Werneth, 113 and 117. Drawn.

The Colonials played without A. Bannerman and Allan, the former being disabled and the latter on a private visit. Their places were taken by Conway and a Hampshire player named Hyslop, who was born in Australia.

In the first innings of the local team Spofforth took 6 wickets in 23 overs and 2 balls for 41 runs, and Horan 7 wickets in 19 overs for 40 runs. Boyle and Spofforth took 8 wickets each in the second innings, the latter's being the more expensive. Gregory was in good form, scoring 42 and 37 not out. The Colonials in their second innings were playing a fast hitting game against time, but at the end wanted 19 runs with Gregory and Conway at the wickets and Blackham and Boyle still to go in. Full scores:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Murdock, c Mayall, b Hind	1	b Seaton	... .. 24
C. Bannerman, b Hind	... 8	c Holroyd, b Seaton	... 30
Horan, b Hickton	... 10	b Lockwood	... 0
Gregory, b Hickton	... 42	not out	... 37
Garrett, b Hickton	... 4	b Hickton	... 0
Spofforth, c off Hickton	... 5	st Mayall, b Hind	... 8
Bailey, b Hind	.. 21	c Hickton, b Hind	... 3
Hyslop, b Hind	... 6	st Mayall, b Hind	... 1
Conway, b Hind	.. 7	not out	... 0
Blackham, run out	.. 7		
Bolye, not out	... 5	Byes, 7; leg-bye, 1;	
Byes, 6; leg-byes, 3	... 9	no-ball, 1	... 9
Total	... 125	Total	... 112

The Eighteen scored 138 and 117.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	94	41	10	6
Boyle	48	20	5	0
Garrett	92	37	13	3
Horan	76	40	3	7

Second Innings.

Spofforth	136	56	11	8
Boyle	77	27	8	8
Garrett	44	15	4	1
Horan	12	12	0	0

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 AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v. MR. THORNTON'S ELEVEN
 —ORLEANS' CLUB.

This match was played on the ground of the Orleans' Club,
 Twickenham, July.

We publish the full score of the Orleans' team, so that a glance at the names will shew the team was a strong one of eight gentlemen and three professionals. Mr. H. N. Tennant one of the Victorian representatives in the last intercolonial matches, played with the team instead of Blackham.

Australians, 171 and 172; Orleans, 132 and 2 out for 137. Drawn.

A. Bannerman went in first and carried out his bat for 71; his innings was a fine display of patient batting and clean hitting. Horan made a fine stand for 64 in his second innings, including eleven threes and seven twos. It will be seen that the Australians had on six bowlers. The match created great interest, and was fashionably attended. The fielding shews that the Australians only allowed 13 sundries, while 35 went against the other side.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

A. Bannerman, not out ...	71
C. Bannerman, st off Barratt	3
Horan, c Leigh, b Barratt	3
Gregory, c and b Barratt ...	3
Tennant, c Powys, b Barratt	1
Garrett, st Leigh, b Fryer	11
Murdock, b Rylott ...	22
Spofforth, c and b Rylott	13
Bailey, c Webbe, b Fryer	24
Allan, b Rylott ...	1
Boyle, b Barratt ...	4
Byes, 7; leg-byes, 5; wides, 2; no-ball, 1	15

Second Innings.

c Steel, b Barratt ...	...	6
b Rylott ...	...	...
b Barratt ...	...	64
b Powys ...	...	8
b Rylott ...	...	2
c Webbe, b Barratt	...	4
b Barratt ...	...	...
c Walker, b Barratt	...	15
c Steel, b Barratt ...	...	12
st Wild, b Barratt	...	2
not out ...	...	1
Byes, 12; leg-byes, 6; wides, 2	...	20

Total ... 171

Total ... 172

MR. C. I. THORNTON'S ELEVEN.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Thornton, c off Spofforth	9	c Bannerman, b Bailey	... 40
Walker, c off Spofforth	... 15	not out	... .. 60
Webbe, l b w, b Allan	... 1		
Fryer, b Horan	... .. 61	not out	... .. 14
Leigh, c and b Allan	... 0	c A. Bannerman, b Spofforth	12
Captain Brander, b Allan	2		
Steel, run out	... .. 7		
Powys, c Allan, b Horan	... 26		
Wild, c and b Spofforth	... 4		
Barratt, run out	... 3		
Rylott, not out	... 2		
Bye, 1; leg-bye, 1	... 2	Byes, 8; leg-byes, 3	... 11
Total	... .. 132	Total	... .. 137

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	25	45	7	3
Spofforth	21	57	3	3
Garret	3	11	0	0
Boyle	3	11	0	0
Horan	2-1	6	0	2

Second Innings.

Allan	17	36	9	0
Spofforth	12	24	5	1
Boyle	12	30	2	0
Horan	8	25	2	0
Bailey	4	9	0	1
Garrett	4	2	3	0

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN GENTLEMEN OF SOUTH WALES.

Played at Swansea, July.

A great deal of interest was felt in the game, and the Australians were warmly applauded, both for their successful batting and for their good bowling and fielding when the local players were at the wickets. The wicket upon which the game was played was rather too lively, and some ugly knocks were received by members of both teams. South Wales won the toss, but for some reason put the Australians in to bat. For this error of judgment a heavy price was paid; the Australians ran up the capital score of 219 against the bowling of Mr. F. C. Cobden, of Cambridge Univer-

sity renown; Mr. F. B. Jones, the old Oxonian; Mr. C. P. Lewis, and Mr. Llewellyn. Bailey went in with 6 wickets down, and was out last for an exceedingly good and spirited innings of 45. Horan and C. Bannerman both played good cricket, Horan's 38 including five 4's, and in Bannerman's 27 there were four 4's, a 3, and three 2's. The Eighteen could make no show against the bowling of Spofforth and Boyle. The former on the quick wicket was extremely effective. Only three batsmen got into double figures.

The match was all over by 3 30, the Australians winning in a single innings with 37 runs to spare. In the second innings of South Wales the total only reached 88. Spofforth took seven wickets for 40 runs, and Boyle nine wickets for 33 runs. Both men were backed up by very good fielding, Boyle himself made a remarkably good catch at mid-on, just getting to the ball, and falling with it.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

A. Bannerman, c E. M. Bannerman, b Cobden	17
C. Bannerman, b C. P. Lewis	27
Horan, b Cobden	38
Gregory, c Llewellyn, b Cobden	0
Garrett, b Cobden	25
Murdock, b C. P. Lewis	10
Spofforth, b Cobden	9
Bailey, b C. P. Lewis	45
Conway, c and b C. P. Lewis	12
Blackham, c E. M. Bannerman, b C. P. Lewis	5
Boyle, not out	1
Byes, 16; leg-byes, 8	24
Total	213

The Eighteen scored 94 and 88.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	104	35	11	10
Boyle	104	42	9	6

Second Innings.

Spofforth	124	40	13	7
Boyle	124	33	19	9

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN v. COUNTY OF LEICESTERSHIRE.

Played July 15, at Leicester.

Leicester began batting with Wheeler and A. Sankey to the bowling of Allan and Spofforth, and at luncheon time the score was 102 for no wicket. The total had been increased to 113,

when Wheeler fell to a good catch at long-on, having batted in splendid order for 60. Four wickets were then quickly obtained. Panter was caught at slip, Marriott well caught at long-on, Parnham caught by the longstop, and Rodwell bowled. The remaining batsmen did not give much trouble, and at five minutes to 5 the innings closed for 193. The innings of the Australians was started by Bannerman and Murdock. Rylott and Randon shared the bowling. Both batsmen showed great caution, and kept their wickets till close of day. Next day C. Bannerman and Murdock continued batting to the bowling of Randon and Rylott. The score was only increased to 23, when Murdock was bowled off his pads. Horan was unfortunately run out after making a single. Gregory filled the vacancy, but soon lost Bannerman, who was caught at slip at 34. Garrett came in, but was clean bowled at 53. Spofforth drove Rylott splendidly to the on for 5, but when he had scored 2 more he was caught at short-leg. Bailey failed to score, and Allan came in. Gregory hit Randon for two fours, and caused Parnham to take the ball at 81. Two runs later Allan was finely caught at long-off, Blackham becoming Gregory's partner. The new-comer hit two threes, and then Gregory was caught at slip for a very well played 23. Conway came in, and at luncheon time the score was 100 for eight wickets. Afterwards the total was increased to 117, and then Conway was caught at slip. Boyle was bowled, and the innings finished for 130, Blackham taking out his bat for a capital 24. After an interval of thirty minutes, Leicester entered on their second innings. Sankey tried to bat, but owing to a sprained leg he had to retire. Wheeler and Panter then went on batting to the bowling of Boyle and Spofforth. Runs came very freely from the fast bowler, so he gave way to Allan at 21. Panter hit Allen for two fours, and Bailey took the ball at 44. Ten runs afterwards Panter was bowled for a well-played 32. At 85 Garrett was relieved by Allan. At twenty minutes past 5 100 was put up. Blackham went on and succeeded in bowling Marriott for 18, Collier only made 6, and Wheeler was caught at mid-on for a very fine innings of 65.

On the 17th this match was brought to a conclusion. Leicestershire, who had lost four wickets in their second innings for 129, went on batting with Parnham and Rodwell, to the bowling of Spofforth and Garrett. The batsmen could not do anything with the bowling, and after twenty-five minutes play the innings was all over for 145. Spofforth took four wickets for 25 runs, and Garrett two for 28. With 209 runs set them to win, the Australians began their second innings, with C. Bannerman and Murdock, to the bowling of Rylott and Parnham. Both batted in very fine form, and defied all the efforts of the bowlers. Bannerman hit Rylott for four fours, and Parnham for two fours. Randon relieved Parnham at 30, and Bannerman at once hit him to leg for four. Runs still came freely, and at 61 a double change was tried. Bishop went on for Randon and Wheeler for Rylott.

At luncheon time the score was 77 without the loss of a wicket : Bannerman, not out, 58, and Murdock 18. On resuming, Parnham and Rylott were the bowlers. Bannerman cut Parnham twice for 4, but at 93, lost Murdock, who was bowled for a very well-played 24. Horan filled the vacancy. A wild overthrow increased a single of Bannerman's into a 5, and the 100 was put up amidst great cheering. Then the batsmen knocked the bowling all over the field. Bannerman hit tremendously, and scored at a wonderfully fast rate. Numerous changes of bowling were tried, without effect, as all were hit with the same ease. At ten minutes past 4 Bannerman completed his 100 amidst a burst of cheering. Both continued to bat finely until the score had reached 207, when an appeal for a run out was given against the batsman, and Bannerman retired for 133, by far the highest and best innings played yet by an Australian in England. His hitting was wonderfully clean and hard, and throughout, his defence was excellent ; in fact, there was hardly a bad stroke in his innings. His chief hits were a five, twenty-three fours, three threes, and nine twos. He was, of course, greeted with immense enthusiasm. Gregory came in, and in five minutes made the winning hit, and the Australians were left with a very well-deserved victory by eight wickets. Horan took out his bat for a very fine innings of 40, in which were six fours and two threes.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets
Spofforth	88	60	4	5
Allan	108	44	9	0
Garrett	88	30	10	4
Boyle	72	27	8	0
Horan	24	10	1	0
Bailey	40	10	6	0

Second Innings.

Spofforth	33	25	2	4
Boyle	64	22	8	1
Allan	48	23	4	0
Bailey	44	19	3	1
Garrett	32	28	3	2
Horan	24	16	2	0
Blackham	12	4	1	1

LEICESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

Wheeler, c Boyle, b Spofforth	60	c Blackham, b Spofforth	65
Sankey, b Garrett	70	retired hurt	0
Panter, c Gregory, b Garrett	20	b Bailey	32
Marriott, c Horan, b Garrett	7	b Blackham	18

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
Collier, not out	...	...	20	lbw, b Boyle	...	...	6
Parnham, c Garrett,	b	...	...	c Gregory, b Garrett	...	...	0
Spofforth	...	...	0	c Bailey, b Spofforth	...	...	6
Rodwell, b Garrett	...	...	4	c Boyle, b Spofforth	...	...	0
Walter, c Allan, b Spofforth	...	...	2	b Garrett	...	...	0
Rylott, run out	...	...	4	lbw, b Spofforth	...	...	0
Randon, b Spofforth	...	...	2	not out	...	...	10
Bishop, b Spofforth	...	...	0	Byes	...	...	8
Leg-byes...	...	...	4				
Total	...	...	193				145

AUSTRALIANS.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, c Bishop, b	...	...	...	run out	...	...	133
Rylott	...	...	15	b Parnham	...	...	24
Murdock, b Rylott	...	...	16	not out	...	...	40
Horan, run out	...	...	1	not out	...	...	3
Gregory, c Bishop, b Parnham	...	...	23				
Garrett, b Randon	...	...	7				
Spofforth, c Marriott, b	...	...	...	
Randon	...	...	7				
Bailey, c Panter, b Randon	...	...	0				
Allan, c Rodwell, b Parnham	...	...	5				
Blackham, not out	...	...	24				
Conway, c Bishop, b Parnham	...	...	12				
Boyle, b Rylott	...	...	8				
Byes	...	...	12	Byes, 8 ; no balls, 2			10
Total	...	...	130				210

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF HULL.

Played July.

Australians, 305 and no wicket down for 15 ; Hull, 250 and 68.
Australians won with 10 wickets to fall.

Allan scored 78, and the scores run very high.

The local team included Martin McIntyre, and A. Greenwood.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, c off M ^c Intyre	...	...	8				
Murdock, c off M ^c Intyre	...	...	5				
Horan, c off Wallgate	..	..	50				
Gregory, run out	..	..	0				
Garrett, b M ^c Intyre	..	..	10				
Spofforth, c off Jackson	..	..	16	not out	..	..	8
Bailey, c off Wallgate	..	..	20	not out	..	..	6
Allan, c off Rawlinson	..	..	78				
Blackham, b Rigley	..	..	53				

First Innings.

Conway, b Wallgate	..	46
Boyle, not out	..	13
Sundries	..	6
Total	..	305

Second Innings.

Sundry	1
Total (no wicket down)	15		

Eighteen of Hull—First innings, 250; second innings, 68; total, 318.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Allan	56	25	7	1
Spofforth	160	69	13	2
Garrett	56	20	4	0
Boyle	114	67	10	3
Bailey	52	15	4	0
Horan	20	12	1	1
Murdock	56	34	2	3

Second Innings.

Boyle	16	30	7	8
Spofforth	86	37	6	1

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Played at Lord's Ground, London, July.

Australians, 111 and for 9 wickets 102; Cambridge (only innings), 285. Latter won in one innings by 72 runs.

Few were sanguine enough to anticipate a win for the colony. The Cantabs had won every match played during the season, and including in their ranks six of the "Gentlemen Players" of England representing their best batting and bowling talent, among whom was Mr. Steel, who has been the star of the season with the ball. After Nottingham and the famed Marylebone Cricket Club had each declined a return match on the ground that they could not get sufficiently strong teams, the Cantabs approached the contest with great confidence.

The Australians were very "stale." They looked fagged and jaded, and complained of insufficient rest. A. Bannerman was almost useless with a bad hand, and three chances in the field were missed in favour of the Cantabs. The University batting was very brilliant, and the 285 runs were put together in three hours and thirty-five minutes. Murdock scored 47 in his first innings, C. Bannerman 12 and 26, and Horan 24 in his second innings.

Full score and analysis:—

CAMBRIDGE.					
Hon. A. Lyttelton, b Murdock	...	...	...	...	72
Whitfield, b Spofforth	...	...	...	...	15
Hon. E. Lyttelton, run out	...	...	...	...	15
A. G. Steel, run out	...	...	...	...	59
D. G. Steel, c and b Spofforth	...	...	...	...	13
Hon. Ivo Bligh, c C. Bannerman, b Boyle	...	...	...	...	21
Jarvis, b Murdock	...	...	...	...	28
Morton, c C. Bannerman, b Boyle	..	...	...	...	11
Pigg, b Boyle	...	...	...	...	11
Ford, not out	...	...	...	...	22
Wood, b Spofforth	...	...	...	...	2
Byes, 12; leg-byes, 4	...	...	...	...	16
Total...					285
AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.					
First Innings.			Second Innings.		
C. Bannerman, b Morton	...	12	run out	...	26
Murdock, b Morton	...	47	c Whitfield, b Steel	...	0
Horan, b Morton	...	0	b Ford	...	24
Gregory, c off Morton	...	5	b Morton	...	1
Garrett, b Morton	...	13	b Morton	...	8
Spofforth, b A. Steel	...	0	b Morton	...	17
Bailey, c off A. Steel	...	5	b Morton	...	0
Blackkam, 1 b w, b Morton	...	0	c A. Lyttelton, b Steel	...	13
Allan, not out	...	12	c and b Morton	...	6
Boyle, st off A. Steel	...	9	not out	...	0
A. Bannerman, b Morton	...	1	absent	...	0
Byes, 2; leg-byes, 5	...	7	Byes	...	7
Total			Total		
...	...	111	...	...	102

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Boyle	37	82	7	3
Allan	7	26	0	0
Spofforth	32-1	85	4	3
Garrett	3	10	0	0
Horan	4	20	0	0
Murdock	22	46	6	2

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF CREWE.

Played at Crewe, July.

Australians, 130 and 102; Crewe, 54 and 78. Australians won by 100 runs.

In Crew's first innings Spofforth took 10 wickets for 13 runs, and Boyle 9 wickets for 25 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.

C. Bannerman, c off Dalton	7
Murdock, c Lyons, b Dillon	1
Horan, c and b Dillon ..	1
Gregory, c Banks, b Dillon	23
Garrett, c Banks, b Dillon	35
Spofforth, c Rylott, b Dillon	24
Bailey, c off Dillon ..	0
Blackham, c Banks, b Dillon	23
Allan, c Moorcroft, b Rylott	10
Boyle, not out	0
A. Bannerman, absent	
Extras	6
Total	130

Second Innings.

o Rylott, b Turnbull ..	29
c Wilson, b Rylott ..	3
c Laird, b Rylott ..	1
b Rylott	10
c Holden, b Timmis ..	6
run out	18
c Moorcroft, b Turnbull ..	2
c Rylott, b Timmis ..	24
c Laird, b Rylott ..	2
c Rylott, b Timmis ..	4
not out	0
Extras	3
Total	102

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M O.	Wickets.
Boyle	111	25	11	9
Garrett	48	12	6	2
Spofforth	60	13	6	10

Spofforth bowled three wides.

Second Innings.

Spofforth	115	33	12	10
Boyle	116	43	12	10

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF KEIGHLEY.

Played July.

Australians, 206 and 3 wickets for 32; Keighley, 104 and 133. Australians won by 7 wickets. The Bannermans made 97 before the first wicket fell.

In the first innings Spofforth took 12 wickets for 53 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.			Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, bowled	..	54	caught	..	..	9
A. Bannerman, caught	..	55	bowled	..	..	6
Horan, bowled	..	47	not out	..	..	6
Gregory, run out	..	1				
Murdock, run out	..	2	not out	..	..	4
Boyle, bowled	..	3				
Spofforth, c by bowler	..	3				
Garrett, caught	..	0				
Blackham, caught	..	12				
Bailey, caught	..	17				
Allan, not out	..	0	run out	..	..	5
Sundries	..	12	Sundries	..	..	2
Total	..	206	3 wickets for	..	..	32

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.				
	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Boyle	31	39	14	2
Spofforth	35	53	14	12
Garrett	4-2	9	2	2
Second Innings.				
Allan	8	24	2	0
Spofforth	38	59	8	8
Garrett	12	21	3	2
Boyle	19	34	2	7

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF ROCHDALE.

Played at Rochdale, August, 1878.

Australians, 159 and 72; Rochdale, 124 and 6 out for 50. Drawn slightly in favour of the latter.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.			Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman, b Buckley	18	b Tye	...	...	...	5
A. Bannerman, run out	...	11	b Buckley	...	...	29
Horan, b Tye	...	5	b Tye	...	...	1
Gregory, b Holroyd	...	30	c Mellor, b Tye	...	...	0
Murdock, c off Taylor	...	20	c Pilling, b Tye	...	...	13
Garrett, b Taylor	...	0	b Buckley	...	...	0
Spofforth, c off Taylor	...	9	b Buckley	...	...	0
Blackham, not out	...	5	not out	...	...	0
Allan, c Buckley, b Taylor	9	l b w, b Buckley	...	...	...	6
Bailey, c Tye, b Taylor	...	38	c Pillings, b Buckley	...	...	8
Boyle, absent	...	0	c Boyes, b Tye	...	...	3
Byes	...	4	Byes, 6; leg-bye, 1	...	...	7
Total	...	159	Total	...	...	72

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Spofforth	19	3	55	9
Boyle	20	4	35	6
Garrett	2	0	4	0
Allan	0·1	0	0	1

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AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF STANLEY (LIVER-
POOL.)

Played at Stanley Park, August, 1878.

Australians, only innings, 233; Stanley, 71 and 91. Australians won in one innings by 71 runs.

Spofforth, in the two innings, took 20 wickets for 95 runs.

Hyslop played with the Australians in lieu of Murdock.

David Gregory played a fine innings for 70, and Boyle scored 58.

AUSTRALIANS.

C. Bannerman, b Tranter	..	..	..	..	7
A. Bannerman, c F. Jones, b Tranter	..	..	..	..	32
Horan, c Rickman, b Tranter	..	..	..	..	12
Gregory, c F. Jones, b C. Jones	..	..	..	..	70
Boyle, c Rickman, b F. Jones	..	..	..	..	58
Bailey, c Rickman, b C. Jones	..	..	..	..	28
Garrett, b Tranter	..	..	..	..	0
Hyslop, b C. Jones	..	..	..	..	3
Spofforth, lbw, b F. Jones	10
Billan, b Cottam, b C. Jones	1
Blackham, not out	5
Byes	7
Total..	233

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AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF STANLEY (LIVER-
POOL.)

Played at Stanley, August, 1878.

Australians, 2 wickets for 25; Stanley, 193. Being only a one day's match was abandoned as drawn, but the local team much improved in their batting, compared with the former matches.

We fancy the best Australian bowlers are allowed a rest in matches of this kind.

AUSTRALIANS.

Bailey, c F. Jones, b Sharpe	...	...	...	...	8
Spofforth, c B. Evans, b Sharpe	...	...	...	...	14
Allan, not out	...	...	...	...	3
Hyslop, not out	...	...	...	...	1
Total...	...	...	...	...	26

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF DUDLEY.

Played at Dudley, August, 1878.

Australians, 59 and 230; Dudley, only innings, 33. Drawn, owing to rain, apparently much in favour of the former.

The principal scores were: Boyle, 1 and 41; C. Bannerman, 0 and 59; Allan, 0 and 28; Horan, 20 and 30; Bailey, 16 and 21.

Boyle took 12 wickets for 19, and Garrett 5 wickets for 12 runs.

Spofforth took no part in this match. W. Tobin played with the team.

AUSTRALIANS.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

C. Bannerman, c Hewitt, b Morley	..	0	c Platts, b Morley	..	50
A. Bannerman, b Brooks	..	0	c Ingold, b Caldicott	..	5
Horan, hw, b Morley	..	20	c Platts, b Oakes	..	30
Gregory, c Ingold, b Brookes	..	7	c Oakes, b Brookes	..	14
Boyle, b Brookes	..	1	run out	..	41
W. Tobin, c A. H. Jobling, b Morley	..	2	b Platts	..	6
Murdock, b Brookes	..	0	c A. Jobson, b Walker	..	12
Garrett, c Ward, b Morley	..	5	c Smith, b Ward	..	14
Allan, b Morley	..	0	not out	..	28
Blackham, not out	..	8	b Brookes	..	1
Bailey, c Cartland, b Morley	16	run out	..	..	21
			Sundries	..	8
Total	..	59			230

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN OF LANCASHIRE (by Cable).

Played at Manchester, August.

Australians, 140 and for no wicket down, 47; Lancashire, 97 and 162. Drawn owing to rain.

The Lancashire team went in first, and were disposed of for 97, Spofforth being apparently in great form, as he took 9 wickets, the other one falling to Boyle.

The Australians scored 100, with 1 wicket down at the end of the first day's play; but next day all were out for 140. C. Bannerman made 58, and Horan 33. In their second attempt the County men made 162, Spofforth taking 5 wickets, Boyle 3, and Garrett 2. This left the Colonials 120 to get to win: and they had put up 47 (C. Bannerman 39, not out) with no wickets down, when Jupiter Pluvius asserted a position as master of the situation, and the match had to be abandoned as drawn. The fielding of the Australians was very good. Spofforth's average for first innings was 36 overs, 15 maidens, 53 runs, and 9 wickets. Hornby and Boyle were in this team, who are now *en route* to Australia. The following are the scores:—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.			Second Innings.			
A. Bannerman, run out	...	15	not out	..	..	5
C. Bannerman, b Macintyre		58	not out	...	..	39
Murdoch, b Macintyre	..	4				
Garrett, b Macintyre	..	0				
Gregory, b Barlow	..	1				
Boyle, b Barlow	..	2				
Blackham, b Barlow	..	4				
Horan, c off Barlow	..	33				
Spofforth, c off Barlow	..	5				
Bailey, not out	..	10				
Allen, run out	..	3				
Sundries	..	5	Sundries	..	3	
Total			No wicket down			
...			47			

Lancashire Eleven—First innings, 97; Second innings, 162; total, 259.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.			2nd Innings.		
Spofforth	...	9 wickets	25 wickets		
Boyle	...	1 wicket	3 wickets		
Garrett	...	...	2 wickets		

AUSTRALIANS V. EIGHTEEN OF YEADON (YORKSHIRE.)

Played at Yeadon, August, 1878.

Australians 54 and 84; Yeadon 91 and 71. The Yeadon team won by 24 runs. Messrs. Tobin and Butler played in this match in lieu of C. Bannerman and Gregory.

The local team was a strong one, and had good bowling, and included five well-known professionals.

AUSTRALIA.

First Innings.

Second Innings.

A. Bannerman, not out ..	27	c Myers	25
Horan, run out	1	c and b Bosomworth ..	1
Allan, c off Barlow ...	1	c Normanton, b Barlow ...	7
Garrett, b Barlow... ..	3	c Dawson	4
Murdoch, c off Barlow ...	4	b Bosomworth	17
Spofforth, c Myers, b Peate	8	b Bosomworth	16
Blackham, c off Peate ...	0	b Barlow	2
Bailey, c off Peate	5	c Myers, b Bosomworth ..	5
Tobin, c Myers, b Barlow..	3	not out	4
Boyle, b Barlow	0	b Bosomworth	1
Butler, c off Peate... ..	0	b Bosomworth	0
Extras	2	Bye, 1, 1 b 1	2
Total	54	Total	84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	First Innings.	Second Innings.
Allan ..	8 wickets	6 wickets
Garrett ..	2 wickets	0 wickets
Spofforth ..	6 wickets	7 wickets
Boyle ..	0 wickets	1 wicket

AUSTRALIANS V. EIGHTEEN OF SCARBOROUGH.

Played, August.

Australians, only innings, 295; Scarborough, 124 and 125. Australians won in 1 innings by 46 runs. The Eighteen were considered a strong team, and included four professionals. Gregory and C. Bannerman were both absent in this match.

Spofforth took 12 wickets for 111 runs; Garrett 8 wickets for 25 runs; and Boyle 7 wickets for 70 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

A. Bannerman, b Dewes ..	..	..	42
Murdoch, st Boden, b Firth ..	..	..	5
Horan, c Watmough .. ..	..	..	47
Allan, c and b Eastwood ...	..	..	35
Spofforth, st Boden .. ..	..	..	64
Blackham, run out .. ..	..	..	55
Bailey, run out .. .. .	..	..	32
Garrett, c Watmough .. ..	..	..	6
Tobin, b Watmough .. ..	..	..	1
Butler, not out ... .. .	..	..	2
Boyle, c Eastwood ... ..	..	..	0
Byes, 3; 1 b, 1; n b, 2... ..	..	..	6
Total... .. .	..	..	295

AUSTRALIANS V. EIGHTEEN OF HASTINGS.

Australians, only innings, 260 ; Hastings, 150 and 82. Australians won in 1 innings by 27 runs.

Bailey scored 106, and Murdoch 73. Spofforth took 12 wickets in the second innings for 39 runs.

The Hastings team included Frank Penn, C. Absolom, Cunliffe, Lord Harris, and the Hon. Ivo Bligh, of the Kent County Eleven, and the three brothers Phillips, of the Sussex County.

During the match Spofforth bowled Cunliffe, J. Phillips, and Wilson with 3 consecutive balls : and took 2 wickets in each of the 2 following overs, thereby taking 9 wickets in 5 overs for 7 runs, a feat that was greatly cheered.

Scores as follows :—

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

Horan, c Stanley, b Cunliffe	...	..	6
A. Bannerman, run out	..	...	30
Gregory, c H. Phillips	..	...	8
Bailey, c Bligh, b A. Phillips	..	...	106
Murdoch, b Cunliffe	..	..	73
Spofforth, b Cunliffe	..	..	3
Blackham, run out	..	..	3
Allan, c Weston, b Phillips..	..	..	0
Garrett, not out	...	..	21
Tobin, c and b Cunliffe	...	..	0
Boyle, st H. Phillips..	...	..	1
Byes, 2 ; 1 b, 2 ; w, 5	..	..	9
Total...	..	..	260

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.

	Overs.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	37.3	51	12	6
Boyle	20	24	6	0
Allan	9	17	4	4
Garrett	31	35	16	7

Second Innings.

Spofforth	33	39	12	12
Allan	22	25	12	4
Garrett	5	0	5	0
Boyle	5	4	2	1

Spofforth bowled one no-ball.

AUSTRALIANS V. ELEVEN OF SUSSEX.

[BY CABLE.]

Australians, 75 : and for 3 wickets, 52 ; Sussex, 80 and 47. Australians won by 7 wickets.

The Sussex team included Charlwood, Humphrey, and J. Lillywhite, professionals known in Australia.

The Australians bowling was very good, and Spofforth was very effective.

The Australian scores are :—

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman	..	..	15	..	...	..	16
A. Bannerman	..	...	1	...	...	...	7
Horan	..	..	2	...	...	...	3
Bailey	..	..	0	not out	..	..	21
Gregory	..	..	5				
Murdock	...	..	0	not out	...	..	5
Garrett	..	..	4				
Spofforth	...	..	2				
Allan	..	..	4				
Boyle	..	..	18				
Blackham	..	..	23				
Sundries	..	.	1				
			75	3 wickets for	...		52

Sussex Eleven—First innings, 80 ; Second innings, 47 ; total, 127.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF SUSSEX.

[BY CABLE.]

Played August, 1878.

Australians, 3 out for 21 ; Sussex, 128. The match, being for one day, was drawn, greatly in favour of the former team. Garrett took 13 wickets for 39 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN PLAYERS OF ENGLAND.

[BY CABLE.]

Played at Lords, September.

Australians, 78 and 89 ; Players, 82 and 76. Australians won by 9 runs.†

The Players' team was not as strong a one as could have been found, owing to some pecuniary difficulties. Their names are—Barratt (who took ten of the Australian wickets), Barlow, Charlwood, Hearne, Lillywhite, McIntyre, Phillips (2), Ridley, Watson, and Wheeler.

Spofforth took seven wickets in the first innings. C. Bannerman heads the score with 49 and 15. The match was largely attended. Scores as follows :—

† There is here apparently some error in the scores, as the telegrams say the Australians won by 8 runs.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

First Innings.				Second Innings.			
C. Bannerman	...	...	49	..	..	..	15
Spofforth	...	..	14	..	..	..	0
Boyle...	...	..	8	..	..	...	4
Horan	...	..	7	..	...	..	4
Murdock	...	..	0	...	...	...	0
Bailey	..	..	0	..	...	..	12
Gregory	..	..	0	not out	..	..	9
Garrett	..	..	0	...	..	...	10
Allan, not out	..	..	0	...	..	..	4
A. Bannerman	..	..	*	...	...	..	26
Blackham	..	..	*	..	...	...	0
Sundries	..	..	0	Sundries	..	..	5
Total	..	..	78	Total	..	...	89

AUSTRALIANS v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

This match was commenced on the Clifton College ground, at Bristol, on September 6, and concluded on the 6th, the colonials winning with the greatest ease, and with ten wickets in hand. Full score and bowling analysis appended:—

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W. G. Grace, c off Boyle	.. 22	1 b w, b Garrett	.. .. 5
Gilbert, c off Spofforth	.. 2	b Spofforth	.. .. 1
Moberley, c off Garrett	.. 22	c C. Bannerman, b Allan	.. .. 0
G. F. Grace, b Spofforth	... 1	b Garrett	.. .. 6
Townsend, st off Spofforth	.. 10	b Spofforth	.. .. 18
E. M. Grace, not out	.. 23	c Allan, b Garrett	.. .. 13
Wright, b Garrett	... 11	b Allan	... .. 12
Cranston, c off Spofforth	.. 0	c Boyle, b Spofforth	.. .. 0
Rev. H. Smith, b Spofforth	4	not out	.. .. 19
Bush, c Allan, b Spofforth	5	b Spofforth	... .. 3
Miles, b Spofforth	.. 2	b Spofforth	.. .. 4
Byes 8, leg-byes 2	.. 10	Byes, 1, leg-byes 3	.. .. 4
Total	.. .. 112	Total	... .. 85

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

C. Bannerman, c Gilbert, b Miles	... .. 33
A. Bannerman, run out	.. .. 19
Horan, 1 b w, b W. G. Grace	.. .. 5
Garrett, st Bush, b Miles	.. .. 43
Bailey, b Miles	.. .. 6
Spofforth, b Gilbert	.. .. 44
Murdock, run out	.. .. 0
Gregory, c and b Miles	.. .. 1

* These two names are omitted in cable report of first innings.

Blackham, b Miles	..	..	..	..	0
Boyle, not out	..	..	..	..	11
Allan, c W. G. Grace, b E. M. Grace	..	..	..	..	14
Wides	..	..	..	..	7
Total..	..	..	..	..	183

In the second innings Bailey scored (not out) 9; Spofforth (not out), 4; Sundries 4; Total 17.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

AUSTRALIANS.

First Innings.

	Balls.	Runs.	M. O.	Wickets.
Spofforth	39-3	49	19	7
Allan	7	11	2	0
Boyle	8	19	2	1
Garrett	24	23	14	2

Second Innings.

Spofforth	16-2	41	4	5
Boyle	2	7	0	0
Garrett	12	14	7	3
Allan	16	19	9	2

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

First Innings.

W. G. Grace	35	90	11	1
Miles	37	49	25	5
Townsend	12	13	5	0
G. F. Grace	6	5	3	0
Gilbert	5	19	0	1
E. M. Grace	0-2	0	0	1

Miles bowled 7 wide balls.

Second Innings.

W. G. Grace	31	11	0	0
Wright	3	2	2	0

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

Played at Scarborough, September.

The first match against the gentlemen was considered by the sporting papers as a standard, who argued that they had shown the supremacy of English over Australian cricket which the first few victories in England had put somewhat in doubt. What they would have urged further had this match been played out is hard to determine. It will be seen that the "Graces" did not play, nor can we see how they could claim a position in such a team.

Some of the English papers are now discussing "gentlemen players" so called, who are "professionals" in disguise. Murdock and C. Bannerman made fine scores, while Spofforth took 6 wickets, of which 5 were clean bowled, and Garrett bowled the other four.

The following are the scores :—

AUSTRALIANS.							
First Innings.				Second Innings.			
A. Bannerman, b Steel	...	0	..	..	..	..	2
Spofforth, b Steel	..	16	..	..	..	..	18
C. Bannerman, c off Appleby	21	..	..	..	..	..	54
Horan, off Steel	..	16	..	..	..	..	16
Garrett, off Steel	..	8	..	..	..	..	3
Boyle, off Steel	..	6	..	..	..	..	0
Allan, off Steel	..	3	not out	..	..	..	10
Bailey, b Appleby	..	9	..	..	..	..	40
Gregory, b Appleby	..	15	..	..	..	..	..
Blackham, off Ridley	..	14	not out	..	..	..	30
Murdock, not out	..	44	..	..	..	..	49
Sundries	..	5	..	..	..	..	29
Total			157	Total for 8 wickets			249

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.

First Innings.							
Thornton, b Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Hon. Lyttelton, b Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
A. W. Ridley, b Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
A. J. Webbe, b Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
A. N. Hornby, b Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Forbes, b Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. H. Hadow, b Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
D. Q. Steel, off Spofforth	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
T. S. Pearson, b Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Evans, b Garrett	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
A. Appleby, not out	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Total						109	

AUSTRALIANS v. ELEVEN PLAYERS OF ENGLAND.

Played at Princes' Ground, London, September.

The team of players were considerably stronger than those they met a few days before at Lords', comprising Shaw, Lockwood, Ulyett, Selby, and McIntyre. It seems a great pity it was not played out, but it demonstrates clearly that Australia can hold her own against the professionals of England man for man and quite confirms the colonial victory over Lillywhite's team. The Australians' batting on the whole runs more evenly than their opponents.

The scores speak for themselves :—

AUSTRALIANS.

A. Bannerman	..	..	...	..	..	...	1
C. Bannerman	..	...	..	..	..	...	61
Horan	...	..	...	..	...	..	16
Spofforth	...	...	...	..	..	..	33
Murdock	...	..	...	..	..	..	14
Bailey	...	..	..	..	..	...	2
Garrett	...	..	...	..	...	..	12
Gregory	...	..	..	..	...	...	57
Blackham	..	...	...	..	..	...	25
Allan, not out	...	...	...	..	...	...	5
Boyle	...	...	...	...	...	..	6
Sundries	..	...	...	...	...	...	4
Total							236

PLAYERS OF ENGLAND.

Ulyett	.	..	...	..	...	...	79
Rigley	...	.	..	...	..	...	27
Selby	...	..	..	..	...	..	3
Shrewsbury	...	...	..	..	..	...	8
Lockwood	...	...	..	..	...	...	12
Flowers	..	...	...	...	..	...	18
Barrett	..	..	...	..	...	...	3
Phillips	...	...	..	..	...	..	4
Shaw	...	...	..	..	..	..	0
M'Intyre	...	..	...	...	...	..	0
Blanchard, not out	..	..	...	..	..	...	3
Sundries	...	...	...	..	..	...	3
Total							160

AUSTRALIANS v. TWELVE OF WEST SCOTLAND.

[BY CABLE.]

Played at Glasgow, September.

Australians, 268 (only innings); West Scotland, 99 and 85.

Australians won in one innings by 84 runs.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF SUNDERLAND.

[BY CABLE.]

Played at Sunderland, September.

Australians, 77 and 68; Sunderland, 59 and 147. Sunderland won by 72 runs.

In this match Horan, Spofforth, and Bailey did not play.

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Australian Eleven in America.

N.B.—We regret we cannot publish more than telegraphic particulars respecting these matches, some of which even are incomplete.

AUSTRALIANS v. ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, NEW YORK.

Played October, 1878.

Australians—First innings, 70; second innings, 92 for 5 wickets total, 162.

St. George's Eighteen—First innings, 63; second innings, 98; total, 161.

Australians won by 5 wickets and 1 run.

AUSTRALIANS v. GERMANTOWN CLUB, PHILADELPHIA.

Played October, 1878.

Australians—First innings, 150; second innings, 56 with 5 wickets down; total, 205.

Germantown—First innings, 196; second innings, 53; total, 249.

The match resulted in a draw. This club is considered the strongest in America.

AUSTRALIANS v. TWENTY-TWO OF ONTARIO.

Played at Quebec, Canada, October, 1878.

Australians—First innings, 319.

Twenty-two of Ontario—First innings, 98; second innings (not to hand).

Won by the Australians in one innings.

AUSTRALIANS v. EIGHTEEN OF DETROIT.

Played at Detroit, October, 1878.

Australians—First innings, 298.

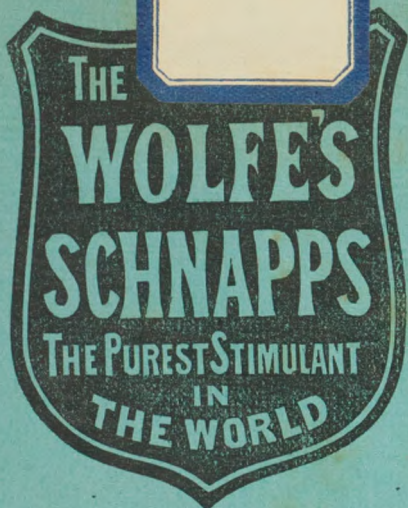
Detroit score not to hand.

Won by Australians in one innings and 71 runs to spare.

We understand a match was fixed for San Francisco, but we are unable to wait particulars.

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