

2nd TEST

30,000 hearts had no song in them at teatime on the first day of the Test at Lords, but when Bedser had Harvey lbw just after the interval English hopes rose.

190-for-2 looked a shade better. But in came the redoubtable Miller. What a chance to enjoy himself at the expense of the tired bowlers and field. Off Bedser, Hasset reached his century. He seems to be the opener Australia needs.

X [Brown was accurate and tireless all day, but not by any means menacing./ But now Hutton made an inspired change. He put Wardle on

and the left-hander got Hole caught by Compton. England were back in the game again.

25
c/r [Having tasted Aussie blood Wardle had Benaud lbw for a duck. Counting Hasset that was five men gone, and there was more to come. Wardle sent Miller a full toss. It went for six, but next ball the Australian match-winner was clean bowled!

How the crowd ~~roared~~ ^{scared}!... Three wickets for Wardle in ten balls; the game transformed! [But Ring 3 - ~~for~~ 780

a bfl 4 off Wardle
Don Bradman, coming out of the Press box, must have thought of the 300 he could have made on that wicket. Ring and Davidson played out time. At close of play England were patting themselves on the back for the turn of fortune they'd had since tea interval.

Next day Wardle carried on the good work by getting Ring L.B.W. The score was now 280 for 6. However, Hasset resumed his innings, apparently no worse for the strain. He played Wardle carefully but with confidence.

* 75
Fortunately for England he wasn't destined to score many more. [After being missed he was brilliantly caught in the slips by Bailie. His 104 were invaluable to Australia. off Bedser

Lindwall had a stroke of luck, missed at cover by Hutton off Statham. Poor Hutton had a bad time in the field in this innings. Fortunately Statham clean-bowled Lindwall, the Lancashire bowler's only wicket. Australia were 346 all out, a bigger score than seemed likely the night before.