

SECOND TEST ENDS IN DRAW.

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Australia began the third day's cricket at Lord's 195 runs behind England with five wickets to fall. ~~Presented an 110 to his credit when the other bats had failed.~~ Here is Verity bowling to Fleetwood Smith. But rain stopped play at 393 for 9 and for the next few hours Lord's presented a dismal spectacle. Newspapers were used as macintoshes, which made the foreign situation even more of a wet blanket. When play re-started Brown soon reached his second century --- with congratulations from Fleetwood Smith and cheers from the crowd. Australia's first innings ended with a total of 422 against England's 494. But for the brave and brilliant batting of Brown their situation would have been desperate. Stormy weather rocked the trees at the start of the final day, and for the closing hours of this match there was a feeling that almost anything might happen. Hammond had Verity to run for him owing to injury, ~~and~~ but there wasn't very much running done by anyone. England's hero was Compton --- 76 not out --- ~~but he was very nearly caught then!~~ In a daring effort to force a win England declared, hoping to ~~win~~ ^{shuttle} Australia in the afternoon, and the spectators came and ^{wished} ~~prayed~~ over the pitch. Brown and Fingleton opened but wickets fell cheaply. Ames was another England casualty, and Paynter kept wicket --- but that man Bradman scored another century and saved the side. So the second Test match was also a drawn game, but in contrast to Nottingham it's closing moments were full of lively interest. Incidentally Bradman broke another record with ~~5,721~~ a total of 3,721 runs in Test matches. Perhaps he'll retire now.

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