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As you see, cricket is a game where nobody guarantees anything. When the weather is unpleasant the authorities don't guarantee they'll start to play. When they do start, they don't guarantee ~~that they'll finish.~~ And if they finish, they don't guarantee a ~~definite~~ result. ~~They don't guarantee the result.~~

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~~the result.~~ But apart from the cricket, everybody feels sorry for the caterers, who must lose thousands of pounds ^{when it rains.} Thank

goodness beer doesn't rot. Hammond and Bradman inspected the wicket ^{but that was all.} ~~every now and then~~ ~~about whether play was~~

~~possible.~~ In the end they didn't play but made it a long week end.

How about the Eton and Harrow match? Of course that's more a match for smart people than for cricket. As a fashion parade it is second only to Ascot, and the cricketers away ~~at~~ in the middle of Lord's seem rather out of it all. That's just the ~~next~~ irony of it. At Manchester everyone went to see the cricket and they didn't play. At Lord's there was quite a lot of cricket and nobody took any notice.