

News flashes (continued)Australians at Worcester

The 1956 cricket invasion is on - with Worcester the traditional setting for the initial trial of strength. The Australians open their ~~campaign~~ ^{campaign} ~~in the first~~ - with Pat Crawford bowling to Peter Richardson, the County Skipper.

All eyes, including the Umpires - are on Crawford, (the former Lancashire League star) and his "drag" but his run-up evidently toes the line. Skipper Ian Johnson has a short spell - conceding only three runs in seven overs.

While to greathearted Ray Lindwall ~~took~~ ^{FELL} the first wicket. Kenyon for 21. ~~thirty-two~~

Facing a meagre Worcester total of ninety - the Aussies concentrated on batting practice. Mackay made 55.

Worcester's speed man Flavell took four good wickets...and we've still got Tyson, Truman and Statham up our sleeve!!!!

But the Australians have Richie Beneud - a brilliant all-rounder who hit ~~at least~~ 160 in just over three hours.

~~Wicket-keeper Maddocks contributed a useful 56 - and the Aussies, with a first-inning total of 438 - won their first test by an~~

The Aussies finally made 438: but their victory drive was held up by Peter Richardson's great century.