

Conceding the First Test to the weather, England and Australia rejoin battle at Lord's. Skipper Peter May tosses the coin, and good fortune favours Ian ~~Johnson~~ ^{JOHNSON}. - First knock on a good wicket. ~~Johnson~~

England's attacking strategy is based on speed, and yet more speed, as MacDonald and Burke come out to face the new-ball attack of Statham and Trueman.

All set. - MacDonald faces the opening ball from Statham, ~~an~~ an anxious moment for England as he falls flat during his run-up. That's how Australia lost Alan Davidson.

Fortunately, the Lancashire man had lost none of his fire - as MacDonald soon realised.

But Australia were off to a good start, ^{BURKE} ~~able~~ ably supporting his partner - playing sound, if unspectacular, cricket.

Calling on Bailey, May maintained his all-speed attack: but MacDonald batted on - reaching his fifty. He was later caught by ^{Trueman} ~~Trueman~~ - for 78.

Soon after, Burke completed his half-century - and the opening stand of 137 was Australia's best against England - since the war.

Then Bailey, (with two quick wickets), came to our rescue. First MacDonald.

And here's the ^{GREATER} ~~greatest~~ prize - Neil Harvey, caught behind the wicket by Evans - for a duck. Australia 137 for two.

The dismissal of Burke brought in Keith Miller - always ready to hit a boundary.

The following day, Trueman reaped his reward for some fine bowling - when he knocked-back Miller's off-stump.

~~Australia were now 196 for five - and a grim fight for runs followed.~~

Faced by hostile bowling - the Aussies were all out for 285, ~~their~~ ^{AND} ~~initial advantage had gone~~ - ~~285~~ with a great fight in the offing -

"Ground Full" at Lord's - seems the only certain prediction for the ~~second test.~~

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THE OFFING - WITH BOTH SIDES STRIVING
MORE ~~TO~~ ^{TO} PLAY

FOR A VITAL LEAD IN THE BATTLE FOR THE ASHES.