

LORDS TEST MATCH

Len Hutton leads the English eleven onto the field at Lords for the second Test Match against the Australians. Taking on the job as an opener, Lindsay Hassett, the Aussies little Captain, joins Arthur Morris, his second in command. Packed the stands are more than thirty thousand spectators. The Father Time weather vane looks down upon this perfect English scene, bathed in perfect summer sunshine.

Godfrey Evans keeps careful watch as Hassett gets set.

Statham to Hassett.

With Hassett quickly in his stride, Morris soon finds his form.

A typical Morris boundary.

The score steadily mounts but finally Alec Bedser tempts Morris out, and Evans has stumped him! Australia 65 for one: 30 of them came from Morris. A fine innings but a brilliant dismissal by Evans.

Partnered by Neil Harvey, Hassett keeps at it, wearing down even big-hearted Bedser. A quick flick and there's another run.

Here's Statham in action again, but Hassett copes with them all. That's his fifty up!

Hassett's 50 brings the score to a hundred-and-one. A tidy sum already. Harvey lines up to face a ball from Trevor Bailey.

Watson a fine field, gets to this one.

Hutton and Freddy Brown decide to take the new ball. Bedser again to Harvey.

And he's got him! L.B.W. bowled Bedser for 59. Australia are now 190 for two. But Lindsay Hassett smacks this one hard and there's his hundred. That's his fourth century against England and his tenth in test cricket. But a pulled leg muscle finally forces him to leave the field. Bad luck indeed after a really magnificent innings. The man who takes his place is Graham Hole, a free scoring right hander.

Don Kenyon gets to this one.

Next man to go is Hole - thanks to Wardle's efforts. Benaud is another to fall to the Yorkshireman, but Keith Miller is still there and looking as if he could win the match by himself.

Wardle to Miller.

Australia, with five wickets still in hand, have 263 on the board at the end of the first day's play.

The following morning, Ring and Davidson put up a brave stand against England's onslaught. Here's Doug Ring having a go.

Wardle flings down a nasty one - and Ring's L.B.W!

Although six wickets have gone down, Australia haven't reached their tail end yet. In comes Hassett again to join Davidson who's in great form.

Hutton changes the field, and Bedser bowls to Hassett.

Hassett snicks it, and Bailey's caught him! A magnificent catch!

291 for seven. Bedser to Ray Lindwall, but Len Hutton at short leg fumbles a catch! An injured thumb didn't give him much of a chance.

Statham again to Ray Lindwall, and a fast one gets his stumps.

After getting his 200 th wicket in test cricket (that of Langley), Bedser gets down to dealing with Davidson.

A hard crack to Statham at deep field, and Davidson's caught! Australia in their first innings are all out for 346.