



[By STONEWALLER.]

THE AUSTRALIANS IN ENGLAND.

FIXTURES

AUGUST.

31—Scarborough, v. Eleven of England.

SEPTEMBER.

4—Hastings, v. South of England.

On form one would have expected the Middlesex County team to have made an extremely good fight with the Australians, for the team had put up some excellent performances both in batting and bowling during the season, and occupied a leading position among the county teams. However, they made a very poor show against the visitors, and in the end were beaten in an innings with over 200 runs to spare. Darling won the toss. There was nothing very sensational in the batting until Iredale joined his captain, then the batsmen took charge of the bowling and made a very fine stand. Singularly enough each made 111. Darling batted in quite his best form, but scored his runs in slow time, taking four hours and a half. Iredale commenced slowly, but after he had played himself in his cricket was excellent all round the wicket. He made his runs in three hours and a half. In the end the total reached the fine figure of 445. Albert Trott was very expensive his four wickets costing 107 runs, and so was Hearne, who bowled with a little bad luck, and took three wickets for 87. The Middlesex batsmen could do very little against the bowling of McLeod and Jones, and in a very short time, one of the strongest batting teams in England was disposed of for the miserable total of 105. McLeod captured seven wickets for 57, and Jones took three for 54. Warner, the old Oxonian, was the only batsman to make a respectable show, and in scoring his 39 he exhibited good form. Following on the county team beat the first innings score by 5 runs. This time Trott with 43 and Wells with 30 did well, but the others failed lamentably. Jones bowled at his best and got seven wickets for 40, McLeod following up his previous success with three for 68. In the match Jones took ten wickets for 94, and McLeod ten for 125. Victory thus rested with the Australians by an innings and 230 runs.

On Thursday the Australians commenced a match against the Somerset County team at Taunton in perfect weather and on a splendid wicket. The home team batted first, and Braund and Bernard, the first batsmen batting in brilliant style put on 151 before being separated, Braund made 82 and Bernard 94. Afterwards Sammy Woods and Robson made another fine stand, the former hitting splendidly, while Robson gave a good exhibition of defensive play combined with scoring power. Woods made 68 before being dismissed, and Robson scored 74 ere he was run out. Four other wickets then fell rather rapidly, but at the close of the day's play the Somerset men had put together the fine total of 376 for the loss of nine wickets. The last wicket quickly fell without any addition to the score. McLeod and Trumble were the first Australians to go to the wicket, and though the former was soon disposed of, Trumble stayed long enough to make his total runs exceed the 1000. After Noble was quickly out,

Laver and Trumper made a good stand, the youngster making 51 before he was caught at the wicket. Laver made his first century of the tour, and though he gave two chances his 143 was a very fine innings. Darling put on another big innings, retiring when only 7 short of his century, while Iredale, Kelly, and Jones all made very respectable scores. In the end the total reached 532, of which 30 were extras. Following on, Bernard, Robson, Phillips, Woods, and Daniell all scored freely, and though the Australian bowling was changed constantly, the county team scored 232 for nine wickets, and saved the game. It is worth while noting the bowling in this innings, for Darling tried ten men, the one exception being Kelly, the wicket-keeper. Jones took three wickets for 50 Noble one for 13, Howell one for 28, Laver one for 9, Trumper one for 10, Iredale one for 11, McLeod none for 50, Gregory none for 34, Trumble none for 14, and Darling none for 10. There is no doubt Darling tried hard to win the game, but the Somerset batsmen were too good for the attack.

The following are the Australian batting averages up to and including the Somerset match:—

	I.	N.O.	H.S.	TL. Sc.	Avg.
Noble	45	7	156	1517	39.9
Hill	23	1	160	879	39.9
Darling	50	8	134*	1670	39.5
Worrall	36	5	128	1155	37.2
Trumper	43	3	300*	1487	37.1
Trumble	45	8	100	1002	35.2
Iredale	32	2	115	960	32.0
Gregory	47	6	124	1159	28.2
Kelly	34	4	103	744	24.8
Laver	33	9	143	739	21.7
Jones	31	4	55	521	19.2
McLeod	33	6	77	469	17.3
Howell	36	9	49	314	12.5
Johns	7	3	27	50	12.2



A MIX UP.

The cable informs us that Ranjitsinhji has already scored 2837 runs in first-class cricket this season.

Ranjitsinhji, in 1896, scored 2780 runs in first-class matches, beating W. G. Grace's 2739 in 1871, which was the record for 25 years. "Ranji" has now beaten his own record, and as the season is not yet over he may be expected to go considerably beyond his 1896 figures. Other aggregates of 2000 runs in a season have been obtained by W. G. Grace in 1871 (2739), in 1876 (2622), in 1895 (2346), in 1873 (2139), in 1896 (2135), and in 1887 (2062); by Gunn in 1893 (2057); by A. E. Stoddart in 1893 (2072); and Abel in 1895 (2057), in 1896 (2218), in 1897 (2090), and in 1898 (2053).

The Ring.

GODDARD LOSES ON A FOUL.

A Sensational Encounter.

I thought we had heard the last of Jos Goddard when he fizzled so atrociously in his fight with Gus Ruhlin (writes Sam Austin in the N.Y. Police Gazette), but he has evidently found Chicago a desirable place to resume operations. He appeared there the other night in a six-round bout with a native negro slugger called "Klondike." As usual, he made a "bloomer," and after doing every conceivable thing not allowed by the rules, he was disqualified for fouling, to the satisfaction of a host of disgusted spectators.

The men agreed to hit in clinches, and this led to plenty of rough-and-tumble work and some dirty play on the ropes, in which Goddard was to blame. Finally, in the third, both went to the mat, "Klondike" on top, and clawing like a ground hog. A police official was the quickest on the floor, and took a running jump in the mix-up, and got them apart. After that he permitted them to fight, break clean, and the third round was started over again. "Klondike" was wrestled down to his knees, and Goddard swung on him, losing on a foul. Goddard's last fight was sensational, to say the least, even though devoid of science.

The old fellow has got to the end of his tether, and is more of a false alarm now than anything else. He refuses to make a match except for a certainty, and the best he tries to get is a draw if he can last long enough, but more often he quits deliberately or loses on a foul, an easy way of getting the money, but poor consolation to the deluded spectators, who are fooled by a good name and a defunct reputation into believing that they will see a good fight. Goddard's day as a pugilist has passed.

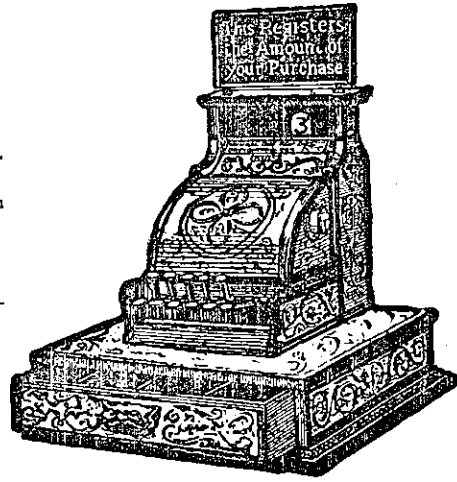


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When Jim Jeffries reached his dressing room after laying Fitzsimmons low, he was perhaps the happiest man in the big city. He jumped about gleefully, shook hands with everybody, hugged first one and the other of his trainers, and acted like a man thoroughly crazed with joy. The spectators, as they passed out of the huge amphitheatre, continued to cheer vociferously, and the sound reached the burly Californian as he sat on the side of his cot, divesting himself of his ring attire.

Lacrosse.

[BY COVERPOINT.]

Saturday's matches completed the first round of the competition for the Kohn badges. Notwithstanding the heavy rain on Friday and Saturday morning, the Domain was in very fair condition.

The matches played were between Iroquois and Mohawks and Pawnees and Dakotas. Chief interest was centred in the game Pawnees v. Dakotas.

Eagleton and Patterson faced off. Play was snon in Dakotas territory. Here Bradley soon broke through the opposing defence, and drew first blood for Pawnees. Give-and-take play followed for the next quarter of an hour. Then Atkinson by a splendid piece of work carried the rubber into Pawnees' goal, and scored with a beauty. A little while afterwards, from a loose scramble for the ball, Bradley succeeded in sending it through the posts. Short shot Pawnees' third goal. Ward threw into Pawnees' territory. Atkinson obtained possession. Noton was found wanting in defence, which allowed his opponent to score an easy one. Both sides now rallied, but Pawnees handled the ball better and played with good combination. Bradley scored three more goals, Shortt and London one each, the game ending thus — Pawnees, 8 goals; Dakotas, 2 goals. Mr M. Foley was referee, and gave every satisfaction.

Pawnees attack men seem to be improving every week, but I can't say the same about their defenders. Blackler, Eagleton, Shortt, and London grafted well for their victory, which

was well earned. Had the Dakota men put as much vim into their play as Hicks, Atkinson, Coslett, and Ward, the game would have been more evenly contested.

Iroquois v. Mohawks.—Within a few minutes of starting Draper shot a goal for Iroquois. Even play followed for the next fifteen minutes, till Major got Iroquois' second goal. Good play by Mohawks' attackers resulted in Morrin scoring. Ten minutes afterwards Richardson broke through Mohawks' defence and landed a beauty. Major made several alterations in the position of his team, which proved disastrous. Mohawks increased their score to 6 goals. Morrin got one, Saunders two, and Anderson one. Scores—Mohawks, 6 goals; Iroquois, 3 goals. Mr E. Shaw was an impartial referee.

For Mohawks, Challis, Morrin, Saunders, and Kalender were always prominent, and well deserved their win. Richardson, Draper, Owen, and Thomson grafted hard, but were poorly supported by their comrades.

The following table shows the position of the competing teams:—

	Matches Played.				Goals	
	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Agnst.	
Pawnees	3	3	0	0	18	7
Dakotas	3	1	2	0	16	15
Iroquois	3	1	2	0	12	14
Mohawks	3	1	2	0	9	19

Then some called out, "He's getting old,"
An orator he claimed to be,
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