

## TEST MATCH

Test match prospects were ideal at headquarters. The moral victory of the South Africans at Nottingham, the perfect wicket and thirty-thousand spectators combined to put England on their mettle. This time the tourists lost the toss and spent nearly two days in the field. They ran up against Edrich and Compton in top form. The two Mdx top notchers put on 370 in a record third wicket partnership. Against bowling with which no liberties could be taken and first rate fielding the batsmen laid the foundations of a huge score.

(Crowd) At the end of the first day England were strongly placed. 312 for two Edrich and Compton resumed the innings on Monday morning. Scoring was faster than on the first day, but the bowling was never really collared. Compton was cheered all round the ground on completing his 150. (af bor) Eventually it was Mann, the slow left hander, who got Edrich out, clean bowled.

The great England all-rounder returned to the pavilion only eleven short of a double century. Barnett took his place and a minute or two later Dennis Compton got his two hundred.

Compton was out for two hundred and eight, one of the finest innings ever ~~seen~~<sup>seen</sup> in Anglo-African Test Matches.

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The remaining batsmen hit out at everything. Evans was clean bowled by Tuckett.

~~So was~~ So was Bedser and England declared at 554 for eight. South Africa gallantly responded and it was some consolation that the captain, Allan Melville, scored his fourth successive Test Match century. Altogether international cricket at its very best.