

## COMPTON AND EDRICH SHINE IN TEST

Test Match history repeated itself at Old Trafford, with all-rounder Edrich taking wickets, incidentally making the ball get up too quickly for Tuckett's liking, and later joining Compton in another big stand. The Middlesex all-rounder got a lot of life out of the Old Trafford pitch.

(GV) It was Edrich who got Viljoen caught by Compton for a magnificent ninety-three, and he was still bowling at a good pace to the South African tail-end batsman near luncheon on the second day.

(Glasses) Tuckett was the last batsman to keep his end up till Edrich bowled him neck and crop.

Gladwin, in his first Test Match, sent down fifty overs and got two wickets. Plimsoll was the last man in, but before he got into double figures he was caught at <sup>t</sup>wicket, and after lunch England sent in Hutton and Washbrooke to reply to the useful total of 339.

Tuckett was making the ball get up and Washbrooke knew all about it.

Hutton seemed pretty well at home to Plimsoll but made a half-hearted stroke when twelve and was well taken ~~back~~ <sup>behind</sup> the stumps. Again no luck for England's Number One batsman. With only eight more runs on the board Tuckett got Washbrooke caught in the slips. England were only forty-eight for two. That brought Edrich and Compton together, and it was Lords all over again. Both made centuries,

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with Compton scoring a little faster to begin with.

(GV after crowd) Dennis Compton won the race for the hundred.

Edrich got his century soon afterwards and the Middlesex pair put on 228 for the third wicket before Compton was caught off Dawson for a brilliant hundred and fifteen.

With the pitch still lively Yardley joined Edrich in a comedy gardening act. The two played out time. England were left in a strong position.