

COMPTON EQUALS HOBBS'S RECORD

The cricket idol of Middlesex has made his sixteenth century of the season

The cricket idol of Middlesex came out to bat in the second innings against Lancashire. It was his last chance to let the crowd at Lords, his home ground, see him equal the great record made by Jack Hobbs twenty-two years ago. *can't*
make the 16th century of season
~~Cricket veterans and~~ young shavers who thrill at the name of Denis Compton had high hopes that this time the great young cricketer would have luck on his side and get the runs. It was one more proof of his perfect temperament that though Middlesex wanted three-hundred and seventy-one to escape defeat by Lancashire he batted as freely as if the game were well in hand. ~~Neither~~ The keen Lancashire ~~attacker, one of the best in the country, was able to peg~~

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attack, nor the cynical indifference of the M.C.C. cat, could ~~peg him down,~~ and eventually that coveted Century was on the board.

(scoreboard) Having topped the Hundred Denis Compton went for the bowling in a brave attempt to knock off the runs Middlesex wanted to beat Lancashire. But there he was unsuccessful, and the Northerners humbled the champions - though not by any means the champion batsman of the year Denis Compton.