

ENGLAND WIN ASHES

Hassett thought he'd give a light twist to the game when England only wanted ^{a few} more by going on to bowl himself. Compton was at the receiving end, with his partner in the old firm, Bill Edrich, standing at 55. ^{a wonderful innings} ~~at~~ *at* the opposite end Hassett put Morris on and with a boundary ~~hit~~ to leg Compton scored the winning hit. After 20 years England had recaptured the Ashes. [Most of the 25,000 lucky spectators left the police cordan helpless, eager to congratulate Hutton and his great side. Just three words expressed the wish of all, We want Len. [Lindsay Hassett, grand sportsman to the end, took his defeat well. Hutton and he spoke from the Surrey Secretary's office, so that everybody should hear them over the loudspeakers.

Hassett wittily replies

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Having survived to desperate overs the night before

Hutton and Edrich gave England a fair start against the blitz attack of Lindwall and Miller.

The dismissal of Edrich for 21 brought in May and that bright young hope of English batting showed good form after a shakey start. The spirits of the house-full crowd rose quite a lot, and when May was caught by Archer off Johnston England were 137 for 2. ⁵ May looked like a good prospect for future test cricket. Hutton was still there and by this time batting well.

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It was a comfort to Australia that the great Bill Johnston had recovered from early-season injury and was bowling ^{exactly} well. So well that he yorked Hutton when the skipper looked safe for a hundred. Hutton's departure often bodes ill for England, especially as Denis Compton is nowadays no tower of strength. Langley caught him off Lindwall, to make England 167 for 4.

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Now almost everything depended on Bailey. His success has been one of the few bright spots in the series for England. Once more he rose to the occasion. Evans, too, shaped well, showing that the bowling could be hit. His gallant progress was not disturbed even by Lindwall, ^{but} ~~then~~ to the crowd's dismay Evans ran himself out. It would have taken an optimist indeed to predict that England would bat till lunch next day and score 306

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TEST CONTINUED

20 The most dramatic part of England's innings was the last
wicket partnership. Bedser, always a good bat when crisis
demands it, helped Bailey to push the score past the
Australian total. Once again that hero of the series, Trevor
Bailey pulled England out of a tight corner. That the
Aussie total would be passed had seemed wildly unlikely; yet
when Bailey was at last bowled by Archer for 64 England
40 had won ~~an~~ ^{an} invaluable lead of 31.

30 (board) This was another tremendous match, ~~As~~ ^{As} Hassett and
Morris came out again, the all-important factor was that the
crumbling wicket was taking spin. After very brief spells
by Bedser and Truman, Hutton brought on those two superb
spinners Laker and Locke. And then began drama such as
even the previous Tests ~~have~~ ^{at} not equalled. A beautiful
ball from Lock had the great Harvey beaten and clean bowled.

Then off Laker, Truman brilliantly caught Miller.

Lock appealed for LBW against Morris and he went.

But now in came the heroic young Archer and for a glorious
hour he all but knocked the cover off the ball.

(crowd) Archer was at last caught by Edrich in the slips
off Lock, ~~16~~ ~~119~~
140 for 8. Langley was caught by Truman. Another wicket
to Locke.

(board) Lindwall again tried to smite England hip and ~~the~~
thigh, and did add 12 to the score, before Compton caught him
on the Pavilion rails off Laker.

Laker had taken 4 for 75. Tony Lock, even better, ~~119~~
Good old Surrey.

So when Hutton and Edrich came in, with the Captain getting
off the mark in the first over, England needed 132
to win. ~~Could~~ ^{Could} these two stay together, 50 minutes till
close of play? It looked like it till Hutton ran himself out.
How and why it happened probably he himself will never know.

(boy) What a day of drama, ~~when~~ [!] when it ended England had nine wickets
in hand and wanted 94 to win.

HUTTON AND HASSETT INTERVIEWS

HUTTON

"Ladies and Gentlemen: It is very very difficult to know what to talk about on these occasions, but I must say how happy and thrilled I feel about it all today, and to happen here at the Oval which, of course, has always been a very happy hunting ground for me LENGTH 31 ft. (bare length - less applause)

"May Australia continue to produce cricketers of the calibre of Lindsay Hassett. He has done so much for this game, not only here but in Australia and in various parts of the world. I would just like to say thank you^{all} for this wonderful reception. Thank you." (..... LENGTH 28 ft. (bare length - less applause))

HASSETT

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I would just like to offer my congratulations to you, Len, and to all of the English team. There is no doubt about the victory - they earned it right from the first ball to the second last over, anyway." LENGTH 24 ft. (bare length - less applause)