

The third day at Lord's and the sun is shining, ~~both on the capacity crowd~~  
~~and English test hopes.~~ <sup>ENGLAND</sup> 177 for one. Hutton and Graveney still there,

OK! what a beautiful morning!

But not for long. Lindwall opens in destructive mood. His fourth ball shatters Graveney's wicket. ~~First blood to Australia.~~

Compton and Hutton now. And Hassett brings on Johnston, as they master the fiery new-ball attack.

The pattern of the morning's play is plain. Hutton reaches his fifth Test century against Australia. This despite a badly-bruised thumb. A gallant captain's knock.

Hutton <sup>with 175</sup> ~~with 175~~ <sup>went</sup> ~~went~~ just before lunch, amid a great ovation. ~~Compton~~ ~~by~~ ~~his~~ ~~off~~  
~~Johnston~~ ~~for~~ ~~175~~. England 279 for three.

Then, between lunch and tea, England's resistance is broken. A ball from Johnston rebounds from the pads of keeper Langley to stamp Watson.  
 Denis Compton bats on to reach his half-century. Fighting his way back to test cricket.

~~Freddy Brown comes in and takes a dozen off Benaud in one over.~~

● Lindwall comes back - to get Brown first ball, caught by Langley. 328 for six.

Next ball - Lindwall bowls Evans. ~~Samson Wardle stopped the net-trick.~~

Wickets tumbling fast. Another Lindwall yorker to Bedser. 341 for nine.

But Yorkshire and Lancashire fill the breach. Wardle and Statham in a hard-hitting last wicket stand, that puts England in front.

The score mounts to 372 - then Wardle goes - bowled Davidson.

The fine foundation of Hutton, Graveney and Compton is gone. Even the keenest fans can only make us twenty-six ahead...

Victory hopes fall again on the sturdy shoulders of England bowlers. They never let us down. Statham bowls Hassett for three.

Encouraged by success, Statham peps-up his bowling. Miller takes a hard one on the thigh and surrenders his bat in pain.

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But not his wicket. The famous all-rounder goes on to notch his fourth Test century. Australia now victory-bound. Then a Bedser special and Miller is pavilion-bound. 235 for four. Hole survives a confident appeal behind the wicket. England bowlers hitting back. This time Hole goes. (L.B.W. to Brown). Ring follows in the same manner - three runs later. 308 for eight. And Langley gives Brown his fourth wicket of the innings. THEN Lindwall completes a hard-hitting fifty - the man's a menace with bat or ball...

So But without addition, Bedser ends his merry knock. Australia total 368 - leaving England ~~200~~ <sup>to make -</sup> 342 for victory.

But with only ten scored - Hutton and Kenyon are back in the Pavilion - victims of - Yes - that man Lindwall. Graveney soon follows. Twelve for three.

So Denis Compton faces another "Backs-to-the-wall" test...

<sup>while</sup> The Duke of Edinburgh watches ~~England's~~ <sup>the</sup> grim ~~fight~~ <sup>batlle</sup>.

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The great Bailey-Watson partnership begins with anxious moments. But together the two heroes save England - with a stand of 163. Watson scores a century in his first test against Australia.

For nearly four-and-a-half hours they defy Australia's bowling might. The final ~~100~~ <sup>OVER. THE MATCH IS</sup> drawn. England 282 for seven. a great fight.

~~A wonderful Test~~

The closing minutes of a drawn match. England 282 for seven. A great fight. A wonderful Test.