

FINAL
The First Test Match.

2048

Kennington Oval. The beginning of the end of the Battle for the Ashes. No more rearguard actions. This is the Final Test and once again, the luck of the toss favours Australia. But co-incidence favours England for, in 1927, they won the Ashes on this very ground - after four drawn matches

(PAUSE) Sir Jack Hobbs (one of the heroes of that match) is on the ground as Hassett and Morris come out to open for Australia (BRING UP)

Alec Bedser opens the bowling for England (BRING UP)

But now - there's fighting support in Freddy Truman of Yorkshire. And Morris gives a difficult chance to Denis Compton (BRING UP)

But Morris is a Bedser victim. This time L.B.W. for 16 (BRING UP)

Hassett facing Truman. But he quickly moves away as a bird flies across wicket.. They put Alec Bedser out to control them - but he hands out ducks much better. Soon after - Hassett late-cut Lock for a single - to send up his fifty.. Though Bedser got him soon after lunch for 53 (BRING UP)

Harvey is out - caught by Hutton off Truman. At 160 for seven - Australia were in trouble (BRING UP)

Then the Mangaroo's tail begins to wag merrily. Lindwall hits a valiant 62 Then becomes Truman's fourth victim. Caught by Evans. (BRING UP)

Australia all-out 275 - Hutton and Eldrich played out a couple of overs. Hutton once losing his cap and almost his wicket. But they survived to give England a fair start in a fighting reply (BRING UP)

International Car Racing in Scotland.

International car racing at Charterhall, Berwickshire. In the pits, Stirling Moss makes a last-minute check of his Cooper-Alfa (BRING UP) Italian Ace G. Farina watches a rival car - a B.R.M. arriving for the big race of the day - the Fifty-lap Formula Libre (BRING UP)

And here's Farina in his Ferrari Thin-wall Special No.93, going up to the start (PAUSE) Last tense moments and - they're away - with one hundred miles to go - on this famous war-time fighter-drome circuit (BRING UP)

And the Ferrari goes into the lead...No. 93 is ahead - but hanging grimly on to him is No. 35 - Ken Wharton in a B.R.M. Wharton has already won the Formula 11 race in a Cooper-Bristol (BRING UP)

So the duel continues - until the 14th lap - when Farina is forced to make a pit-stop with engine-trouble (PAUSE) No. 97 Stirling Moss in the Cooper Alfa follows him in (BRING UP)

Wharton (in the B.R.M.) is now out in front - and No.38 Tony Rolt (in a Connaught) comes up into second place (BRING UP)

But the B.R.M. (showing terrific speed) laps every car (except the Connaught) and sets up a new lap-record with a speed of 85.71 m.p.h. (BRING UP)

Wharton comes home to an easy victory - completing a big-race double for

And fight they did. They finished the second day forty behind the Australian total. Hutton 82. Gallant Alec Bedser coming in last, made a grand 22 not-out on the third day - and here they are, passing the Australian total. (BRING UP)

But the sheet-anchor when England wickets were falling thick and fast was Trevor Bailey - He sent up the three-hundred; England's first-innings lead was 31... Australia's second innings soon wiped out the lead; but here's where the sensations started. (BRING UP)

Lock bowled Harvey for one. (BRING UP) Then the other spin bowler - Laker - had Miller wonderfully caught by Truman. (BRING UP)

Those two Surrey bowlers took four wickets for two runs and now the Australians were in real trouble. 61 for five wickets - only thirty ahead and their best men gone.

Here goes Lindwall - caught Compton. (BRING UP) So at the end of the third day, Hassett leads out his men - determined to battle it out to the last single... For once a gain our bowlers have given us a chance of victory. Hutton and Edrich open for England - with only 132 runs needed... Bill Johnston bowling to Hutton. (BRING UP) Compton came in when May was caught, and here's Edrich's wonderful fifty... The Ashes at last were almost in the bag... (BRING UP) And here's the winner - from Denis Compton. (BRING UP)

England has won! The Ashes are ours. Twenty years of defeat and disappointment are forgotten - and to honour the first and only professional kipper to lead England to victory against Australia - the call is for Len Hutton.... (BRING UP)

In his speech, Hutton paid tribute to the Australian captain. (BRING UP)...
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