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Old Trafford: Needing only one more victory, England's hopes of retaining those Ashes rose sky-high when Skipper Peter May won the toss and took first knock on a perfect batting wicket.

England amateurs, Richardson and Cowdrey opened the innings, and hit ~~six straight away~~ their Nottingham century-stand form - from the start

Fourteen runs off the first three overs.

Better equipped in attacking-strokes, Cowdrey was first to reach his fifty - which included nine boundaries.

Richardson, too, kept the scoreboard moving, despite superb fielding by the Aussies. And this welcome "amateur approach" to modern test-cricket

~~was~~ produced 111 runs at lunch.

Cowdrey was finally caught, off Lindwall, for eighty.- An opening stand of 174 - the highest against Australia - since the war

Recalled to Test duty, ^{DAVID SHEPHERD HAD} a fiery baptism, ~~for David Shepherd~~ - a Lindwall bumper.

Meanwhile, batting in brilliant style, Peter Richardson reached his first test century...and finally went for 104 - caught Maddocks, bowled Benaud

Eager to share this ^{IN RESURGENCE} ~~renaissance~~ of amateur cricket, Bailey tries to hit his first ball out of the ground. ^{AND IS NEARLY CAUGHT.}

The selectors were right. First Washbrook, and now Shepherd, with a score of 113. And England, 459 all-out, ~~looks to Lock and Laker.~~

left it to ^{LAKER} ~~Lock and Laker~~ to skittle Australia.