

Yes, England keep the Ashes! But from the moment that Skipper May won a vital toss, and Richardson and Cowdrey laid the foundation of victory with a brilliant century stand, let's recapture the highlights of that epic Old Trafford Test.

Leading the great ^{quartet} revival of English amateur cricket, Richardson reaches his first Test century.

The welcome return to big cricket of David Shepherd brought another great century.

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Spinning them out, Jim Laker bowled Johnson to take nine wickets - a Test record that didn't last long.

Following on, 375 runs behind, the Aussies were in real trouble. But they found a useful ally in that Old Trafford weather. After all, the last England-Australia test to be finished there was in 1905!!!

But fortunately, it stopped raining long enough for Jim Laker to become a cricket immortal. His all ten wickets in the second innings and nineteen for the match are all-time records. So England won by an innings and 170 runs. The Ashes stay at home.