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They called him the "Gay Cavalier" of cricket. Yes, it's Denis Compton welcoming famous sporting colleagues, Stanley Matthews and his former England captain, Sir Leonard Hutton ^{was also at the} National Sporting Club Dinner to mark the end of ^{Denis's} ~~his first innings, his~~ professional career.

D Peter May was another "departing great" who paid tribute to an ~~all-rounder~~ all-rounder who amassed over 38,000 runs, 122 centuries and a Cup Final medal.

But actor Robert Morley first paid tribute to the dinner SOUND

And then praised the man and his "love of the game" SOUND

In turn, Denis thanked his friends for their early encouragement - not forgetting his father SOUND.

~~Rocky road to professional cricket~~

HE INTENDS TO PLAY AS AN

But Denis is still not out. - ~~he starts his second innings as an~~

~~amateur...~~ AMATEUR - NEXT SEASON