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**SOUVENIR SCORE CARD — 6d.**  
**EAST MOLESEY MEMORIAL CRICKET GROUND**  
East Molesey, Surrey.

**AUSTRALIA v EAST MOLESEY**

**First Game of 1953 Tour**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 26th, 1953**

Hours of Play: 11.30 a.m. — 6 p.m.

*Cricket has been played on the East Molesey Ground since 1693.*

His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, honours the East Molesey Club with his presence, together with THE DUKE OF BEAUFORT, K.G., President of the M.C.C.; The Lord Lieutenant of the County of Surrey, Lt.-General SIR ROBERT HAINING; VISCOUNT JOWITT, VISCOUNT BRUCE OF MELBOURNE, The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of London, SIR RUPERT DE LA BERE; SIR DENYS LOWSON, Bt.; GORDON COULTER, Esq., Melbourne; The following members of Her Majesty's Government: The Rt. Hon. SIR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE, P.C., Home Secretary; The Hon. SIR WALTER MONCKTON, P.C., Minister of Labour; Major GWYLLIAM LLOYD GEORGE, Minister of Food; The Hon. IAN MACLEOD, Minister of Health; The Hon. PETER THORNEycROFT, Minister of Transport; The Hon. DAVID ECCLES, Minister of Works; The Rt. Hon. C. R. ATTLEE, P.C., C.H., Leader of the Opposition; H.E. SIR THOMAS WHITE, High Commissioner for Australia; The Hons. the AGENTS-GENERAL for NEW SOUTH WALES, VICTORIA, QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WEST AUSTRALIA, and TASMANIA; The Chairman Esher Urban District Council, Councillor S. V. ARNOLD, J.P.; Dr. H. C. COOMBS, Governor of The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Sydney.

The East Molesey Cricket Club are indebted to the Australian Board of Control for International Cricket for this, the greatest fixture in the Club's long history.

**EAST MOLESEY XIII**

BATSMEN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	SCORE
1 B. CONSTABLE (Surrey & E.M.)			
2 <del>W. ALLEY</del> (N.S.W. & Blackpool)	McGUIRE		
3 J. A. GODDARD (East Molesey)			
4 D. G. INSOLE (England & Essex)			
5 *D. CONSTABLE (East Molesey)			
6 G. McGUIRE (East Molesey)	CRACKNELL		
7 RAY SMITH (Essex)			
8 † R. J. H. McNEILL (East Molesey)			
9 GEORGE TRIBE (Australia and Northants)			
10 J. THOMPSON (East Molesey)			
11 R. H. TINDELL (East Molesey)			
12 PETER SMITH (England & Essex)			
13 K. CRACKNELL (East Molesey)			

Numbers do not necessarily indicate order of batting.

Fall of Wickets .....  
Bowling Analysis ... O. M. R. W.

† Captain \* Wicketkeeper

THIRTEEN TO BAT—ELEVEN TO FIELD

**AUSTRALIA XIII**

BATSMEN	HOW OUT	BOWLER	SCORE
1 A. R. MORRIS (New South Wales)			
2 C. McDONALD (Victoria)			
3 † A. L. HASSETT (Victoria)			
4 R. N. HARVEY (Victoria)			
5 K. R. MILLER (New South Wales)			
6 G. HOLE (South Australia)			
7 R. BENAUD (New South Wales)			
8 J. de COURCY (New South Wales)			
9 D. RING (Victoria)			
10 *D. TALLON (Queensland)			
11 A. K. DAVIDSON (N.S.W.)			
12 R. R. LINDWALL (N.S.W.)			
13 W. A. JOHNSTON (Victoria)			
Extras			
Total			

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Fall of Wickets .....  
Bowling Analysis ... O. M. R. W.

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**ECHOES FROM THE PAST**

One of the earliest reports of a cricket match in existence, concerns a match at Molesey. In 1723 the "Daily Courant" related that a match was played at Moulsey between Gentlemen of London and Gentlemen of Surrey. And after the game the players were entertained at Hampton Court Palace by Frederick, Prince of Wales.

**September, 1731:** "A great cricket match was played at Molesey, in Surrey, between the Kingston men and the county of Surrey for 25-guineas-a-side, which was won by the latter. Some thousands of persons of both sexes were present."

**First L.B.W. Decision:** In 1795 at Molesey, XI of Surrey v. XIII of England. Latter won by 27 runs. In this match leg before wicket is found scored for the first time. Hon. J. TUFTON in 1st innings of England being L.B.W. b. WELLS.

**July, 1733:** A great cricket match was played at Molesey in Surrey, between eleven Surrey men and eleven of Middlesex, which were very hard matched. The Surrey men beat by only 3 notches; at which were present the Prince of Wales accompanied by several persons of distinction and His Royal Highness was pleased to order a guinea to be given to each man for their great dexterity, etc. Just as His Royal Highness was returning from the cricket match into the Court a hare was put up amongst the tents in the Camp on the Green, which being pursued by several soldiers, etc., she took the water: and several Horse Grenadiers being also in pursuit in their jack-boots jumped in after her and caught her before she had swam quite into the middle of the Thames; who all laying claim, a water battle ensued before they could bring their booty on shore, which afforded His Highness and the Nobility much diversion. In 1787 William Beldham made a stroke at Molesey for which 10 were run. This William Beldham who was born in 1766 and died in 1862 was the "great glorious and unrivalled Silver Billy" who played many times for All England. The Rev. John Mitford wrote of him: "It mattered not to him who bowled or how he bowled, fast or slow, high or low, straight or bias; away flew the ball from his bat like an eagle on the wing. Beldham was great in every hit, but his peculiar glory was the cut. Here he stood with no man beside him, the laurel was all his own; it was like the cut of a racket. His wrists seem to turn on spring of the finest steel. He took the ball, as Burke did the House of Commons, between wind and water, not a moment too soon or too late. Beldham still survives. He lives at Farnham and in his kitchen, black with age but like himself still untouched with worms, hangs the trophy of his victories, the delight of his youth, the exercise of his manhood and the glory of his age—his BAT."

**June, 1735:** "A match at cricket was played at Molesey for a considerable sum of money, eleven a-side, the gentlemen of Surrey on the Prince of Wales' side, and the gentlemen of London, called the London Club, on Mr. Stead's side; which was won by the latter, they having one man to come in, and



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**PRESIDENT'S LUNCH** 1.25 p.m.; **TEA** 4.15 p.m.  
**LADIES' LUNCH** 1.25 p.m.; **TEA** 4.15 p.m.  
**AUSTRALIAN LUNCH:** 1st Sitting 1 to 1.30 p.m.; 2nd Sitting 1.45 p.m. **TEA:** 1st Sitting 3.45 to 4.10 p.m.; 2nd Sitting 4.20 p.m.  
**CLUB LUNCH** 1.30 p.m.; **TEA:** 1st Sitting 3.45 to 4.10 p.m.; 2nd Sitting 4.20 p.m.

the former having the misfortune to have one of their best men break one of his fingers by catching the ball; which 'tis thought, was the occasion of them losing the game."

**July, 1735:** "The great cricket match was played at Moulsey in Surrey, between His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Middlesex, eldest son of the Duke of Dorset, for £1,000 a-side."

**August 21st, 1736:** "A great cricket match was played at Molesey, in Surrey, between eleven men of Middlesex and eleven of Surrey, when the latter beat the former by five notches.

And again in **July, 1739:**

"The great cricket match that had been so long depending was played on Molesey between the gamesters of London and the gamesters of Kingston and Molesey. At first the bets were 6 to 4 on London; the country went in first and got upwards of 100, and then it was 2 to 1 on the country, and the last hands of the country knocked up 8 of their wickets and so won the match easily. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was present all the time."

According to James Pycroft, the cricketing authority, Molesey, with The Holt, near Farnham, were the Surrey County grounds from 1736 to 1791 and it is on record that Surrey played a 13 of England twice on the Molesey Hurst in 1795.

The Club are the Freeholders of the Ground as a Memorial forever to players who fell in the last great war. The sum of £2,026 was raised in 1943, and the ground is free of debt. The N.Z. Government contributed £100, the Surrey County Council and the Esher U.D.C. £250 each. The new Pavilion is to be erected of brick at a cost of £6,000, of which £3,500 is in hand.

In the Club's long history a ball has never been hit on to Taggs Island. It is hoped that today cricket history will be made. If so, £1,200 will be divided. The hit measured by arc, is 140 yards or more.

**ARE YOU LUCKY?**

If so, please test your luck this afternoon. The offerings include Bats, Nylons, etc., etc.

**THANKS AND TRIBUTE . . .**

The East Molesey Cricket Club acknowledges with thanks and pays tribute to the following who have helped so much to make today's game a success.

The Agents General for Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, West Australia, with their Officials, Secretaries and Staffs.

The Donors of Wines for the Luncheons: Messrs. Seppelts of South Australia, White Favell Vintners, Trouillard Vintage Champagne, Southards of London, James Buchanan & Co. (Black & White Whisky), Courage the Brewers, The House of Ronsons for their splendid gifts to Australia and East Molesey players and officers of the Club, of the Ronson lighters.

**The cost of this Score Card is generously donated by Messrs. Vine Products, Ltd. Wine Makers, Kingston-on-Thames.**