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THIRD TEST MATCH

For the umpteenth time in cricket history, Old Trafford gets under its covers, as Manchester lives up to its reputation with a vengeance. Rain, rain and yet more rain - that's the score in the third Test Match right through the first morning. But when England meet the Aussies, the crowds gather just the same, though it looks like they've had their ships for this day. But at last, the weather starts to clear, and the inspection of the hallowed turf begins.

After a brief recess, Yardley, Hutton, Wyatt and Brown (the captain and the selectors) return to the pavilion. Away roll the covers, and yes, play's going to start.

Hutton and Hassett toss up - and once again Hassett wins, so Australia will bat first on a good, firm wicket. England take the field - let's hope that remark about lovely weather for ducks is going to come true.

Hassett and Morris are again the opening pair.

Alec Bedser to Lindsay Hassett.

Bailey swoops on it, and sends a nice return back to the wicket.

Bedser is the first to claim a victim. Morris goes for only one run. 15 for one wicket, a good start. That's the sixteenth time that Bedser's got Morris out in Test Cricket.

Bedser now to Hassett

Now the faster men take over. Trevor Bailey to Hassett.