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After lunch and Hassett gone for fifty three. Trusman to Harvey.. And it's a catch! Nice work Hutton! with Australia 104 for four, England's prospects are rosy. ~~What taste of blood for Trusman.~~ Now it's De Courcy's turn to face Furious Freddy.

And - Oh yes - Freddy's done it... 118 for five! Any Australians in the crowd?. Now it's Lock to Hole.

Archer faces Bedser - and bad luck, Trusman... But it was a short life for Bedser soon caught him off a simple return catch and broke Maurice Tate's record with thirty nine wickets in a series.

And now poetic justice - Trusman to Lindwall, but it looks as if Lindwall has dished it out too long to be worried about taking it... He proceeded to shake Australia's tail and go past his fifty for an individual sixty two. All out for 275, not bad, half an hour before stumps England open their first innings with Lindwall bowling to Hutton in failing light. It knocks off his cap, the fielders are too surprised to grab their advantage and all England breath again.

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Tuesday! Stout-hearted Bedser arrives to help Bailey and before the partnership is broken, they manage to take England past the Aussie total for a first innings lead of 31. Now fortified by lunch, the Australians open their second innings on a powdery pitch. Spin bowler Laker dismisses Hassett for ten. It's Laker again - and this time the victim is Hole.

Fifty-nine for two and now it's Lock's turn - to Harvey and he's got him for one!

It's the beginning of the great collapse now Lock bowls to Miller who seems undecided what to do about it.

Now Laker takes a crack and that's it! Miller's on his way, caught by Trusman. It looks like a great afternoon for England. Sixty one for four, and for the same total Morris falls to one of Lock's spinners and Lock really comes into his own. Down goes Davidson's wicket. With Archer he halted the landslide for a time with fifty in forty minutes. Now let's see what he can do for Archer.

And Ehrich has got him in the slips! Still a very handy contribution by Davidson and Archer. And now Lock's got Langley! Win or lose, it's been a wonderful afternoon's cricket by great sportsmen. And so, with Lindwall gone, it's all out for 162. Brave, Laker and Lock! In the late afternoon it's England again, with 132 to get for victory.

And then it happens! Langley whips off the bails and Hutton is run out. England's most valuable wicket has fallen for a score of seventeen. As a comeback, May retaliates with a nice four.

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Edrich sweeps that one to leg while Hassett good-humouredly waits for the end. And Compton does it!

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A thrilling and - for England - a wonderful end to a great game and a happy series. But in their joy, the crowd did not forget to show their affection for Hassett and his team - as well, of course for the great Len. It's the kind of day - destined to stand out in the sunlit annals of cricket.

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