

FIRST TEST - A DRAW.

Ian Johnson bowls to Colin Cowdrey, who's sharing a fine opening stand with Peter Richardson in England's second innings at Trent Bridge. They're started with a 69 runs' lead, and with only a day and a half to go they're piling up those precious runs as fast as they can.

Miller to Richardson - and Richardson snicks it to leg for a single.

And at the end of the day it's 129 for no wicket. Next morning, play doesn't start till just before lunch, and Cowdrey's caught by Langley off Miller with the score at 151. Skipper Peter May has the tricky problem of deciding just when to declare. Here's Archer bowling to Richardson and Langley catches him, too! But right not, runs are more important and wickets.

Miller to Watson.

And another catch by Gil Langley! England 178 for 3. Ten runs later, Peter May declares - leaving the Aussies four hours to get 258 runs. It's up to the bowlers now. Locke to Burke - and the Australians soon make it clear they mean to play for a draw.

Laker to Macdonald.

Macdonald is despatched for six, and Harvey carries on the stonewalling but not for long. Locke has him out for three.

Keith Miller's next on the list. Locke tries him out, and Miller snatches a neat one which nearly makes the boundary. It was three, anyway.

Now Laker tries his hand at Miller. His off-spinner finds Miller L.B.W.

Three for 51 - so far so good. But Burke and Burge stick it out valiantly, and the bowling just can't shift them. An umpire's hat is the only hard work the fielders get - and it ends in a draw after all. Disappointing, but perhaps fair. All square for Lord's - and here's hoping the sun shines!