M. C. C. OUT FOR 255

FINE BOWLING BY JOHNSON

AUSTRALIA: 27 FOR ONE WICKET

RAIN CURTAILS SECOND DAY'S GAME

ENGLAND BATTING UNDER FIRE By J. H. FINGLETON

SYDNEY, Dec. 14 Thunderstorms interfered so much with cricket to-day that the play lasted only 93 minutes, in which England and Australia between them had scored 63 runs. With two remaining wickets, England added 36 runs to the overnight total giving them a score of 255 runs. Then Bedser bowled one over and Edrich three balls before a violent storm broke over the City and half flooded the cric-

Cricket was resumed later, but more interference followed from the weather and when the day's play ended Australia had scored 27 for the loss of Morris.

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Some evil spirit hangs over this series of Test Matches. At ten minutes to one to-day came the inevitable peals of thunder and flashes of lightning we have known on every Australian ground on which Englishmen have played this season. Never have I known such an Australian grainful to the components of the season of the season

At twenty minutes past one, the ground was a mass of pools—everything is a replica of what had happened at Brisbane. The scenes on the ground were amazing. First came the duststorm in which thousands of newspapers swirled towards the heavens. Then came rain, quickly followed by hail, and the packed thousands swarmed out of the ground seeking some shelter, but thousands again huddled on the famous "Hil" ands again huddled on the famous "Hill" covered • by newspapers or service groundsheets, while others just sat, many with bared torsoes and took the bail as it came. This is one the saddest blows that ever struck Test cricket in this country, because the atmosphere in the absolutely packed ground this morning, was simply electrical.

The Test fever has gripped Australia as much as ever before, and the swarm-

as much as ever before, and the swarming excited thousands on the ground today and hundreds and thousands listen-ing in to the radios as far afield as Ausmg in to the radios as far afield as Australian Occupation Troops in Japan, were waiting to see how Australians would shape against Wright on what has now been accepted by everybody almost as a spinner's wicket.

VISITORS' FAILURE

And now to a dissection of the batting. In technique and execution, this was the weakest butting I have ever seen from a Test side of any country. The only excuse I can advance for the form which was too bad to be true is that the two innings on the Brisbane sticky wicket has momentarily lost the side some of it's hard wicket form. A little bird tells me that the tactics when the side next meets Johnson will be different—they jolly well should be—and this is purely because Bedser to-day gave a classical example to his more gifted fellows of how footwork can offset slow flighty spinbowling. It is true to claim that the M. C. C. batting of the tail-end to-day was far and away the best of the innings, though I dip my lid to Edrich who was never in the slightest difficulty until he was so nonclussed when Compton and Hammond so quickly and without excuse left him that he too began playing Johnson from the crease line. I rubbed my eyes but still could not believe this a Test match when Edrich and Ikin came together. I credit Ikin with the possession of unlimited courage, but during stages of his innings, he looked like a right-hand batsman who suddenly determined to bat left-handed for a change, come

what may.
All this may seem like harsh criticism, of the Pavilion. Then he seemed undetermined whether to bat on his head or feet and made several strokes I have never seen like of before and then hurnever seen the or before and then nurriedly retreated on the wrong route altogether, back to the Pavilion. This finished all the nonsense. As I say, the M. C.C. tail gave the best batting display. Wright who did not make a single run before Brisbane, actually had the pleasure of seeing McCool taken off for the first time of this tour, against M. C. C.

BEDSER'S EXAMPLE

Bedser's classical example of how foot work alone can combat spin-footwork with a little of courage, good judgment added of course. Then came Wright, who before the Brishane Test had not made a single run in the whole Australian tour. He hooked and drove McCool and this was the first time in this tour against England when we had the spectacle of McCool being taken off. This was the very best English batting of the match and as I write this towards 3 p.m. (Australian time), I am just a little inclined to think that may be the 36 runs added to think that may be the 36 runs adde this morning might well prove invaluable with storms hovering and a sticky wicket seeming almost a certainty for

THE SYDNEY WICKET

Because of all the nonsense which has gone out about this wicket. I feel it stands in need of some explanation. I wicket, relaid after the war, has since taken spin more than other first-class Australian wickets, but it is just ignorance to say, because it takes spin, it is not a batsman's paradise. This spin on the Sydney wicket is slow and even. It is when spin is viblent and jumpy that the batsman is in trouble. So let it be clearly understood that the Sydney wicket yesterday was all in favour of the batsmen and the weak, characteriess M.C.C. batting enabled the slow-spinners to call the tune and slow spin ners will always call the tune unless the batsmen are prepared to go down the wickets after them.

SECRET OF JOHNSON'S SUCCESS

The hero of the Australian attack was the thick-set Victorian, Ian Johnson, who was a bowler of the old school. Johnson's father who died in the war years was an Australian XI Selector till the time of his death and it would have been an embarrassment to him if he were still alive, with his son being such a strong candidate for the international cap. Ian followed his dad's footsteps being a slow-off spinner—probably the first of that type of spinner known to the same heavy to the same ner known to the game, because the off-break is natural to spin for a right-hander and was indeed the vogue before Bosanold formula and here is his success lay to prove him right. I daresay to-day to prove him right. I daresay now all our Austrelian youths go in for off-spinners—and they could do worse because reversion to the old-time methods of the province of the course reversion to the old-time methods of the province of the course reversion to the old-time methods of the province of thods often brings a whiff of unorthodoxy with it

whist of unorthodoxy about his bowling in other words he is so old-fashioned as to be a novelty. He is one of the oldest type of spinners known to the game. He tosses the ball high in the air with variations of pace and spin from

Some critics almost went goggleeved because the wicket took spin immediately. It spun slowly and evenly and that should not worry any class batsman. The time to worry about spin is when it comes abruptly.

HUTTON AND BUMPERS

One final word about Hutton. Australians are exploiting the theory that he does not like bumpers and even though Hutton looks unwell it seem-ed to me bumpers upset his style ed to me bumpers upset his style play the batsman edging away the ball when making a stroke. The best way to protect Hutton is to send out immediately from England a man who can make the ball rise. Nobody in this M.C.C. side can do it and I remember the Melbourne Test in 1937 when Bradman and Allen made a gentleman's pact not to bowl bumpers—, which suited both parties. which suited both parties.

Another point was that the wicket after rain played true and easy—the ball cutting through and bowlers find-ing it hard to manage, because of the wet nature of the ground. The Australian batsmen might find things much harder on Monday.

BRADMAN ABSENT

Three special editions of newspapers came out this forenoon announcing that Bradman was a casualty and will not field to-day and that he hopes not to be called on before Monday. Brad-man, who is 38, strained a muscle in one of his legs yesterday—evidence that his spirits these days are very willing but that his legs could not quite retain sufficient elasticity to keep up with them. So the Australian Services Captain, Lindsay Hassett, led the Australian team to-day and were immediately given object lessons by Bedser, of all people, as to how his more distinguished comrades should have gone about the Australian spin bowling yesterday. I felt that I was watching a No. 2 or No. 3 batsman of the side and not a No. 10. Further I wonder what could have been the thoughts of his more gifted comrades in the pavilion as he moved his feet up the wicket to Johnson or went right towards the

AUSTRALIAN APPEAL TACTICS

Bradman is being criticised here tonight for not coming in first wicket down as was customary. He sent in the comparatively inexperienced Johnson to hold the fort, but this, as it turned out, was the fort, but this as it turned out, was evidently mainly for appealing purposes. Bradman sent the batting order to the Press with himself for the first wicket, with the proviso, "if his leg were fit enough." I was hoping to see Bradman bat on a sticky wicket in order to see if he improves his dubious reputation on with widerts. such wickets.

In exactly one hour's actual batting by Australia at the Sydney cricket ground to-day—which was punctuated by showers, many countings-out from the famous Hill, many walkings-on and walkings-off by the umpires and players and an incredible number of comic opera turns by spectators who insisted on invading the ground and testing the wichet for themselves—we witnessed more appeals than we had from the famous Dr. Barnardo in his lifetime. The central figure was the barehcaded determined Sydney Barnes. He made eight separate appeals against light, some of them being punctuated by two or only three balls. The appealing man was Barnes, but the voice was the voice of Bradman.

I leave on one side the ethics of such practices and say it is truly deplorable that the rules allow such a travesty of been summarily dismissed, light does not worsen sufficiently two balls later to warrant another exhibition in which the batsman walks down the wicket to the Umpire who thereupon goes to the square-leg Umpire and the whole spectacle is again gone through of peering backwards and forwards as if pick-pockets are about.

The storm was not as violent as the tropical one at Brisbane, but its effects on the pitch and the cutifield might turn out to be quite as bad, as Sydney's climate does not help the drying process like the sub-tropical Brisbane. A police guard was posted at the wicket to prevent intruders causing any further damage.

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These were obvious Australian tactics to save some batsman or other from coming to the wickets to-night and I must say I thought them overrich. Fur-All this may seem like harsh criticism, but you did not see the M. C. C. bat. Smith typifled most that had gone before. He lost his way going out to bat and emerged from the drinking bar part length of the wickets to-night and I must say I thought them overrich. Furthermore, on a previously deluged wicket in which rain had no time to penetrate, the ball was cutting through easily, to the batsman's advantage. Barnes, wet patches. There was no sun but a batting beautifully, was never in trou-ble and his movements never gave the slightest indication that he had any singuest indication that he had any difficulty in sighting the ball I left the ground to-night thinking these two things—the M.C.C., more up against it than Australia to-day, did not appeal against light at Brisbane; with storms regards. Light at Brisbanc: with storms very much in the air, on Monday. Australia might well have a nasty sticky wicket and be sorry they made no greater use of the opportunities this afternoon, when the M.C.C. men were operating with the greasy ball.

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The crowd's greatest excitement to-day was when two occupants from the Hill danced like elephants across the flooded ground. The appliance went to one's head. He tried to balance on his one's head. He tried to balance on his head and promptly fell into a pool. The best tit-bit of the day was when later, another hillite took a stump from the pitch and careered across the ground, with policemen and the groundsmen in hot pursuit. Of course law and order won and we will have six stumps for play on stronger provided with the property of the property of the provided when the pursuit of the pursuit of the pursuit of the pursuit of the provided when the provided whe play on Monday, provided we have play.

(Copyright) DETAILS OF SECOND DAY'S GAME

Twenty thousand people were present an hour before the resumption, a thou-sand having been present when the gates opened at 8 a.m. The sky was overcast and weather quite sultry (adds Reuter)

The England team is unquestionably disappointed by yesterday's performance. They have played on many worse wickets at home and made big scores. With Bradman unfit to field, Hassett led Australia with Meuleman acting as substitute fieldsman. The crowd increased to 40,000 when Bedser took the strike.

to 40,000 when Bedser took the strik against Johnson and confidently played a maiden over unperturbed by the two men standing four yards from the bat on the leg-side.

The atmosphere was stifling and the threatened thunder-storm certainly seemed on its way. Ikin added invaluable runs, taking three 2's with crisp on-side strokes during McCool's first over.

Two fielding blunders were made during Johnson's next over. Barnes, at forward the stroke was a stroke with the stroke was a stroke wa

ward short-leg, missed a sharp chance from Bedser, and then Ikin mishit Johnson and Tallon failed to take the catch. Bedser, after a classic off-boundary against Johnson, was dropped, when he had made 7, McCool missing an easy

catch at long-on.

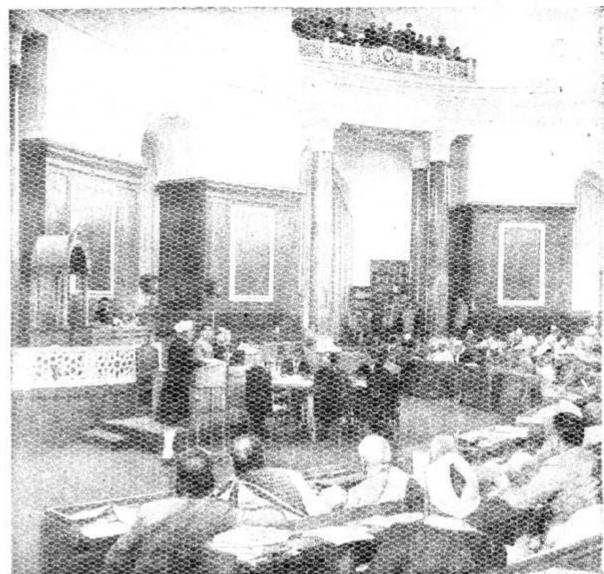
Johnson, with his last ball of the third over, had Ikin cleverly caught at mid-off at 224. He had defied the skilful attack for 3 hours and hit three 4's.

From the English point of view, the most interesting feature of to-day's play was the fact that the wicket was still responsive to spin. This showed that,

provided no rain came, its sporting con-

dition would remain. WRIGHT HITS OUT

Wright pulled the bowlers freely and Morris b Edrich also swept a full toss from McCool to Johnson (not out) Ian Johnson who did not bowl a sin-ble ball in the Brisbanc Test, triumphed to-day because, in truth, there is a best stroke of the day. But in the first



Photograph of the Constituent Assembly taken on December 10, showing Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru addressing the House.

Dr. Sachehidananda Sinha, Provisional Chairman, is in the Presidential Chair.

ball of the next over, Johnson upset Bedser's wicket and England were all out after 5½ hours' play for 255 runs.
While the groundsmen rolled the wicket, flashes of lightning and distant thunder heralded the advancing storm.
England added 36 runs in half an hour

to-day.

Johnson gave a creditable performance and must be considered a certainty for the 1948 tour of England, where he should reap a good hervest of wickets. England's lack of aggression was indicated by the fact that there were 22 maiden overs during the innings.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST INNINGS There was lightning and thunder over-

head as Hammond led England to field. As Bedser prepared to deliver the first ball, Barnes appealed against light, but

ball, Barnes appealed against light, but the Umpires ordered play to proceed. Bad light stopped play when the Aus-tralians had made 7 runs for no loss after 11 balls and rain soon burst over the ground. Thousands of enthusiasts stayed on the open "hill" and took a shower-bath. The ground gradually became more water-logged with hundreds of pools everywhere and water actually

rippled on the pitch.
It was another Brisbane drenching and the groundsmen were wise to have the wicket ends covered.

STORM BREAKS OUT

damage.

The Captains inspected the wicket at 3-0 p.m. and decided to make a further inspection at 3-30 p.m.

After a second inspection, the Captains

strong wind was drying up the wicket.

After nine balls were bowled, came another sharp shower. Twice the players went towards the pavilion and returned land the match was nearly resumed with out any bails on the wicket. As Bedser started a run, Morris pointed out the broken wicket and Umpire Borwick produced the bails from his pocket. The wicket was too wet to assist the bowlers and as Bedser bowled to Morris, there were vivid flashes of lightning.

MORRIS BOWLED OFF HIS PADS

Edrich twice made the ball kick, one striking Barnes' chest Edrich also bumped the next delivery and Barnes attempted a vigorous hook, but the ball rose above his head and was gathered by Evans, Bedser was not so hostile as Edrich. The crowd of 25,000, who remained, saw Morris give a sound display, but at 24, he was bowled off his pads with the last ball of Edrich's fifth over Australia had then been batting for 40 minutes.

As expected, Bradman rested his damaged leg and promoted Johnson in the batting order. Bedser, who was bowling fast inswingers, struck Johnson a powerful blow inside his right leg. Evans was keeping wicket splendidly, cleanly gathering flying balls wide of the leg stump. Light deteriorated and the fifth appeal by the batsmen was upheld.

After a lapse of half an hour, rain returned and stumps were drawn 35 minutes early. A spectator caught the police unawares and raced off with one middle stump, but was caught near the fence after throwing the stump over it. With all the solemnity of law, this en-thusiast was escorted off the field after a conference between three police officials. They certainly take their cricket seriously here.

The attendance was 43,095 and the receipts £5,957.

The scores:

M. C. C.—IST INNINGS Washbrook b Freer Huiton c Tailon b Johnson
Edrich Ibw b McCool
Denis Compton c Tailon b McCool. Hammond c Tallon b McCool Ikin c Hassett b Johnson Yardley c Tallon b Johnson Smith b Johnson Evans b Johnson Bedser b Johnson Wright (not out) Extras (Byes 4, Leg-byes 11)

Total .. 255

Fail of wickets: 1—10, 2—88, 3—97, 4—99, 5—148, 6—187, 7—197, 8—205, 9—234 and 10—255.

Bowling Analysis: Miller 9-2-24-0, Freer 7-1-25-1. Toshack 7-2-6-0, Tribe 20-3-70-0, Johnson 30.1-12-42-6, and McCool 23-2-73-3. AUSTRALIA—IST INNINGS

Extra Total (for 1 wkt.) .. 27

BRADMAN'S LAME FOOT

SYDNEY, Dec. 14.

Bradman's decision not to bat to-day has raised the question whether he will be fit or whether he will need a runner if he bats on Monday. He was quite lame or no bass on Monagy, he was quite iame to-day and the question may arise whe-ther Hammond should permit the Austra-lian Captain to have a runner. Bradman was not injured in the present match but his leg trouble dates from the M. C. C.'s engagement in Melbourne with an Australian XI. Since then Bradman made 187 in the first Test at Brisbane and seemed perfectly fit when the present match began. If the question about a runner is raised with Hammond, it is thought that the England Captain, who is always renowned for sportsmanship, will not hesitate to say "Yes".

LOW SCORES LIKELY

SYDNEY, Dec. 13. Commenting on the first day's play of the Second Test, Victor Richardson, a former Test player, said that good fortune appeared in favour of England when Hammond won the toss, but Freer

when Hammond won the tess, but Freer created a sensation by bowling Washbrook in his first over.

The battle then was on in earnest with Edrich and Hutton fighting every inch of the way. At no time could it be said that they were safe, Miller's wildness browing in the said that they were safe. having a disastrous effect on the bats-men while Tribe showed early in the innings that the ball would spin.

"Compton appears to be losing his confidence," added Richardson, "and a good deal of his cheeky footwork is disappearing. It is to be hoped that he is not being restrained or disciplined from venturesome flights which have proved so successful. He always was in two minds to-day and was dismissed by Talton with an outstanding catch.

can take solace that the ball turned on the first day, a fact which will make Wright a definite menace. This can easi ly be a match of low scores as the Sydney wicket has never before been so responsive to spin on the first day."

ENGLAND'S LOST **OPPORTUNITY** BATSMEN LACK AGGRESSION By C. G. MACARTNEY

SYDNEY, Dec. 14. The wicket was good when the play The wicket was good when the play commenced but the weather was hot and humid with rain imminent. The remainder of the English batsmen played ever so much brighter. Ikin was lively, looking for runs, with more powerful strokes which should have been exploited yesterday. Bedser employed tactics worthy of the most reputable batsmen and stroked the ball well. It was inexplicable why recognised batsmen rould. plicable why recognised batsmen could not adopt a similar policy. It was diffi-cult to understand why this policy was not followed. not followed, as subsequent weather conlitions were forecast and expected yesterday. The extraordinary thing was that the English batsmen have seldom played quality slow spin bowling with confidence. On many occasions yester-day, the batsmen took all risks, leaving the crease and, instead of employing the tull-blooded drive, finished gently, pushing the ball to the bowler. The whole policy of batting should have been one of aggression

After the fall of the last English wicket, heavy rain and storm broke over the ground. The bowling honours for Australia must go to Ian Johnson who, despite batting weakness, operated well on all the bowling fundamentals. I admired the manner in which he kept the ball repeatedly up to the baismen, ex-ploiting spin, change of pace and trajectory. McCool did not trouble trajectory. McCool did not trouble the bostsmen to-day and was rather slow off the pitch. I thought Bradman handled the bowling and the field splendidly. After the first spell, Miller and Freer ettacked the Englishmen unsparingly by slow spins, effecting the changes carefully without allowing the batsmen to become too familiar with any one par-

ACCUBATE ENGLISH BOWLING Shortly after Australia commenced their knock, rain stopped the play for three hours. On resumption, the wicket played easily, and the bowlers maintained a degree of accuracy quite creditable by itself, considering the fact they had to handle the wet ball.

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Barnes, played steadily, fairly and easily but Morris was unhappy. His failure in the Brisbanc Test has apparently made him ever cautious. His stroking was stiff and powerless, eventually losing his wicket by turning back on the ing his wicket by turning ouek on the ball. Morris's attitude to the bowling was disappointing as there was little to worry for a good player. Certainly the light was poor, but it must be remembered. ball. Morris's attitude to the bowling was disappointing as there was liftle to worry for a good player. Certainly the light was poor, but it must be remembered that Barnes, although frequently appealing, was stroking cleanly, reasonably and effectively. Edrich extracted alight lift from the pitch and forced the

batsmen to use discretion, but his direc-tion was rather erratic due mainly to the slippery ball. Bedser operated with good length, but appeared to be too pacy. His deliveries, if played carefully contained little hostility.

MATCH STILL OPEN

The position of the game at the moment is open and everything depends whether there will be rain to-morrow Should the wicket, approaching to be sticky, develop over the week-end, Engtand can occupy a good position but there is no reason why she should not have had more runs on the board. It was a woeful waste of good batting conditions. - (Copuright).

FLIGHT AND LEG SPIN UPSET ENGLAND

By NEVILLE CAROUS SYDNEY, Dec. 13.

Once again, flight and leg spin have upset England. No doubt, the wicket will be suspected of collaboration, but if a leg break bowler may not, by cleverness, seek opportunity in a fast turf, he may as well give up cricket altogether.

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The wicket at Sydney was unanimously diagnosed as nearly perfect for batsmen when the game began. Besides, fnost of the English batsmen were undone before spin had a chance to take effect: they were perplexed in the extreme by sweeping delliance through the air. The Australian bowiers were sup-crbly aided by Tailon whose brilliant wicket-keeping not only brought him actual victims: his mere presence behind the stumps rendered any except expert forward footwork hazardous indeed.
There was some agile and undignified ducking from Miller's balls, made for booking, which Maclaren would have waved contemptuously from his presence: there was room enough in the field for "Ikin is full of determination but made there was room enough in the field for a scratchy start, while Edrich's innings is the most valuable he played out here—
is the most valuable here.

To have the most valuable here was room enough in the field for such lordly dismissails. From my perfect view from high behind the bowler, the most valuable here.

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The Australian attack, mostly spin.

I could not understand why Toshack

was permitted to go unpunished in front
looked impressive all day and England I of the wicket in the onside field of wide of the wicket in the onside field of wide open spaces. I had visions of Macartney but possibly I was becoming affected by

> Given flight and leg spin, few contemporary English players seem to possess either feet or any middle in their willow blades. The wicket, by the way, responded quite enthusiastically to McCool's fingers and no student or lover of cricket could but admire the way McCool rose above the discouragements of the smooth lawn of a pitch and, by sheer shill of finger, discovered one or two snakes or scorpions in the grass. There is nothing like the leather when it is spinning from the leg in Australia, stirring the wicket-keeper and first slip. to ecstasies of expectation. McCool virtually transformed Sydney's batsman's paradise into a sort of "sticky dog."

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INTER-PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL

MADRAS, Dec. 15. News has been received that the Inter-Provincial Football tournament, which was scheduled to begin on December 24 at Banscheduled to begin on December 24 at Ban-galore, will now commonce on December 29 and that Madras who were due to play North-West Frontier, will now meet Hyderabad in the opening match. This change, it is gathered, has been made to accommodate Delhi who have sent in their entry just now. Consequently the draw has also been recast. aiso been recast.

MADRAS TRIAL MATCH

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The first of the two trial matches, between Madras and Mofussil organised by the Madras Football Association to help raising the Madras feam for the Inter-Provincial fournament, came off last evening at the Stadium Madras won by 4 goals to 1.

Overnight rain and a sharp shower in the morning defeated the purpose for which the match was arranged; for on a sippery ground the players could not give off their bost. Before the Mofussil players could settle down, the local side got quick goals Ramalingam. Remamurthi, Chittrat, and Ganesan scored for Madras white Venkatachaiem got the solitary goal for the visitors. The Mofussil team comprised players drawn from Trichinopoly Madura and Pudulkkottah.

The second game between Probables and Possibles will be played the surpring.

The second game between Probables and Possibles will be played this evening.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES MADRAS. Dec. 15. The following cricket matches will be

played to-day:

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vs. Egmore 'A' (Pachaiyappa's H. S. First Division: Sounder vs. Railway (Pe. rambur). M.C.C. vs. Triplicane (Chepauk). Mylapore 'B' vs. Nungambakkam (Medical); Mangaloreans vs. Corporation (Lucical).

yola).
Second Division: Railway Institute vs.
Bnimsamapet (Institute): Egmore B vs.
Aryan (City Police); Sir A. B. Institute
vs. Triplicane United (A. B. ground): Gooniapuram vs. Companion (Stanley);
Gujerath C C vs. Saidapet (Pachaiyappo's
College); Islam Gymknana vs. Venkat
(Mahomedan); Sir M. Ct. vs. Mambalam
Mosquitos (Marina): Tambaram vs. Triplicade Sports (Tambaram).

BOMBAY LEAD **NAGPUR**

INTER-'VARSITY CRICKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 14.
The three-day game in the second round of the University Cricket Chamround of the University Cricket Chara-pionship of India for the Rohinton Baria Trophy between Bombay and Nagpur commenced to-day at the Elphinstone College ground and at the end of the first day's play, Nagpur batting first, were all out for 117 and Bombay were dismissed for 243 in their first innings.

The scores:-The scores:—

NAGPUR UNIVERSITY, 1st innings:
A, H, K, Nazmi c Desai b Umrigar I; K, Jamaji b Divecha 0; P, M, Chawhan b Irani 29; S, S. Thokur b Irani 7, Maqeood Ahmed c Jhaver b Irani 7; Khalique Hashan (run out) 30: Raghuwachari c Jhaveri b Umrigar 7; B, K, Sahu c Daivi b Umrigar 0; G, D, Misra c Irani b Jhaveri II; S, A, Rahim c Desai b Umrigar 10; M, A, M, Baig (not out) 5: Extras 10; Total 117.*

Bowling Analysis: R, V, Divecha 6,3-14-1;

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BOMBAY UNIVERSITY, 1st innings:
B. B. Irani Ibw Baig I; K. C. Abdulla (thit wkt.) b Chawhan 2i; P. R. Umrigar b Rahim 37; Y. B. Palwankar b Rahim 18; M. M. Daivi (not out) 80; J. H. Shodhan b Thakur 28; B. D. Desai b Thakur 0; R. V. Divecha c Nazmi b Thakur 4, S. D. Deodhar b Maysood Ahmed 21; S. M. Jnaveri b Khalique Hasham 11; V. V. Ketkar b Thakur 12; Extras 9. Total 243.

Bowling Apalwsis: Ebalique Hasham 5.

Bowling Analysis: Khalique Hasham 8-1-38-1; M A M Baig 10-1-29-1; Maqsood Ahmed 12-2-36-1; S. S. Tahkur 28-3-52-4, P. M. Chawhan 4-0-23-0, S. A. Rahim 9-1-33-2, G. I) Misra 2-0-16-0; H. H. Saha 2-0-7-0.

RANGNEKAR HITS 106

BOMBAY FESTIVAL CRICKET

Modi being out.

Mushtaq Ali is not available for this match owing to illness, according to the Honorary Treasurer, Board for Cricket Control in India. His place was taken by R. B. Nimbalkar.

REST OF INDIA, 1st innings: K. C. Ibrahim b Shinde 39: M. R. Rege b Sohoni 10: H. R. Adhikari c Hindiekar b Sohoni 10: K. M. Rangnekar c substitute b Sohoni 106: D. B. Deodhar c Nayudu b Mankad 18: J. M. Merchant Ibw b Mankad 12: D. S. Doctor c Hazare b Shinde 12: Sariaraz b Shinde 2: Sariaraz b Shinde 2: Narottam b Jarwate 17: Chulam Abmed (1917) The scores:

Shinde 2 D. G. Phadkar b Shinde 42; Naroitam b Sarwate 17; Chulam Mhmed (not out) 0; Extras 21; Tetal 280 Fall of wickets: 2 for 1; 13 for 2; 96 for 3; 140 for 4: 165 for 5; 206 for 6; 241 for 7; 242 for 8; 276 for 9 and 260 for 10. Bowling analysis: S. W. Sohoni 12-2-37-3; V. S. Hazare 9-0-29-0; C. S. Nayudu 9-0-50-0; V. Mankad 20-5-48-2; S. G. Shinde 16.4-1-63-4; C. T. Sarwate 8-1-28-1.

INDIA IN ENGLAND—1ST INNINGS:
D. D. Hindlekar c Doctor b Rege 8; V.
Mankad b Fhadkar c; R. S. Modi c Doctor
b Narottam 3: V, S. Hazare (not out) 9;
Exires 5; Total (for 3 wkts.) 25. Fall of wickets: 1 for 1; 6 for 2; 25 for 3. Bowling analysis: D. G. Phadkar 5-2-8-1; Narottam 4-1-8-1; Ghulam Ahmed 1-9-4-0;

BHARAT CHAND & GHULAM AHMED IN FORM

Playing for the Hyderabad State Cricket Association XI against the Services XI on the Race Course ground on December II and 12 Bharat Chand hit up 99 besides bagging two wickets for no run, Ghulam Ahmed took seven wickets in the match for 2I runs The Association defeated the Services XI by an innings and 158 runs, The scores:

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Hyderabad State Cricket Association: 296 (Bharat Chand 99 including eight 4's. Hisamuddin 51. Atbara 4', Captain Asadullah 21 Johnson and Brown 4 each for 85 and 39 runs respectively).
Services XI: 26 (Ghuiam Ahmed 4 for 16 Bharat Chand 2 for 0) and 112 (Hutchinson 26 Gurumurthy 23 Ghuiam Ahmed 3 for 8 and Ushaq Ahmed 3 for 8).

-F.O.C.

AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR DAVIS CUP

MELBOURNE, Dec. 13. The Australian Davis Cup selectors met to-day, it was learned, and picked up John Bromwich, Adrian Quist, Dinny Pails, and Colin Long to defend the trophy in Christmas week. An announcement will be made on Monday.-

SOUTH INDIA LAWN TENNIS TITLES

The South India Lawn Tennis Champion-ships will be acid between January 4 and 11 at Egmore Entries for all events close on December 18 with the Horiorary Sec-retary South India Lawn Tennis Cham-pionships, 197, Mount Road, Madras.

INDIAN SERVICES HOCKEY TEAM FOR NEW ZEALAND

LAHORE, Dec. 14.
A combined services hockey team from all the three commands in India is expected to tour New Zealand early next year. Trials to select the team will be held in Lahore,

Preliminary trials to select the Lahore area team in which teams drawn from Lahore, Jullundur, Ferozepore, Ambala and Stalket sub-areas will participate will commence in Lahore from December

CITY BADMINTON TOURNEY

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MADRAS, Dec. 15

A feature of the Authoria Badminton
Tournament, conducted by the Chemnapuri
Andura Maha Sabha happens to be that a
mumber of women players have entered tor
the first time in the annals of open tournaments in South India. Altogether, the
tournament nas attracted 30 entries for the
Junior events, 14 for Seniors (Fives) 26
for the Doubles, 4 for Women's Fives.

Prominent among the senior players who
will be taking part are Dakshimamurthi.
Rajagopai and Peddanna, A start was
made yesterday and following are the
results:

Junior Fives: Ballone Venture.

Junior Fives: Bellona United Club beat Burmah Shell Club 29-21, 29-13; Theaga-raya Badminton Club beat Thambi Vilas 29-12, 29-13; Bajendra Badminton Club beat George Town Athletic Association 29-20, 29-24; Brodies United Club beat Chulai Badminton Club 23-27, 29-2.

BANGALORE SPORTSMAN'S TRAGIC END

BANGALORE, Dcc. 14.
I regret to report the death in tragic circumstances this morning of Mr. G. C. Ealing, Welfare Officer, Bangaiore Woollen and Cotton Mills and a popular sportsman and a Scout. While swimming in the Municipal Swimming Pool, Mr. Ealing got exhausted and sank in the water. He was rescued but died soon after of heart failure. F.O.C.

COLOMBO-MADRAS ROWING RACE CANCELLED COLOMBO, Dec. 13.

The Colombo-Madras Rowing Race which was postponed to December 21 has now been cancelled owing to the inability of the Madras team to undertake the trip.-A.P.I.

AT CALCUTTA

ABSOLUTION WINS CLASSIC

KING EMPEROR'S CUP

CALCUTTA, Dec. 14.

At the Calcutta races to-day, Mr.

A. H. C. Rostron's ten-year old English
gelding, Absolution (Bosworth-Forgiveness) wen the King-Emperor's Cup,
surprisingly defeating the newly-imported well-bred four-year olds- Combined
Operations and Ocean Way, which received most support from the public.
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ceived most support from the public. Absolution has been a consistent handicap performer locally, and was third in the King-Emperor's Cup in 1943.

Combined Operations led most of the way and brought the field into the home siretch closely followed by Absolution, with Ocean Way moving up tast from the rear. Absolution caught up Combined Operations at the distance post, from where a gruelling neck to neck duel casued over the entire home-stretch, with the rest of the field left behind, Absolution prevailed by a head, the rankest outsider to win this classic race for many years. The Governor of Bengal. Sir Frederick Burrows, presented the Cup to the winning owner. Favourites and outsiders were about evenly balanced, and the large crowd which thronged the enclosures ended the day all square. Among trainers, T. Williamson saddled a double while young Teddy McGaffin rode two winners, his victory in the King Emperor's Cup being his first classic win. Veteran jockey, Walter Sibbritt, arrived from home only this week and scored a win in his very first appearance this season.

Below are the results:

THEATRE PLATE. (11 m): Lapford 9-4 (Gill) 1. Mitosis 7-10 (G. Woods) 2; Moss Trooper 8-9 (Little) 3; Sea Raider 8-2 (Rooks) 4. All ran, Won by 4 i. 2, 1 and 14. I Time: 2 m. 42 2/5 s. Tote paid Rs. 30-8 (win), Rs. 13 Rs. 16 and Rs. 15-3 (places). Winner trained by Williamson. Favourite; Sea Raider Raider

LYALLPUR PLATE Div. II, (6 f.): Kal
Nol-n\ 1. Goiden Flower 8-1

BOMBAY FESTIVAL CRICKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 14
In the Festival Cricket match which

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to-day, The Rest had made 133 for 3 at lunch in their second match against the Indian-in-England XI.

The Rest were all out for 280 runs, K. M. Rangnekar hitting 106 runs.
The India XI had made 25 for 3 at close of play, Hindlekar, Mankad and Medi being out.

Mushtaq Ali is not available and the indian in the

Favourite: El Alamein.

KING EMPERORS CUP 1 mile:
ABSOLUTION (Mr. A H C. Rostron)
9-3 McGaffin
COMBINED OPERATIONS (Mr. Reginald Foster) 9-3, Marshall
OCEAN WAY (Maharaja of Parlakimedi) 9-3, Sibbritt
HAUT TON (Mrs. Justice) 9-3, Warren 4
Not run: Pretty Star, Won by head, 221
and 11. Time: Im and 413/5s. Tote paid
Rs. 253-8 (win); Rs. 37-6. Rs. 15 and Rs. 13.
(places). Winner trained by Bloss. Favouritie: Ocean Way

ELLENBOROUGH PLATE (7i): Coup D'Etat 8.0 (Brace) 1; Broielov 7-12 (Rutter) 2; Monei 8-6 (Sibbriti) 3; Say When 9-4 (Burn) 4. All. ran. Won by 11, 141 and 41 Time: 1m 28 2/5s. Tote paid. Rs. 68-6 (win); Rs. 29-8, Rs. 49 and Rs. 21-8 (places), Winner trained by Malone. Favourite: Say When.

YORK PLATE (11m): Oundle 9-2 (Davis)

1: Verily 9-2 (Warren) 2: Newdigate 8-0 (Peacock) 3: Moonlighter 9-0 (Burn) 4 All ran Woo by 1: 21 and nk Time 2m 38 3|55. Tote paid Rs. 161-2 (win); Rs. 31. Rs. 15-8 and Rs. 19-8 (places). Winner trained by Williamson. Favourite: Moonlighter. LYALLPUR PLATE, Div. I (6f): Lira Lass 8-9 (McGaffin) 1; Nar Sultan 8-1 (Rutter) 2, Good Thing 8-13 (Stead) 3; Squadron Leader 9-3 (Nolan) 4 All ran, Won by nk, 21 and nk, Time: im 16 1/5. Tote paid Rs. 27 (win), Rs. 12 Rs. 16 and Rs. 12 (places). Winner trained by Alford, Favourite: Lira lass

Lass. Double Tote: 272 Tickets-Rs. 136-8 each

Treble Tote: Nine tickets-Rs. 7,994-8 each. BOMBAY WINTER

MEETING TREBLE POOL CARRIED

OVER The first day of the Bombay Winter Meeting opened in fine weather. The attendance was moderate and the going was good, many winners keeping a good timing. The field was not large. The main event of the day, the Royston Plate over a distance of seven furlongs was wen by Chief of Patdis' Vincent Sister with Cunningham up who rode an excellent race beating the second by two lengths. In a card of eight events, only three favourites turned up. Raffaele brought out a double with New Jack and Firefly.

The Treble Tote pool was carried forward with Rs. 49,335, there being no tickets on the winner, Firefly in the eight race.

The following are the results: MOHAMMERAH PLATE, Div. II (7f); Ta'an Walid 3-10 (Ganesh) 1; Competitor 9-0 (U. G. Shaik) 2; Al Shantara 8-9 (Purtusinga) 3; Mars 8-7 (Sumer Singh) 4; All ran; Won by 21, 11, hd; Time: Im 10 3|5s; Tote paid Rs. 32 (win); Rs. 16, Ks. 23 and Rs. 23 (places); Winner trained by Scivaratnam; Favourite: Ta'an Walid.

sion Plate (61): Jesting Pilate 8-11 (Evans) 1; Full House 8-6 (P. Khade) 2; Comet 9-2 (Kheem Singh) 3; Truman 8-6 (West) 4; Ali ran, Won by 21, 11, 11; Time: Im 16 2/5s; Tote paid Rs. 61 (win); Rs. 19, Rs. 17 and Rs. 19 (places); Winner trained by J. Thompson; Favourite: Lady Wavell,

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LYALLPUR PLATE, Div. II (1m): Laiaji
7-11 (cd 8-0) (Khalil) 1; Mastani 2-2 (Dar)
2; Royal Frince 7-12 (cd. 8-3) (P. Khade) 3;
Fresident 8-12 (Raul) 4; Not ran; Ginger
Lady, General MacArthun, Jesting Maid and
Zindabad: Won by sh hd; 3 1, sh hd; Time:
1m 45 4|bs; Tote paid Rs. 178 (win); Rs. 44,
Rs. 27 and Hs. 23 (places); Winner trained
by Ferguson; Favourite: President.

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MOHAMMERAH PLATE, Div. I (II):
New Jack 8-13 (Raffeele) 1: King Solomon
9.2 (Jones) 2; Mandub al Gharb 7-11 (cd.
7-5) (Jagdish) 3; Najaiman Sami 8-10 (P.
Khade) 4; All ran; Won by sh hd, nk, nk;
Time: Im 38s; Tote paid Rs. 44 (win):
Ts. 19, Rs. 30 and Rs. 32 (places): Winner
trained by B. R. Patei; Favourite: Najaiman
Sami

EPSOM PLATE, Div. II (6f): Windsor PSOM PLATE, Div. II (61): Windsor Park 8-7 (Uttam Singh) 1; Vallant Prince 3-7 (Bhoor Singh) 2, Amir Elahi 3-7 (Kha-Ili) 3; Suraj 3-7 (cd. 8-12) (Kheem Singh) 4; Not run: Wellesley; Won by 1½ l. nk. 21; Time: Im 1725s; Tote paid Rs. 49 (win); Rs. 20, Rs. 39 and Rs. 27 (places); Winner trained by Buckley; Favourite: Suraj.

ROYSTON PLATE, (71): Sister Vincent 8-9 (ed. 8-2) (Cunningham) 1; Jo Hukum 8-12 (ed. 8-5) (Shivaji) 2; Maclean 8-4 (West) 3; Little Caesar 9-0 (Evans) 4; Not run: Tehmina; Won by 2 1; 141, 1; Time: 1m 29 495; Tote pard Rs. 81 (win), Rs. 113. Rs. 57 and Rs. 20 (places); Winner trained by Randall; Favourite: Maclean.

by Mandall, Favourite: Maclean.

EPSOM FLATE, Div. (69): Bucephalus
8-7 (Kheen Singh 1; Rajhans 8-7 (Roberts)
2; Shabash 6-7 (Kaffacle) 3; Blue Arrow. 8-7
(West) 4: Not run: King's Parade and Royal Kumar; Won by 4: sh hd. 21; Time:
Im 16 2/5s; Tote paid Re 22 (win); Rs. 15,
Rs. 18 and Rs. 22 (places); Winner trained
by Tainb; Favourite: Bucephalus.

LYALLPUR PLATE, Div. I (1m): Firefly LYALLPUR PLATE, Div. I (im): Firefly 8-13 (Raffaele) 1: Lord Mayor 9 1: (Evans) 2: Golden Future 8-9 (Jones) 3; Elack Diamond 8-8 (ed. 8-1) (U. G. Shalkh) 4; Not run: High Hopes, Ninotenka and Gloire D'Antibes; Won by 14: 41, 31; Time: Im 44 155; Tote paid Rs. 44 (win); Rs. 17; Rs. 22 and Rs. 18 (places): Winner trained by M. Dhalla: Favourite: Firefly

Treble Tote Fool of Rs. 49,935 was carried forward -- A P.I. MADRAS RACES CALLED OFF

MADRAS, Dec. 14. Weather again played a scurvy trick with the Madras Races, interfering with the fixtures for the fourth time in three Absence of rain since Sunday last had

helped to dry up the turf, which, though on the soft side, was good enough for the soft side, was good enough for holding the races to-day. But calculations were upset when heavy showers came down last night—as much as 1.06 inches being recorded. Hopes that sunshine during the day would enable the staging of the fixture were not realised since there were sharp drizzles at frequent intervals. On a careful examina-tion of the course, which was heavy and sticky, the Executive had no other option except to call off the day's races.