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This drawing of the first match played by Canterbury in Christchurch on 8 February 1864 was in the possession of Mrs H Oram of Richmond and was published in the Weekly Press in February 1923. The ground was at the corner of Riccarton Road and Deans Avenue but after two matches the site and pavilion were relocated to their present position on Hagley Oval.

The Canterbury 22 lost the match by an innings and 2 runs scoring 30 and 105 while England scored 137.

As the match was over in one day the teams were mixed up for a makeup match the following day.

G Parr’s team scored 64 & 89 and G Anderson’s team scored 71 and 75, Parr’s team winning by seven runs.